

2009 Highlights

2009 was a year of many highlights at East Waikiki. We received national and state recognition for our Indigenous Education programmes, winning awards at both levels; our Arts Programmes achieved distinction at district and state levels; competed successfully in sporting competitions; attracted significant funding to support our literacy and numeracy programmes and we embarked on an exciting building and maintenance programme courtesy of the Commonwealth Government's Building the Education Revolution economic stimulus programme.

Indigenous Education

East Waikiki is renowned and highly respected for its commitment to incorporating an Indigenous Perspective across the Curriculum. Our teachers aim to prepare our students to understand and respect the cultural and historical heritage of the First Australians and to foster mutual respect and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

Our work in this area was acknowledged in 2009 when we received two prestigious awards:

- A National Dare to Lead Achievement Award for successfully improving outcomes for Indigenous students and incorporating an Indigenous Perspective across the Curriculum for all students
- WA Education Department's "Milton Thorne Award" for Most Outstanding Whole School Initiative (Metropolitan Schools) for the development of the Ngulla Miya, our outside learning centre and cultural site.



Sport and Physical Education

East Waikiki provides opportunities for students to participate and compete in a wide array of sporting. In 2009 our school won the Girls Basketball Interschool title for the second successive year. We also competed in such sports as football, soccer, hockey, netball, tee ball, softball, swimming, athletics and cross country running.



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Performing Arts

Our vibrant Performing Arts programme sees students participate and compete in diverse array of activities. Our Senior and junior Choirs practice weekly and perform in events such as Eisteddfods, Children Sing Festivals and local Music Festivals.

- In 2009 our Senior Choir was guest performer at the annual Western Australian Primary Principals Association (WAPPA) Annual Conference at the Burswood Entertainment complex.
- We were awarded a High Achievement Award at the Fremantle Eisteddfod

Our students participated once again in the State Drama Competition. We have entered this competition for the past seven years and have achieved outstanding results. We are the only Government Primary School to compete and from 2001- 09 we have won the award for the Most Outstanding Junior Production eight out of a possible nine times! This is the top award in our age group. In 2009 we won:

- Best Play
- Best Actor and Actress
- Best supporting Actor
- Best Stage Manager



Visual Arts

Art is a core subject in all classes at East Waikiki but we also run a specialist Art class in school for Talented and Gifted young artists. Our student display their art in a number of public locations including the Fremantle Peel District's Art Blast at the Fremantle Town Hall, at our annual Twilight in the Ngulla Miya and the City of Rockingham Banner competition.



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Twilight in the Ngulla Miya

Our whole school community turned out in Term Three for our second annual Twilight in the Ngulla Miya. Parents visited classes and were taken on learning journeys by their children before everyone gathered in the Ngulla Miya as darkness fell to be entertained by our choirs, Maori Haka and poi groups solo student performers as we celebrated our multi cultural backgrounds, the harmony in which they co-exist in our school and the value they add to our lives.



Building and Maintenance Programmes

The Commonwealth Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) had a significant impact on our school in 2009. Our new Early Childhood Education building, valued at \$2.3million commenced in Term Three and is scheduled for completion in the first half of 2010. It will provide the school with a state of the art Early Childhood facility and will complete our Early Childhood precinct by connecting our Year 1 and 2 classes with the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes who will be housed in the new building.

We also spent \$210 000 on upgrading and maintaining facilities in our school including:

- New vinyl flooring to wet areas
- New carpets in classrooms
- Renovated student toilets
- Grounds and garden landscaping and beautification
- Painting all exterior surfaces
- New refrigerated drink fountains
- New colorbond roof and renovation to undercover assembly area.

This extensive renovation and maintenance has ensured that our school facilities and grounds remain first class and provide a learning environment that is safe, attractive and conducive to learning.

