



# Wanalirri Catholic School Gibb River Station

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Dear Parents and Families, I wonder what photos people will look at in 25 years time at the school. People come in often and look at photos of students from the past, but also of community members helping out in the school. I wonder which community members you'll see in the photos of 2015 when you look back one day. Please find attached two draft pages from the Photobook to be launched for our 25th Anniversary.

**The job's only half done!**

## *Artists Still Needed!*

We still need artists to paint our Sacred Door for the Year of Mercy. I've had two great offers of help from community members, so I'm looking forward to working with them. Today from 1.30pm is the planned time, so come along and show your talents!



RIGHT: Some of the people who came to Open Day in Term 2.



Mrs Carol Geurts CEOWA  
Principal Schools' Advisor  
Kimberley

## **Open Day/ Report Day Assembly!**

Mr Tony Curry, Director of School Improvement CEOWA, and Mrs Carol Geurts, Principal Schools' Advisor CEOWA, will be visiting our school on Monday. They will be here for Open Day/ Report Day when parents and families are invited to come up for an assembly and to see students' work. They will also receive the official school report, as well as viewing students' Personal Learning Portfolios. Assembly will start at 9.00am Monday.

## **Visitors coming Monday!**



**100% Attenders Week 6**  
**Daemon Dalton Keiran Ely Quinceton**



# Weet Bix Biscuits

Each day after school, students are welcome to stay back to complete projects, do extra reading, get help with Homework or practise Maths and English through Skoolbo. They enjoy a glass of milo or juice and a biscuit or two. Last Friday students helped to fill the biscuit barrel by making Weet Bix Biscuits.

**1997 - 1998**

It was a wet start to 1997. The Wet was very successful with an average rainfall of 46 inches. Everything flooded and boots were the order of the day.

The Community won a state-wide competition "The Cleanest Community". The prize of \$10,000 was to be spent on a new tractor and slasher.

Claire the donkey featured in the 1997 Palm Sunday Paraliturgy and procession.

A scientist from the CSIRO in Darwin visited the school and conducted fun experiments.

At Pitjily on the Mt Elizabeth Rd, the children attended a Corroboree of the Junba and Wanalirri dances. The children had practised their dances every day and performed very well. A video recorded the event.

Fr Anscar officiated at Gibb River for five Baptisms including Shanita Bidd and Clarence Jungine.

Students waiting for the opening of the new Gibb River Road Medical Services, a big day of TV cameras and audiences from 7.30 until 4.30. They enjoyed a day off the next day to recover.

The official Centenary photograph of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions at Wanalirri Catholic School, Gibb River 1997. SOLM represented by Sr Frances Wilson and Sr Veronica Keaveney.

Tammy the dog died October 1997

First Holy Communion day for Quentin, Janita, Shanita, Natar and Jason with Father Anscar.

Two draft pages from our Wanalirri 25th Anniversary PhotoBook. It will be launched at our Anniversary celebration in June next year. Thank you to all those community members who came to the school or sent in their memories of the school. It will be a book to treasure.



**My Story:  
Quentin**

My name is Quentin White but I was enrolled in school as Quentin Burgu. I went to Holy Rosary when we lived in Derby. Then I went to school at Gibb River. The first school was very hot. School was alright. I was a good boy - sometimes - but I would play up sometimes.

We would go on picnics or go fishing or we would go to visit Broome or Perth.

When the new school was opened we played some songs and danced a Corroboree. I can't believe that it's 25 years already.



**My Story:  
Rabecca**

My name is Rabecca Wungundin. I went to Wanalirri in the 2000s. I was only a little girl when Sr Frances was here but my teachers were Jamie and Paula and Miss Nola.

Having a school here felt like home. We didn't want to go anywhere else. I remember camping, fishing and looking for bush food like goannas and bush turkey. We did lots of cooking at school.

My favourite subject was sports, playing at the back of the school. The basketball court was made when Miss Nola was here.

I'm happy that the school is still here and I hope that my children will be able to go here. I'd like to thank my teachers for educating us, running the school and being here for us. I hope that there are enough kids to come here because I don't want the school to ever shut down. Thank God for the teachers that came here to teach.

Mis Nola sent us off to High School when we were old enough. I did up to Year 11 and then I went to TAFE. I work at the Rangers' now.

