Gorna Liyarn; Winner of the PALS ‘Arts and Culture’ award.
Hi,

Well this is the end of Term 4. Congratulations everyone on your hard work and efforts for this year, it has gone so quickly.

We have said goodbye to 56 of our Year 12 students, they now move on to bigger things, we are extremely proud and wish them the best on their new journey. We have even more Year 12’s next year, which is fantastic!

We also have lots of exciting and inspiring events coming up in 2016 for the students, so this is something to look forward to.

I have enjoyed my first two terms, I appreciate how welcoming you all have been and for having me at your schools. I look forward to 2016 when we can continue working together and can continue to support our students.

You are all passionate and hard working individuals and we hope you have a wonderful break.

Roni and I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you soon,

Stay Safe

Christina & Roni
Educating the Educated

On Wednesday the 12th of October, Roni and myself were invited to present to Secondary Bachelor of Education students at the ECU Campus in Joondalup.

We were each asked to share our schooling experience as an Indigenous person, how this experience shaped us and what support was given to us.

We were also asked about the ‘Need for Cultural Competency’ in schools and how could teachers incorporate this in their day to day classroom environment and lesson plans.

As part of our presentation we also spoke about Future Footprints, what the amazing program offers and how it benefits the students.

It was a fun experience and a great way to share our stories.

Thank you for having us, it was an absolute pleasure.
Congratulations to our Future Footprint girls on Graduating, you will all be wonderful role models:

Jean Alley, Tia Brand Williams, Shinane Umbagai and Kathleen Ejai from Carmel Adventist College.

Tallulah Bieundurry, Madelyn Bin Swani, Thelma Birch, Margaret Birch, Djanunmarra Cox and Rhonyche Devlin from Iona Presentation College.

Jai Bin Swani, Paige Carter, Ashlyn Hasset, Sachi Neville and Layneisha Sgro from Presbyterian Ladies College.

Lyeesha Mongoo and Arkayla McPhee from Perth College.

Isobel Robinson, Taylah Hastie, Cheyenne Hayward, Taylor Howard, Chloe Russell and Tahlia Stol from St Brigid’s College.

Peta Drummond and Shannay Laidlaw from St Hilda’s Anglican School for Girls.

Mariah White from Methodist Ladies College.

We wish you all the best and hope that you will have a successful happy future.

“Set out each day believing in your dreams. Know without a doubt you were made for great things”

(Josh Hinds)
Congratulations to our Future Footprint boys who have graduated, you will be outstanding young men:

Corey Bennell, Francis Divilli, Darnell Morrison, Jayden Turner and Timothy Yorkshire from Guildford Grammar School.

Caiden Curtin, Kuberan Muir, Tommy Nichols, Kura Shioji and Calen Simpson Lewis from Christ Church Grammar School.

Anthony Edgar and Gerald Ryder from Carmel Adventist College.

Steven Freestone, Brendan Nelson, Corey Mitchell, and Sean O’Meara from Hale School.

Trent Mallard, Caleb McDonald, Quinton Narkle, Sam Powell Pepper and Bryce Turvey from Wesley College.

Austin Gear, Coen Lewis, Lachlan Maitland, Rueben Mongoo, Yarlalu Thomas, Tre Toigo and Jayden Travers from Scotch College.

We wish you all a happy future!

“If you can imagine it, you can achieve it.
If you can dream it, you can become it”
(William Arthur Ward)
Caleb McDonald, a Wajari Nhanda Yamatjii boy from Geraldton was one of the five Future Footprints boys to graduate from Wesley College this year. Caleb started attending Wesley College in Year 8, 2011.

Although Caleb has only just finished school, he has already secured an apprenticeship in the Oil & Gas industry! Caleb applied for a ‘Process Operator’ apprenticeship and out of a huge 536 candidates, our Caleb got the position. This is such wonderful news.

Once he has completed the 4 years, Caleb would like to work off-shore, but for now he is off to England for the holidays.

We are all so proud of you Caleb and know you will go on to do amazing things with your life! All the best.

Ashlyn Hasset is one of our 2015 Future Footprints graduates. Ashlyn started boarding at Presbyterian Ladies College in Year 8, in 2011.

Ashlyn comes from a Remote Community, Kalumburu, which is in the Kimberley Region. Boarding and living away from home has opened up a whole new world for Ashlyn and she hopes that her brothers and sisters will one day follow in her footsteps.

Ashlyn is currently back in Kalumburu, spending time with her family. She plans to continue her Traineeship/Business studies next year back here in Perth and then University or Tafe. Ashlyn would also like to do some travelling.

