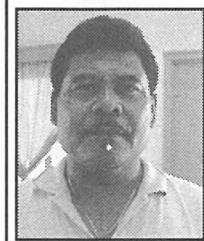


Alumni Notes

Class of 2006 (PCC)

Jenkins Mariur -



2006 PCC graduate with an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Mariur began his career as boat operator with the Koror State Government, then CEK Security Guard, before joining the Immigration Office. He has been with the immigration office for

18 years.

Class of 2003 (PCC)

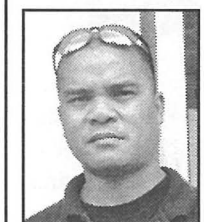
Larissa Antonio -



2003 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement (CA) in Business Accounting (BA). Antonio works as a customer service representative at Continental Micronesia. She has been with the airline for 7 years.

Class of 1998 (PCC)

Kuniwo Mikel -



1998 PCC graduate with a Certificate of Achievement in General Office Clerk (GOC). Mikel works with the Bureau of Public Safety as a Police Officer 3. He has been with the force for 9 years.

Alumni Notes showcases MOC&PCC alumni who contribute to the quality of life in their local community and are positive role models for other PCC students to emulate. If you are that alumni or know someone who is, please contact the PCC Development Office at telephone number 488-2471. We would like to feature you and all alumni in future issues of the *Mesekiu's News*.

Celebrating Birthdays

Ezra Takeo	June 22
Teddy Rengil	June 22
Uroi Sali	June 23
Sebas Ngiratrang	June 25
Margeline Buban	June 25
Grace Yalap	June 26
Terry Ngirmang	June 27

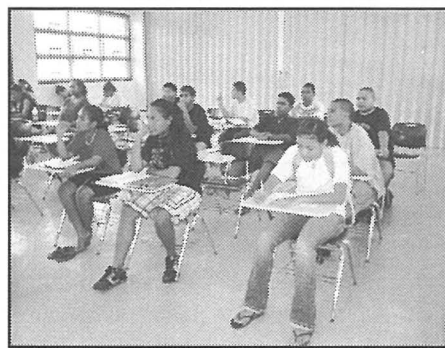
Happy Birthday To You!



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are currently pursuing their degrees and are classified into their degree programs, and the degree program with the highest number of enrollment is surprisingly the Education Program(ED) with 64. This program is designed to provide students with knowledge, skills, and proper work habits/attitudes necessary for classroom teaching. The program prepares students as classroom teachers or to pursue higher degrees in education or related fields. The program includes courses for degrees in Childhood, Elementary, Special, and Secondary Education each with respective program guidelines and requisite coursework. Many of those enrolled in the program teach throughout the school year and take the opportunity during the summer interval between school years to further their education.

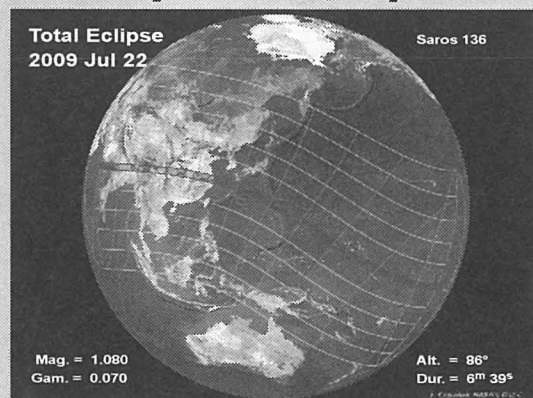


Summer Classes



Summer Orientation

Solar Eclipse on July 22, 2009



A solar eclipse will take place on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 and will be a total eclipse of the Sun. An eclipse happens when the moon gets between the Earth and the Sun and casts a shadow on a certain section of the Earth. Typically, an eclipse of the sun will not last for more than around seven minutes, as the various astronomical bodies involved move out of alignment very quickly. The eclipse will take place around noon, Palau time. Remember not to look directly at the sun.

Message of Thanks

Maintenance Staff Ann Sabra Ngirarorou, on behalf of her entire family expresses profound and heartfelt appreciation to the PCC family for their prayers and support during the funeral of her sister
Kimie Abraham.
Kom kmal mlo mesaul.



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Weekly Newsletter

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Lebuu Abai Has New Roof, Thanks to UB Students and Staff

By: Elliot Benzle, Mesekiu's News Workstudy Student

The PCC Lebuu Abai got a new roof this week courtesy of the Upward Bound summer program. Over 100 Upward Bound students along with PCC summer students and college staff helped to remove and replace the palm leaves from the Abai located at the front of the school. The project started on Monday, June 22nd and took five days to complete.

