



Future Footprints Newsletter
Term 1, 2016



Future Footprints

2016

Welcome back,

It is now 2016, exciting things are coming up and we have already started the year with some of our fantastic events.

We began with the Welcome to Country event at Kings Park, we have had our first camp and also our first Student Council Meeting! There is so much more to follow.

These events are planned with a lot of thought as we want our students to benefit and to take as much as possible away, whether that be feeling inspired, feeling at home in Perth, socialising with other students, learning new skills or planning for the future. Each event always has a specific purpose to better our students.

We want our students to be successful, confident and contributing role models one day and 2016 will most certainly inspire and encourage our Future Footprints students.

We hope that you have a healthy and happy 2016!

Christina

Welcome to our new Students and Families

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From the Coordinators Desk...

First term is over and we are well into 2016.

We have met many new students in all seventeen of the schools Future Footprints supports.

Our Welcome to Country event was well attended by all schools and many community members.

I have attended many formal school events such as the Commissioning of the new Principal at Christ Church Grammar School and the opening of the new Creative arts building at Penrhos College. Two fabulous events both giving recognition to Noongar land and people in their welcomes.

Christina has done a great job in coordinating the Student Council meetings and I congratulate William Bernard from Hale School and Duana Nichols from Iona Presentation College on their successful nominations as Council representatives.

Sorry Day celebrations are coming up in Term 2. Reconciliation WA and supporters have organised a huge gathering of schools and community to give as many students the opportunity to engage in meaningful commemoration of Sorry Day as possible. The commemoration event is on Thursday May 26th at Wellington Square, East Perth.

I hope you enjoy reading the Term 1 newsletter- please share with your family and friends. Please let your parents know you can contact us on our members only Facebook page.

