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NEWS WEEK

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela (1918–2013) Boston, 23 June 1990



PPAC’s Youth team has stepped up and into a formal partnership with Pormpuraaw State School to support students who have not been able to go back to their boarding schools during the Covid-19 crisis.

But, they said, support from parents and the community was critical to the plan’s success.

“We need everyone’s help to make sure our Pormpuraaw students don’t fall behind their peers,” PPAC CEO Ganthi Kuppusamy said.

Pormpuraaw State School Principal Anne Walsh said the plan of support for students, their families and the boarding

schools/high schools would ensure continuity of learning.

“We have redeployed one of our primary teachers, Rachel Price, to develop timetables, contact all boarding schools and act as a link between all stakeholders,” she said.

“PPAC is assisting by providing student access to the Youth Hub and supervision to students while they are in attendance, distributing

workbooks if students don’t have one with them, and monitoring and supporting student welfare on an ongoing basis.”

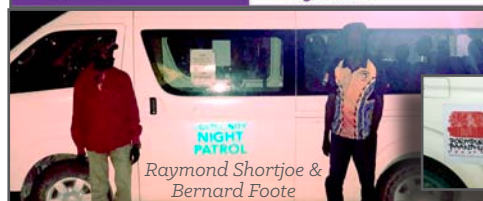
“While we are committed to providing continuous learning opportunities to all students, especially those who cannot access the required resources at home, we value community support to ensure students access what is available to them.”

What’s on this week?!

Socially-distanced banner painting started last week so we are ready to go with a huge week of activities for this year’s DFV Prevention Month!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
4 Public Holiday LABOUR DAY *Night Patrol	5 DV Banner Painting Men’s Support Staff 10am - 12pm *Night Patrol	6 CANDLE LIGHT VIGIL Women’s Shelter 6pm - 8pm *Night Patrol	7 DV Banner Painting OSHC 10am - 12pm *Night Patrol	8 DV Banner Painting LDC Kids 10am - 12pm *Night Patrol	9 *Night Patrol	10 Mothers Day - Pampering Packs/Gift Packs Women’s Group 12pm - 2pm *Night Patrol



Don’t forget Night Patrol is operating every night in May!

And watch out for our local police supporting their local community and sporting their new stickers in support of DFV Prevention Month!



Looking for Covid-19 resources and/or information for your mob?



Apunipima Cape York Health Council is keen for followers on their Facebook page where Dr Mark Wenitong relays frequent community updates and there are plenty of other great videos and resources shared daily.

For Covid-19 information to help you and your family in your home or workplace, visit <http://www.apunipima.org.au/index.php/publications>

PPAC's Family Wellbeing is based at the PPAC Healing Centre here in Pormpuraaw.

Our aim is to work with, and support children and families to enhance how they function together and to build parenting skills.



In addition to offering early prevention activities and support our service also works with families who are engaged with the Child Protection System with a view to addressing any safety concerns and - where possible - supporting reunification.

Our services include, but are not limited to:

- Case Management;
- Advocacy;
- Parenting Programs / Support;
- Family Resources & Education;
- Healthy Lifestyle Resources and Education;
- Referral Pathways to services such as counselling or AOD programs;
- In-Home Supports; and,
- Any other help we can offer.

Pormpur Paanthu Aboriginal Corporation: current situation under Covid-19

Healing Centre

Counselling continues to be delivered face to face from the Healing Centre. Telephone counselling is also being offered to clients.

Family Wellbeing

FWB service continue to provide face to face support in the office.

FWB continue to provide home visits (maintaining recommended social distancing requirements) to families which cannot travel to the service.

Women's Shelter

Supported Crisis accommodation is still being delivered.

Centre Based Support (case management) has been suspended.

Women's Group activities have been cancelled until further notice.

Playgroup

Playgroup is suspended until further notice.

Men's Support

All Men's Support group activates and Men's Group meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Night Patrol is still operating, however, only transport being provided is for Shelter clients being transported to the women's shelter.

Youth Centre

Open for students to do online studies (for educational purposes only).

Early Childhood (Long Day Care & Outside School Hours Care)

The Australian Government's Department of Education, Skills & Employment has advised all Early Childhood Education and Care services are to remain open during Covid-19.

Services are required to:

- stay open unless closed on public health advice or for other health and safety reasons
- ensure families are not charged a fee
- prioritise care to essential workers, vulnerable and disadvantaged children and previously enrolled children
- continue to record attendance of children
- comply with all other provider obligations including National Quality Framework and other relevant conditions of approval under Family Assistance Law.

If families have ceased their enrolment they should re-enrol so they can keep their Child Care Subsidy (CCS) eligibility.



ALL WORK AND WALK TOGETHER ON ONE PATH OF HEALING, LEARNING, CARING AND SHARING, CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY