



John Pujajangka-Piyirn Catholic School Mulan.

Report to Community A.G.M December 11th -2013

2013 has been another productive and eventful year at J.P.P. Four of the five teaching staff continued on and we were joined by Charlotte Morgan in the Middle Class and Emma Ellis in the Junior Class.

Attendance.

Generally we are pleased with the attendance of the majority of students. We have a core group of about 25 children who come almost every day. Unfortunately there are still several families who do not support the school by ensuring their child/ren attend every day. This group of about 10 children are going to be left behind as they will find it increasingly harder to keep up with their peer group as they get older. The following lists all types of absences including sick notices, funerals/sorry time, family reasons, unexplained absences and truancy.

Our average attendance for each term was;

Term 1: 28chn	74%
Term 2: 26	68%
Term 3: 23	60%
Term 4: 27	69%
Average for 2013 =	68%

School Community Relations

The relationship between the school and community, I believe, is stronger than ever. There were many occasions this year when the school / community celebrated and worked together. These included the Mudding Ceremony for new staff, School Masses, regular Sunday morning teas after Mass, Parents & Friends Community meetings each term, Mothering Day, Fathering Day, School Fete, Movie nights, Disco night, Christmas concert and more. Once again Corpus Christi visited us in Term 3. They worked in

the community cleaning and painting the community basketball court and cleaned out the old manual arts room and turned it into a working pre-school/ playgroup centre.

The highlights for Term 3 were the Bush Trips that were made to Handover and Paraku. We thank the elders for these cultural experiences and hope to continue them in Terms 2 & 3 next year.

Pre school / playgroup Centre

This started off very well but due to lack of interest it slackened off over the last term. We hope to start this off again next year with community support to have someone supervising the parents/children for two sessions each week.

Reading Recovery

This year the children have really flourished in Reading Recovery. For the first time we have children who went from non-readers to reading levels that are at the Australian National Standard and as good as many of the schools in mainstream Australia. These are all Year 1 students and I would like to recognise them here. They are; Dakota Yoomarie (L16), Tamati Morgan-Parsons (L16), and Tyson Darkie (L14). The following Year 2 children; Arle Lulu, Kelty Sabastian and Keri Farquarson have also made great progress this year. On behalf of their parents and guardians, I would like to extend our gratitude to Ms Karen for her tireless energy and hard work ensuring these children progressed so well.

Class Captains

I am really pleased the way the students have embraced this and really contributed to the running of the school. Every month a new captain is appointed and they meet with me for the 'Captain's Lunch'. We share a meal and they bring to the meeting their classes 'wanted list'. We talk about it and decide whether the items are feasible or not. One of the suggestions was to get a pool. I am happy to say that early next year we will have a pool that the children will be able to use regularly in the new year.

Farewell Staff

We say good bye to Ms Amy this week. Amy has been here for two years now and I want to publicly thank her for the wonderful contribution she has made to the school and particularly to the Senior Class. Through Amy's fundraising efforts we were able to go to Melbourne, we purchased new sport jerseys and she has assisted 7-8 students to continue their schooling at

La Salle College in Perth next year. Ms Amy has expressed her wish to continue contact with these students next year and this will make their transition to Perth a lot easier. We will see Ms Amy again next year as she will, hopefully, be part of the Corpus Christi /Mulan program in 2014.

New Staff

Ms Pamela Brown, of British West Indian descent, will be teaching the Senior Class in 2014. Many schools tried to get Ms Pam but we were successful as she heard a great deal about JPP School and wanted to come here. Ms Pam has a lot of experience teaching indigenous students in Melbourne and is very much looking forward to coming.

Ms Emma, Ms Charlotte and I will be back again in 2014. Ms Karen will not be teaching Reading Recovery but will be back as a visiting/ relief teacher throughout 2014.

Solar Panels

These are up and running and are saving the school thousands of dollars each year. Any excess power generated by the panels that is not used by the school, i.e. weekends, school holidays gets put back into the town grid which should save the community in less diesel being used.

2014 Dates

School will commence for the students on Monday February 4th 2014.
Our Catholic Day holiday will be on Monday August 18th.

Thank Staff

Finally, I would like to thank my wonderful staff for the amazing job they have done this year. Mulan is very fortunate in the dedicated and experienced teachers and aides we have and the real care and concern for the welfare of all of your children. They have made my job so much easier and on your behalf I would like to thank them and wish them a safe, happy and holy Christmas break.

Les Coyle
Principal
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