Roni

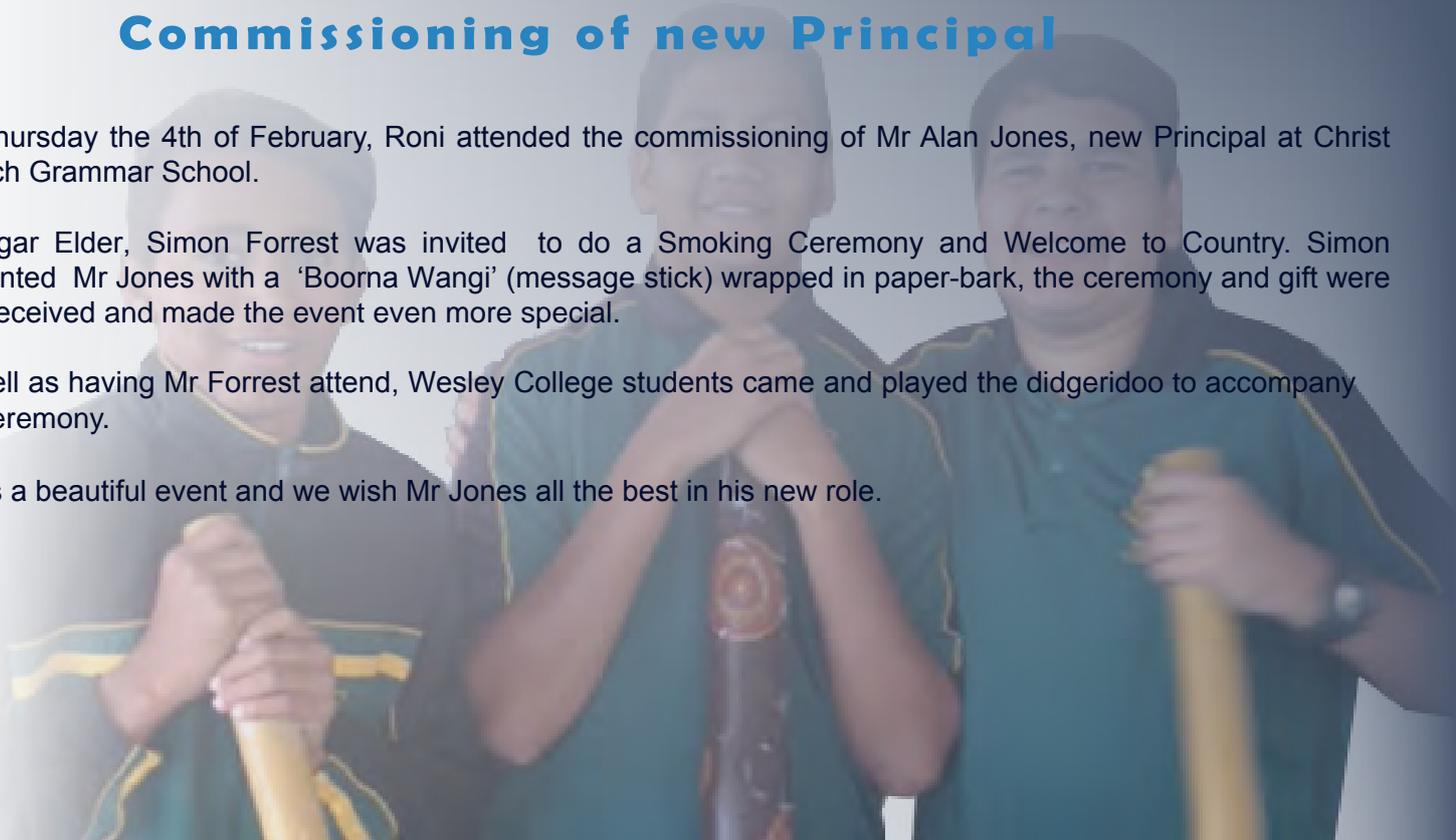
Commissioning of new Principal

On Thursday the 4th of February, Roni attended the commissioning of Mr Alan Jones, new Principal at Christ Church Grammar School.

Noongar Elder, Simon Forrest was invited to do a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country. Simon presented Mr Jones with a 'Boorna Wangi' (message stick) wrapped in paper-bark, the ceremony and gift were well received and made the event even more special.

As well as having Mr Forrest attend, Wesley College students came and played the didgeridoo to accompany the ceremony.

It was a beautiful event and we wish Mr Jones all the best in his new role.





*Welcome
to
Country 2016*



On Sunday the 14th of February, Future Footprints held a 'Welcome to Country' event. This is a great way to start the year and to catch up with students after the long Christmas break. The ceremony was held at 'Kaarta Garup' (Kings Park), it is such a stunning location and perfect for this event.

The Welcome to Country is not only fun, but very significant.

This year, Elder Barry McGuire was invited to welcome all guests. Barry McGuire is a Ballardong, Whadjuk, Noongar man, who is highly respected in both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. Barry spoke to the students about sticking together as Aboriginal people and supporting one another. It was a beautiful ceremony, which left everyone feeling inspired, closer to each other and ready for the school year.

It was such an honour to have Mr McGuire come along and be involved.

We had many guests attend including staff from AISWA, school staff members, families and also people from the Noongar community. Thank you very much to our volunteers on the day and our ex-students who came to give something back, we appreciate your hard work and commitment.

It was so lovely to see our Future Footprints students coming together and having a good time. It was a perfect day for all.



Mid-term Camp



Future Footprints students had their first camp on the Labour Day long weekend, which was held at the Point Walter; Department of Sport and Recreation camp. In total, 41 students attended from Guildford Grammar School, Scotch College, Wesley College, Hale School, St Brigid's College, Methodist Ladies College, Presbyterian Ladies College and Iona Presentation College.

On the first day students were introduced to a Drumming session with Paul Osei Kofi from 'Akwaaba African Drumming', each student had their own 'Djembe' and were required to follow along to the beat and learn new drumming techniques. Paul uses the session to promote harmony and to share his culture with Australians. Not only did the students learn how to play, they also took away a more meaningful message of sharing and being proud of your culture.

Through-out the rest of the weekend, students were involved in camp activities such as Archery, Team Building in the bush and Raft Building, these fun activities help and encourage the students to problem solve and work together.

On Sunday all students and mentors attended the Nicky Winmar Football Carnival, where some of the Year 9 boys also played in the event, which was fantastic to witness!

The camp itself provides an environment that is not only fun and engaging but also provides a family environment for the students who board in Perth from all over Western Australia.

Thank you to our mentors and everyone who gave up their weekend and contributed to the program.







STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING

The Year 11 Future Footprints students had their first Student Council meeting for 2016 on Wednesday the 9th of March. At this meeting the students were required to elect a President and also Vice President. Congratulations to President William Bernard and Vice President Duana Nickels. This is such a wonderful opportunity for the students to take on a leadership role and to be more involved with the program but also to represent their fellow Indigenous students.