We wish Ashlyn all the best and hope all her dreams come true.
Student Council Meeting

This Term, our Student Council meeting was held at Abmusic. We were privileged to have talented musicians Luke Riches, Daniel Riches, Candice Lorrae and Bryte MC as our Guest Speakers. Our Guests spoke to the students about their journey into music, their schooling & life experiences and also gave some great advice about following your dreams. It was very inspiring and informative.

Thank you all very much!

After Luke and Daniel performed three songs, the students partook in a Hip Hop Writing Workshop with Candice and Bryte. They were asked to make a list of things you hate and love, these were then used to create a Hip Hop piece and perform it together, some items on the list were: Science, School, the Beach, Chilling with the boys and Hunting.

Our students had a great time and there was lots of laughter! Student Councillor Gerry Ansey did a fantastic job of running the night and spoke very well, great work Gerry!
On Friday the 6th of November, Lachlan Stokes from Scotch College was given an amazing opportunity to not only attend the annual PALS Awards but to also be the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Lachlan did such a fantastic job of presenting and spoke very well, everyone was impressed and many passed on their compliments.

Well done Lachlan, we are super proud of you!

Our Presbyterian Ladies College dance group Gorna Liyarn were also given an opportunity to perform, they did such a wonderful job and the crowd were in awe. Gorna Liyarn also won an award in the category of ‘Arts and Culture’ this award is given to schools who ‘embrace and preserve Aboriginal culture through performing, music and visual arts’

Congratulations Presbyterian Ladies College and Gorna Liyarn on this outstanding award!

Lachlan and Gorna Liyarn made a huge effort on the day and it was a privilege to be there with you both.
Woodside Careers Breakfast

On the 16th of October, Woodside hosted a Careers Breakfast for Year 12’s and School Coordinators from Wesley College, Carmel Adventist College, Iona Presentation College and St Mary’s Anglican Girls’ School.

Woodside’s Indigenous Employment Advisor Shanine Ryan spoke to us about the many amazing opportunities Woodside can offer our students. These opportunities include, Traineeships, Apprenticeships, Study and Scholarship opportunities in which our students are able to access and have a fulfilling future as part of the Woodside team if they wish.

It was an informative and exciting morning for the students.

Woodside Indigenous opportunities include: Apprenticeships, Indigenous Cadetships, School Based Traineeship and Business Admin Traineeships.


ISSCA Visit

The Future Footprints boys who attend Christ Church Grammar School, hosted a morning tea for the ISSCA Acting Executive Director Colette Colman and AISWA Executive Director Valerie Gould. The boys spoke about their boarding school experience and were very impressive.

Well done Christ Church students!

Hale School had their Orientation Day on Tuesday the 27th of October. Roni and Christina were invited for breakfast to meet the new students and their parents. Roni also presented information regarding the Future Footprints program and the support that would be offered to their sons.

Donald Imberlong a Hale graduate also came to visit the boys. Donald graduated in 2012 and is currently studying at University. Although Donald is already enrolled in Environmental Science he plans to combine this with Conservation Biology in 2016 as a Double Major. So incredibly inspiring!

Patrick Hedlam and Wiliam Bernard who are currently Year 10’s came and spoke to the boys about ‘Life at Hale’ and encouraged them to take up many of the exciting opportunities that Hale School offers.

It was a wonderful morning and the boys are in good hands.
The School of Indigenous Studies at UWA once again organised the ‘Discovery Days’ series. Both St Brigid’s and Perth College participated in this event. The girls took part in hands-on activities relating to courses that UWA offer. The UWA Indigenous staff were great with the students and were incredibly inspiring.

Scotch College student meets the Prime Minister

Scotch College student Matthew McDonald entered a national competition run by AIEF to meet the Prime Minister of Australia. Matthew wrote a 500 word essay on “What I would do if I was Prime Minister.” In November, Matthew was announced the joint winner of the competition and plans were made for him to travel to Canberra to meet not only Malcolm Turnbull, but several other politicians as well.

Matthew’s essay included suggestions such as using Defense Forces to help make Aboriginal Communities self sufficient, improving the levels of literacy and numeracy and providing services to help with drug and alcohol addiction.

During the three day visit to Canberra, Matthew also visited the National Museum and National War Memorial.

Iona Presentation College Lunch

Roni was invited to a ‘Thank You’ lunch at Iona Presentation College, the 2015 Graduate girls presented Roni with a beautiful apron to show their appreciation for all of the support that had been given over the years. Roni is planning to wear her wonderful gift for NAIDOC next year.

Thank you ladies for the apron, it is perfect!
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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
From Christina & Roni

2016 Important Dates