The Abai last saw a new roof six years ago in 2003.

Over the last six years the old leaves gradually wore away causing a small leak in one corner of the building. The new roof is made with palm leaves harvested from



Upward Bound Director Kuye Belelai(r) and her staff and students in front of the Lebuu Abai. (photo: E. Benzle)

all across the island and bound to strips of bamboo. This thatching is then affixed to the roof frame using hand made coconut rope produced in the outer islands of Yap.

Summer Enrollment at 421

With the Summer session nearing the Mid-term mark final numbers from the Office of the Registrar firmly place the number of students enrolled this semester at 421. With the addition of a record number of new students enrolling there are now a total of 274 freshmen, 102 sophomores, and 44 others in various stages of establishing their student status with the Office of the Registrar, Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, and their Advisors. As stated in previous Mesekiu's Newsletter issues, students of Palauan citizenship collectively compose the majority of this summer's enrollment with 365 in all. Students from

other nations and states in Micronesia, China, Japan, and the United States tally at 56. A majority of the students enrolled

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Each side of the roof has 82 rows of bamboo leaf strips and a total of about 34,440 leaves were used in the construction of the new roof.

The project was initiated by PCC President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei and Upward Bound director Kuye Belelai on behalf of the 108 students participating in this years Upward Bound summer Cultural Awareness Program (CAP). The Abai roof project is one of the mutually beneficial effort

wherein students learn a skill and the College benefits as a result. The Upward Bound program offers the CAP as part of its six-week comprehensive summer program that includes intensive academic classes and the work-study program.

This is not the first time the Upward Bound program has undertaken such tasks. In

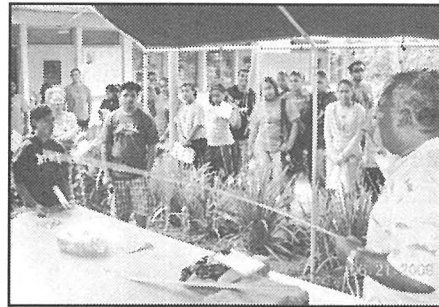
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Our Condolences

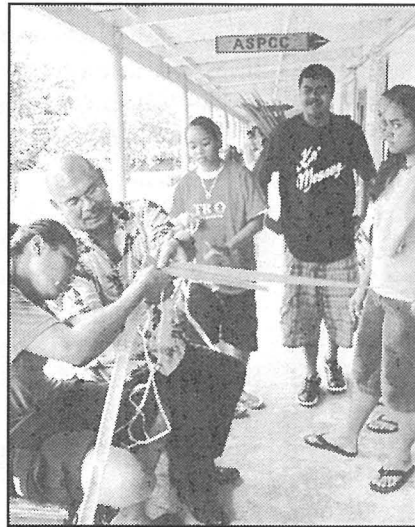
The PCC Family of Board Members, Administrators, Faculty, Staff and Students express deepest sympathies to the family of Dr. Tom Barlow, the Chief Executive Officer of Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) who passed away recently. Also to Sue Moses, former Commissioner of ACCJC on the passing of her husband Senator Resio Moses of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Congress.

Lebuu Abai, from Front Page

previous years, students of the program were involved in the effort to rehabilitate the roofs of both the Catholic Church *Osiol* and the Mindszenty High School summer house.



President Dr. Patrick U. Tellei (r) briefs Upward Bound students before the start of work to replace the aging roof of the Lebuu Abai.



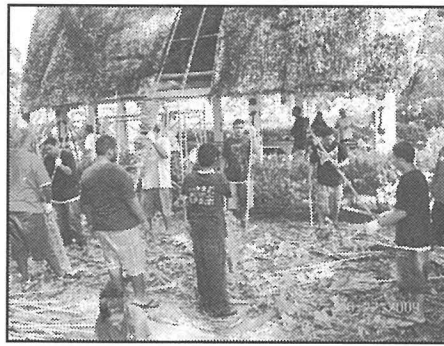
Vice President Thomas Taro lends a helping hand to get a student started while others observe closely.



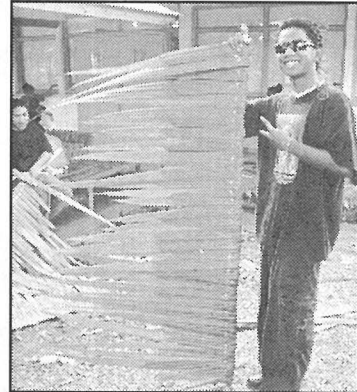
Fast learner Clellan works independently.



Students Klilt and Kara team up.



Students remove the old roof and ready the Lebuu Abai for the new thatched roof.



