

UNDER MINU'S WATCHFUL GAZE -
THE FIRST 10 YEARS OF SCHOOLING AT PIPALYATJARA

Pipalyatjara Aboriginal School has received a grant from the Schools' Heritage Program (South Australia) for a project entitled "Under Minu's Watchful Gaze - the first ten years of schooling at Pipalyatjara". Below is a summary of the project as submitted to the Jubilee 150 Schools Heritage Program (S.A.).

Children will document the opinions, views, attitudes, and memories of their parents concerning both the events in the history of the school and, preferred likely future developments. These will be recorded on both audio tape and video tape.

Children will chronologically sequence photographs, films, video tapes and audio tapes. Children will create texts to accompany these.

Children will create models of early school buildings and facilities.

Children will interpret their school heritage by speaking and writing about their own experiences, e.g., first day at school, favourite day at school, dislikes about school, hints to do well at school, etc.

Children will role play past events, e.g., discussion with Education Department re establishing a school, arrival of the first teacher, building a classroom/shelter, watching the first movie film, etc.

Staff will compile a dossier on previous teachers, Aboriginal education workers, visitors to the school, and highlights from the School Journal (and personal recollections). Details of, and changes to the aims of the school, and the school policies will be described.

Mr Philip Townsend, a teacher in the school is interested in receiving personal anecdotes, impressions and photographs from anyone associated with the school since its inception. These should be sent direct to :

Mr Philip Townsend
Pipalyatjara Aboriginal School
PMB 75 via Alice Springs
N.T. 5751

Telephone (089) 52 5355 then
VZ 5 AO Pipalyatjara

