Message from the leadership team

From the Leadership Team
This year has been a year of building. We started the year with empty buildings only half powered and often without water! We have worked around builders living in the school, trucks, holes in the ground, buildings materials and vehicles moving around the school.

All the staff and students worked hard moving furniture and equipment. We have cleared the Community shed so it can be used for the Youth shed and installed a door for community.

Once the furniture came, the teachers and students began to set up their rooms and from there the transformation began. What started as bare walls and empty room took on colour and interest to reflect the excellent learning teachers and students have done this year.

Community and staff have been working toward getting their kids to school and attendance has improved. Students are staying in school and working hard. Students who came to school every day have improved in their reading, and skills in all areas of the curriculum.

The special support group for students to have extra help with their literacy has made a big difference for those students who came to school every day. We aim to continue this special support next year.

Thank you for the work you have done this year. Have a good holiday. See you in 2010.

Fayeanne Jones
Anangu Coordinator
Kathy Smerdon
Principal

Official Staff Photo:
Pipalyatjara Anangu School
2009

Back(L- R): Sandor Horvath, Max Thomas, Simmy Mataira-Ngatai, Karli Jozeps, Ginny Edgerley, Kathy Smerdon, Fayeanne Jones, Martins Reinfelds
Front(L-R): Vicki Thomas, Lani Langsford, Ursula Götz, Jane Mitchell, Leonie Bennett, Rosie Daniels
taken: 2009-11-23
One of the highlights of the school year was no doubt the school trip to the Ernabella Festival. Pipalyatjara participated in a variety of sports and the dance competition. We won an ‘encouragement award’
This year we have moved into our beautiful new CPC building. We have morning tea in our own kitchen and we even have our own toilets, just for our little ones.

Students have a special learning area where they experience stories, songs, dances or use the interactive whiteboard.

We have bought many new jigsaws, special playdough and tools, puppets, books, train sets, duplo and every one loves the new pram and the clothes line in the home corner.

Leslee has helped us make a worm farm.

Best of all, we can learn to swim in the pool, ride our new tricycles and the horses and play in the sand in the new playground.

Year nyangangka nganampa schoola wiru pitjangu nyangatja cpc ngka tjiti kulungpa tjuta inkanyi ungu munu urilta. nganampa tolita kulungpa tjuta ngarinyi munu kitchena kulu.
Junior Primary

Making ham, cheese and pineapple

Cooking

Jasmine - plasticine animals

Kupi, Milli and Sharnti

Maths

Fiona looking at shapes

Shapes around us

Mrs Fox and Rosie cooking malu

Tilan Tilan

Kupi is 7
Junior Primary

Sport & Fun

Reading

Reading Circle: Sharnti, Kupi, Asaiah

Shartni and Darius

Lani with Rowena

Dancing with Yaratji

Shapes around us

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Middle Primary

Cooking vegetable soup for the whole school

What is Helen seeing? (Questacon Visit)

Kingsley and Kailen with Jeff

What is Helen seeing? (Questacon Visit)

Charmaine Helen Michaela

Helentu nyaa nyanganyi?

Computer Art

< Gerard Car at Night

Charmaine > City at Night
Middle Primary

Not so healthy lunch

Mai wiru wiya

Good shot Marlya!

Maths: Shapes in the community

The best toilet cleaners

Ngangtja toileta kilinankupai tjuta

Hayley and police officer Mark
In term 4 week 3 Rosie Nelson and I went to Beachport Primary School to do our teaching practice for two weeks. The first two days we went to introduce ourselves and helped in the classrooms and got to know the children in the JP class. We helped the teacher with the children. I asked the children if they wanted help. At first I went in to the Upper Primary class with Paula. On my first day I showed them how land management helps us on the lands. I gave a presentation on the Blackfooted Rock Wallabies. They asked a lot of questions. At first it was scary but I got right into it. I felt proud of myself for doing such a wonderful job.

Fayeanne Jones
Our Swimming Pool

Gerard! Kingsley! Marlya!
No jumping!!!
Wararakatingtja wiya!!!