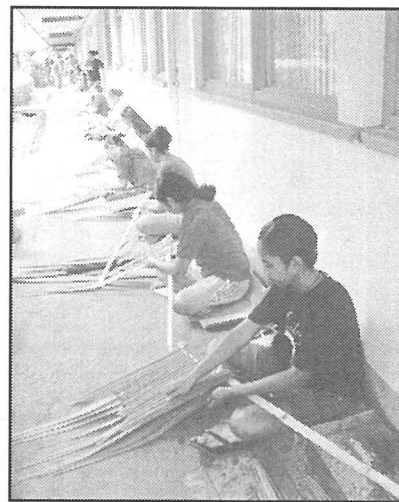
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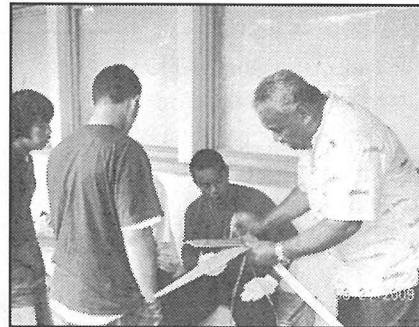
Upward Bound Director Kuye Belelai (r) and staff Okiis Ngemaes help a student.



Krystle learned that comfort is key in the involved process of sewing thatched roofs.



In only four days, Upward Bound students churned out roofing materials enough to complete the Lebuu Abai roof.



Despite his busy schedule, President Tellei always has time to share his traditional Palauan skills with students.



PCC Landscaper and renowned outdoorsman Rosendo Skang is also known for his sewing prowess.



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Student Learning Outcome Guru to Return...

Consultant Dr. Kenneth Gonzalez of the University of San Diego is returning to PCC on July 20-24 to do follow-up work on the Student Learning Outcome seminar he conducted back in January. He will also train selected staff on the organization and utilization of students focus group. Dr. Gonzales has also Please take some times in your busy schedule to review PCC web site he created, and to communicate with him for changes/revision that you wish to make.

FREE PHOTOS

PCC Graduation Photos at Development Office...

The PCC Development Office, with the support of instructors Rose Aliven-Kohama, Danka Ledgerwood and recent graduate Glowly Myotel Ngwal has compiled pictures from the 46th Commencement Exercises and they include numerous pictures of PCC, Adult High School, San Diego State University, and MOH graduates.

Photos are of the graduation rehearsals and the graduation event itself. For copies of the photos, bring your USB drives to the Development Office. The Photos are FREE but donations to the PCC Endowment Fund are always welcome.

SCHOLARSHIP

Australian Regional Development Scholarship

ARDS provides the opportunity for resident citizens from FSM, RMI, and the Republic of Palau to undertake studies at post-secondary education institutions in the Pacific region for study levels of Technical/Vocational, Undergraduate, and Postgraduate (masters level). ARDS preliminary application forms can be downloaded from www.fsm.embassy.gov.au

177 Days Into 270 Days of Construction of the New PCC Library



With 93 days left on the construction schedule, work on the interior walls and ceilings is finished. Workers are now preparing the outer wall for painting. The newly constructed three-story building will house the library collections on the first two floors while the top floor will be used for faculty offices and the ASPCC office.

CSO Members Tour Koror Sites

by: Rose Aliven-Kohama



The PCC Chuuk Student Organization members set out on Saturday, June 13, to explore the sights of Koror that they have heard about but not seen. The group's first stop was the popular tourist spot- Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC). Thanks to PICRC staff tour guide Angie Yangilmaw, the students were able to experience the magnificent underwater world of Palau through the variety of beautiful aquarium displays. Seeing sea-life up front was both exciting and cause for imagination. Another jaw-dropper was the crocodiles pens which houses two ten-footer crocodiles. The awe-struck and amazed students continued their tour to the Belau National Museum where the group learned about the occupational eras of Spain, Germany, and Japan in Palau.

Speechless was the group during the tour when asked how they felt. A building encasing Palau's history and having it displayed for individuals such as the students to experience only through wonder was truly and amazing experience

for the students. The day's exploration continued with a drive through through Koror where many sites were recognized from the just seen photo displays in the Belau National Museum. A cruise on to Airai was relaxing and interesting with a stop made by an old Japanese building said to have once been a hospital. After relaxing and having a short munch under the Japan-Palau Friendship bridge, the group returned to Koror and made a last stop at the Etipson Museum & Gallery. Saturday was truly an interesting day of exploration and very educational for the CSO student members.



CSO members on top of the hill where an old Japanese Airplane Control Tower was located. In the background is the famous Palau Pacific Resort.