



Future Footprints

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Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

Hi

Welcome to the first Future Footprints newsletter for 2015.

Well Term 1 is over and students have settled in well to studies and boarding. We have had a couple of events to assist in their welcome back.

We had an excellent turnout for the Welcome to Country even held in Kings Park. Some students were fortunate to stay behind and participate in the AFL Indigenous Football Team Welcome given by Whadjuk Noongar people on the same day where they met and mingled with many of the AFL Indigenous players.

The mid term camp was held at Fairbridge this Term. It was a very different experience to previous camps held in the city. As most students were from the Kimberley, they enjoyed getting out down south and seeing a bit more of the south west. We travelled to Yallingup to participate in a cultural tour of Ngilgi Cave which included a walk and crawl through the cave and a delicious bush tucker lunch.

At the Student Council meeting, Gerry Ansey from Christ Church grammar School was elected President and Thelma Birch from Iona Presentation College was elected vice President. Well done to these students.

The wonderful work Scotch College is doing with their Indigenous Programme is also highlighted in this newsletter.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Roni

CAMP LEADERSHIP AWARD

Last year Hale student, Alex Williams from Halls Creek was awarded the inaugural Future Footprints Camp Leadership Award. This award is given to a student on the Mid term break camps who displays leadership and integrity. Alex was a wonderful role model, having attended nearly every camp since Year 8. He is inspirational in assisting younger students to settle into the camp routine and leads by example. Alex was presented with a Tablet from Stott + Hoare by Mr. Jim Loader. Future Footprints wishes Alex good luck in his future endeavours and looks forward to hearing of his leadership journey.



Alex Williams pictured with Roni Forrest & Jim Loader who sponsored the Camp Leadership Award.



St Brigid's College students

2015 National NAIDOC theme

We all Stand on Sacred Ground:

Learn, Respect & Celebrate

NAIDOC WEEK

5-12 July 2015



St Mary's Anglican Girls School students

FUTURE FOOTPRINTS PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS



- Aquinas College
- Christ Church Grammar School
- Guildford Grammar School
- Hale School
- Mazenod College
- Wesley College
- Scotch College

- Iona Presentation College
- Methodist Ladies College
- Penrhos College
- Perth College [pictured]
- Presbyterian Ladies College

- Santa Maria College
- **St Brigid's College**
- **St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls Inc**
- **St Mary's Anglican Girls' School**

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY BREAKFAST

Every year Future Footprints female students get invited by sponsors to attend the International Women's Day Breakfast. This year Woodside sponsored four girls from Iona Presentation College and Presbyterian Ladies College.

Also attending with two students from Perth college who were sponsored by FMG.

International Women's Day represents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of women while calling for greater equality.

Thousands of events occur to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women. Organisations, governments, charities, educational institutions, women's groups, corporations and the media celebrate the day.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY EVENT 2015

Every year Future Footprints organizes a formal welcome ceremony by Noongar Elders to welcome Students back to boarding schools and to Perth.

The 2015 ceremony was held at Kings Park on 15th February and was conducted by Whadjuk Noongar Elder Barry McGuire who gave a cultural insight into Noongar country complimented by a talk on the importance of education and supporting each other as Indigenous people. Many boarding and day students, staff from schools and boarding houses, and students families attended the event along with many Noongar Community members.

Volunteer University students who are ex Future Footprints students and many supporter groups such as the Kimberley Klub, Madalah, AIME & ICEA attended this years event. Wadumbah Dance Group got students involved in their dancing and then finished off the day of ceremony and fun with a sausage sizzle.





President & V/President of Student Council 2015

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Indigenous Students' Council was developed to provide a voice for students on various issues such as sharing resources for their schools, boarding house issues, planning upcoming events, inviting guest speakers into schools and planning and sharing ideas for NAIDOC week activities.

In addition, a Guest Speaker Program is an integral part of the meetings with young Indigenous guest speakers providing valuable mentoring and role modelling. Council meetings are held each term on a rotating basis at a host school, with two elected students from all participating schools attending. A President and Vice President are elected on an annual basis by the students.

In 2015, Christ Church Grammar School hosted the first meeting with the following students nominating for President were Gordon Narrier [Hale School], Alan Pigram [Aquinas College], Gerry Ansey [Christ Church Grammar School], Rhonyche Devlin [Iona Presentation College], Thelma Birch [Iona Presentation College] & Chelsea Menmuir [Presbyterian Ladies College]. After a secret ballot votes, Gerry Ansey from Christ Church Grammar School was elected President and Thelma Birch from Iona Presentation College was elected Vice President. Well done to all nominees and thank you for your enthusiasm.

See notice on this page for all Student Council Dates.

To participate in Discussions or Forums please contact your school representative who will bring issues to next Council meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Presbyterian Ladies College student Layneisha Sgro was voted Reconciliation captain for 2015. Also won an Indigenous Youth Leadership awards.

Ashlyn Hassett from Presbyterian Ladies College won Indigenous Youth Leadership award.

Tallulah Bieundurry was voted Iona Presentation College Visual Arts Captain

Quinton Narkle and Sam Powell-Pepper were voted Wesley College House Captains for 2015.

Kaena Cox from Iona Presentation College travelled to Japan in December on a 3 week long Cultural Immersion trip.

Djundunmarra Cox was voted Head Boarder at Iona Presentation College

Gerry Ansey from Christ Church was elected Vice Captain of the West Australian State 16's Basketball Team.