Sharnti and Valerina

Bronwyn Solinda

Natia Justine Dellick

Leslee

Ethan Charmaine Kailen

Dellick Nico Manfred Norman
Secondary Girls

Our secondary girls teacher Ginny Edgerley has also been known under the following names
Nganampa titja Ginnunya
palunyaya wankapai
Ginny Breakfast, Ginny Hungry, Ginny Orange, Ginny Snake
Ginny Shop, Ginny Youdoit
Ginny Lanma, Ginny Weetbix
Ginny Shorts, Ginny Movie
Ginny Darling, Ginny Rubber
Ginny Book, Ginny Paper
Ginny Computer, Ginny Funny
Ginny Boring, Ginny Toilet

Charles Darwin University, Alice Springs

How to sew a little bag

Learning about Maori culture

KESAB Day

Ginny Where?
Secondary Girls

With student teacher Cassie

Finger lickin good!

Secondary Girls 2009-11-25

Guess who?

Laura telling the Pitilpa story

Verna

Sheila

Salinda

Bronwyn

Lino Cutting

Pipalyatjara Anangu School, South Australia 2009
Rex Remembers…

(A group construction by the Secondary Boys, based on a part of the book, The Burnt Stick, by Anthony Hill)

Ginny couldn’t ask anyone for permission before she took the fluffy, little, white dog. Even if she could have, it would have made no difference. Ginny was lonely, and she thought Rex did not belong to anyone. And even if he did, he would be happy in his new home. Yet Rex was not happy. He was five months old when he was taken away – and dogs can already smell the way home when they are five months old.

Growing up in the opal sparkling, shimmering desert, Rex remembered the streetlights and headlights, the gardens and skyscrapers of the coastal landscape of Sydney, where he had been born. He remembered the soft sand in the park where he and the others would play in the sunshine, and the cool green grass of the lawn where they would lie later, stretched asleep in the shade.

Lying through the long schooldays in Ginny’s yard, bored and lonely, looking after the house and yard as Ginny had told him to, Rex would remember his little tin house under the mango tree, in the backyard of James’ house. He would remember watching the planes fly overhead, the sound of James’ voice, calm and gentle, his mother’s excited barking when James’ family took them for a walk in the park next to the beach.

But it was in the evening, sitting in the corner of the yard, with no wind, feeling hot, that he could remember his past life in detail. It was then that he could imagine the cool ocean breeze enveloping him, curled up on his mother’s belly on the mat in the lounge room – lying there satisfied, sleepy, feeling her closeness and her soft, snowy fur, so much whiter than his own.
rabbits remember...
an individual construction by Norman Watson

The cat couldn’t ask the dog before he took the rabbits away into the hole under the ground.
The cat was hungry and he thought, “Nobody will see me eat them.”

They were five months old when they were kidnapped.
Sitting in the hole, the rabbits remembered laughter when they were having fun, and the voices of the birds singing up in the sky. Feeling sad and crying, the rabbits thought about jumping around on the green grass of the lawn in the warm sunshine.

They made a plan.
They would dig their way out.

Little Joey and the Hunters
an individual construction by Nico Kanari

Little Joey was taken away. The hunters shot the mother kangaroo and opened her pouch and there was a Little Joey. They were sorry for the mother kangaroo so they took the little Joey back home. They thought the little Joey was lonely without his mother. The hunters thought he would be happy in his new home but he was not happy.

He was old enough to have fur, so he was old enough to remember his mother dying.
Growing up in the noisy, windy community, Jacky remembered the heat of the desert, the dark of the night, the bushy grass and the rock hole where he had been born.
Bits & Pieces

Camels circling the school

Gerard

Crows Visit

Middle Primary Christmas Party

Yes, we do have a table tennis table

TJ - one of the pool attendants

A quick Korean lesson

Seth: Don’t mess with me

Kumarrara Peter Max
Pipalyatjara school was able to make good use of 10 BMX bikes. Especially the Middle Primary students made good use of them. Many learned how to talk about your bike, how to fix a puncture, how to look after the bikes. And naturally riding around town, chasing camels and riding all the way to Kalka was great fun.
Gateways at school
Project Officer: Karli Jozeps

March:
AnTEP visit to Roxby Downs and BHP Billiton & OzMinerals mines
From Pip - Kumanara Paddy and Karli

May:
Roxby Downs, Arid Recovery Training
From Pip - Ginny, Rosie, Helen, Kristelle, Verna, Ria, Bronwyn, Selinda, Sheila, Charmaine, Karli

November:
Work Ready Trip to Alice Springs
From Pip – Ginny, Leonie, Verna, Sheila, Ria, Paula, Glennis, Bronwyn,
Gateways at school
Project Officer: Karli Jozeps

Lexia literacy and Mathletics – in the secondary and AnTEP classes

Jeff and Max at the dump

We’ll create less rubbish next year

Max

Simmy