Student Council Meetings

Term 1 -

Wednesday March 11

Christ Church Grammar School

Term 2

Wednesday May 13

St Brigid's College

Term 3-

Wednesday Sept 2

Guildford Grammar School

Term 4

Wednesday Nov 4

Community Gathering [tbc]



STUDENTS TOUR NGILGI CAVE WITH KOOMAL DREAMING

Whilst on the mid term break camp students went on a tour of Ngilgi Cave in Yallingup with Josh from Koomal Dreaming. All students thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Josh took them on a history tour of the area, a visit down the beautiful crystal cave. We finished the tour with a bush tucker BBQ and Noongar artefacts display. Josh showed students how to make fire and they participated in a music session with tapping sticks and didgeridoo and drums with him.



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FUTURE FOOTPRINTS MID TERM BREAK CAMP

FAIRBRIDGE PINJARRA

The Mid Term Break Camps have developed from an identified need to offer students, families and schools a safe, supervised and positive alternative for students to access whilst residential houses are closed during term breaks. The Program is designed to ensure maximum participation in all activities over the three day camp for students. Our goal is for the students to have a valuable learning experience whilst at the same time having fun and socialising. The activities selected for the camp are facilitated and coordinated by camps staff and Future Footprints staff which promote team building, trust and leadership.

Camps are for students who live in remote communities and cannot get home in the five day break from Boarding Houses. Numbers are restricted to 35 students on five day residential recreational, leadership and cultural camps three times a year.

In March on mid term break students met at Wesley College and were transported by bus to Fairbridge Village near Pinjarra.

Students were housed separately in boys and girls cottages with supervisors. The facilities were awesome at Fairbridge. Students enjoyed playing basketball in the gym, playing mini golf and swimming. Other activities they participated in were flying fox and a puzzling Amazing Race.



Future Footprints students at the Fairbridge Camp March 2015

SCOTCH COLLEGE

Scotch College is a modern, progressive and successful independent school for boys. For over a hundred years the School has been providing an intellectually and personally challenging programme in keeping with the best traditions of liberal education.

In 2014, Scotch College had 28 Indigenous Students from all over Western Australia. With the increase of students in 2014, our support team is of great importance to ensure the success of each boy. At Scotch College we ensure that our **Tutoring and Mentoring Program meet all Indigenous students'** needs. All boys meet weekly as a group, as well individually fortnightly with the Support team. Senior boys also have individual tutoring once a week and all boys have small group tutoring during Prep in the evenings at least twice a week. Students also have access to the extra tutoring through the Academic Support Team at the school.

NAIDOC Week 2014 was kicked off this year with a Professional Development day for the Staff. We had four Cultural Infusion sessions to attend. The sessions included Bush Tucker Tasting, Art, Noongar Culture and Stolen Generation Stories.

The NAIDOC events for the whole school began on Monday 28 July. The Senior and Middle School hosted Brenton McKenna, an Indigenous Graphic Novelist from Broome for the week. Brenton presented both cartooning and writing sessions to several classes.

The Junior and Middle School were able to decorate Boomerangs and learn about the different symbols and meanings used in Indigenous art. Several Senior School Indigenous boys spent time down in the Junior School sharing their Culture. The boys told Dreamtime Stories, sang traditional songs, showed traditional weapons, and painted the junior boys warrior faces.

On Wednesday, the Middle School boys cooked Damper for the rest of the students with help from some of the Senior School Indigenous boys. They whole Middle school enjoyed eating their damper with a selection of Kangaroo, Emu and Crocodile sausages. Bush Tucker was served in the Senior School on Thursday. Both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous boys made 36 kgs of flour into Damper, which was served with Kangaroo Stew, Kimberly Fish Soup, and fish.

Friday's Assembly was started with the raising of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, accompanied by Yarlalu playing the Didgeridoo and a Smoking Ceremony. Following the marching, our Guest Speaker, David Bell, told us of his experience in the **Navy. This tied in with this year's NAIDOC theme of "Serving Country – Centenary and Beyond."** Yarlalu and Troy Cook presented a short history on the Inaugural Indigenous Football Match, and gave the new Indigenous Jumper to the Coach and Captain of the First XVIII Football team. Vincent and Tarquinn provided an overview of the Indigenous Programme for the past Year. Following the assembly, the guests and Indigenous students attended a morning tea hosted by The Headmaster and the Indigenous Programme Co-ordinator.

Saturday August 1 2014 saw the Inaugural Indigenous Round for football. The Game was played at Scotch College against Trinity. A traditional smoking ceremony kicked off the game and Scotch came out convincing winners.

Two of Scotch College's five Indigenous Year 12 students, sat WACE exams for university entrance. The remaining three students applied for apprenticeships or traineeships in a variety of areas, with the vision of future employment locally.

Felicity Byers—Indigenous Program Coordinator



FUTURE FOOTPRINTS

Future Footprints is an initiative of the Association of Independent Schools of WA. The program supports Indigenous male and female students from remote regions in Western Australia attending boarding schools in Perth. The broad aim of the program is to improve educational outcomes for Indigenous students and enhance their opportunities post school to further education, employment and/or training. The primary goal is to ensure the engagement of Indigenous students with the education system and foster a sense of belonging and self-worth and provide Indigenous students with the confidence, knowledge and skills to succeed. Three hundred and twenty one students from sixteen participating residential schools are currently actively engaged in the program.



A happy snap of some of the thirty nine graduates at 2014 Year 12 Graduation Dinner hosted by Scotch College. Students are pictured with Angela Giles Madalah's IYLP Coordinator [co sponsor the Future Footprints Dinner].



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2014 Leavers

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 Tarquinn Brownley {Scotch College } and Telisha Peckham [St Brigid's College]