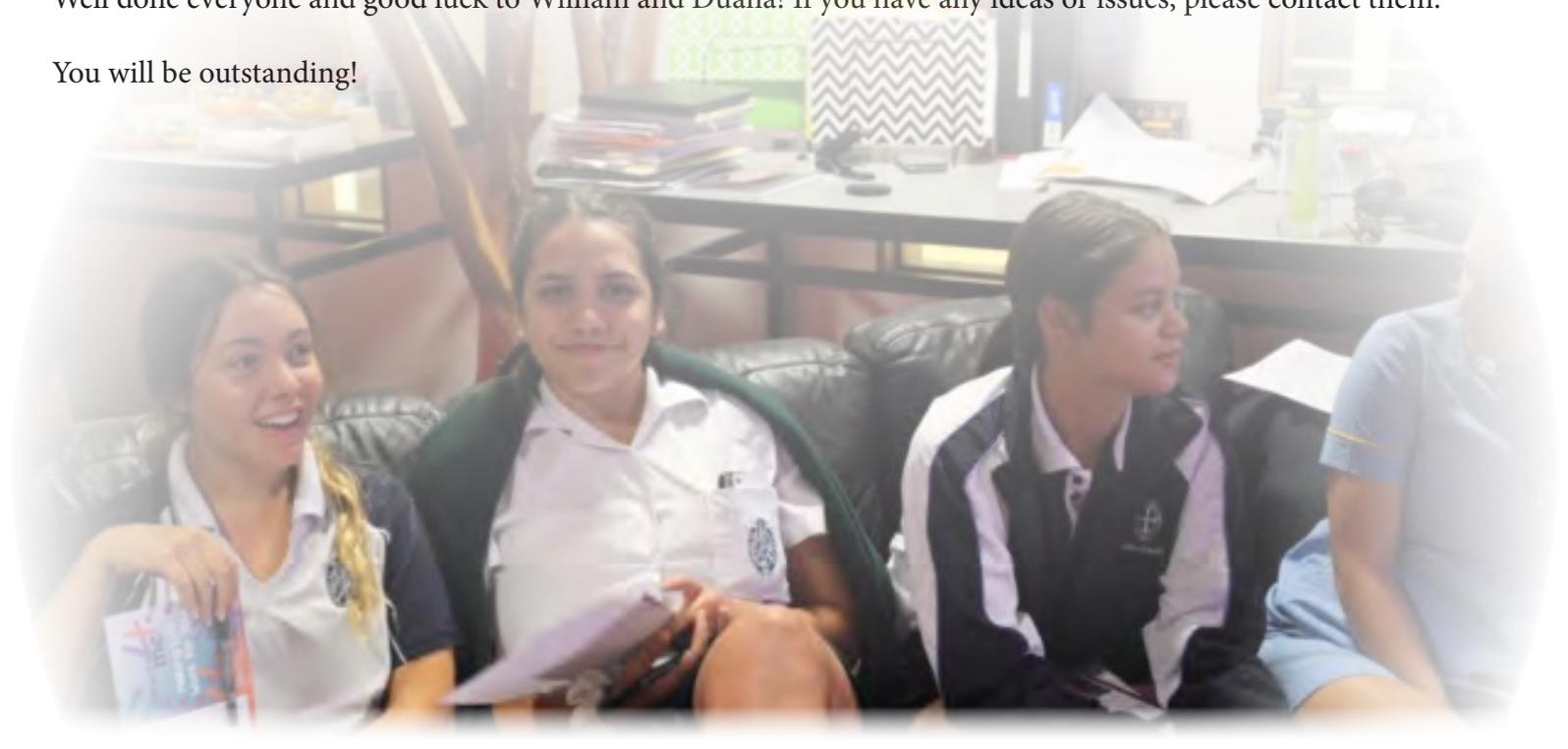
As part of our first Student Council meeting we also began a LIFEWORX4ME® workshop. This interactive workshop gives teenagers a chance to gain an awareness of their learning, working and communicating style, it also assists the students to acknowledge and understand everyone is different and that we can learn, work and communicate differently.

Students are required to view, listen and interact with different scenarios, from this they are to choose a preference that is most relevant to their personality.

Our students really enjoyed themselves and it was great to see them thinking about who they are, their strengths, weaknesses, personality traits and strategies to get along with other personality types.

Well done everyone and good luck to William and Duana! If you have any ideas or issues, please contact them.

You will be outstanding!







Aquinas College: Indigenous Orientation Camp

The Indigenous Team conducted the annual 'Orientation Camp' for the College's Indigenous students from Saturday afternoon the 20th of February until the end of the school day on Monday the 22nd of February.

The camp was conducted at the Ern Halliday Sport and Recreation Campsite in Hillarys. This venue was used in the previous year and was requested by the boys as a result of its many and varied activities that can be participated inside the camp area, in addition to its proximity to the beach.

Saturday afternoon saw the boys arrive and pitch their tents at the "Windmills' campsite. A number of the older boys upon disembarking from the bus ran to the site where they wanted to pitch their tent. Other boys decided to sleep under the stars, despite a warning from Mr Bell that rain was coming this weekend.

Over the course of the weekend the boys participated in a number of informal games that included, basketball, cricket and touch football on the beach. These games provided the boys with ample opportunity to get to know 'new' boys and re-connect the bonds of boys who have been at the College previously. The highlight for many of the boys was attending the Great Escape water slide and activity park on Monday morning. The boys not only had fun on the slides but were also observed participating across year levels on the trampolines, mini golf and climbing ropes.

Aside from the less formal activities boys were asked to participate in a number of whole group discussions. The purpose of these 'guided-discussions' was to firstly let new students know that feelings of homesickness were perfectly normal and had been experienced by almost all the 'old-boys.' These discussions allowed boys to share ideas and raise concerns that they may have in a non-judgmental forum. In addition to the discussions, boys were interviewed individually by Mr Hunter and Bell on matters pertaining to school life, their personal life, goals and ambitions. These interviews have allowed the Indigenous Team to identify areas of need for individual boys and as such look to address concerns, put in place measures that assist boys to reach immediate and long term dreams and goals.



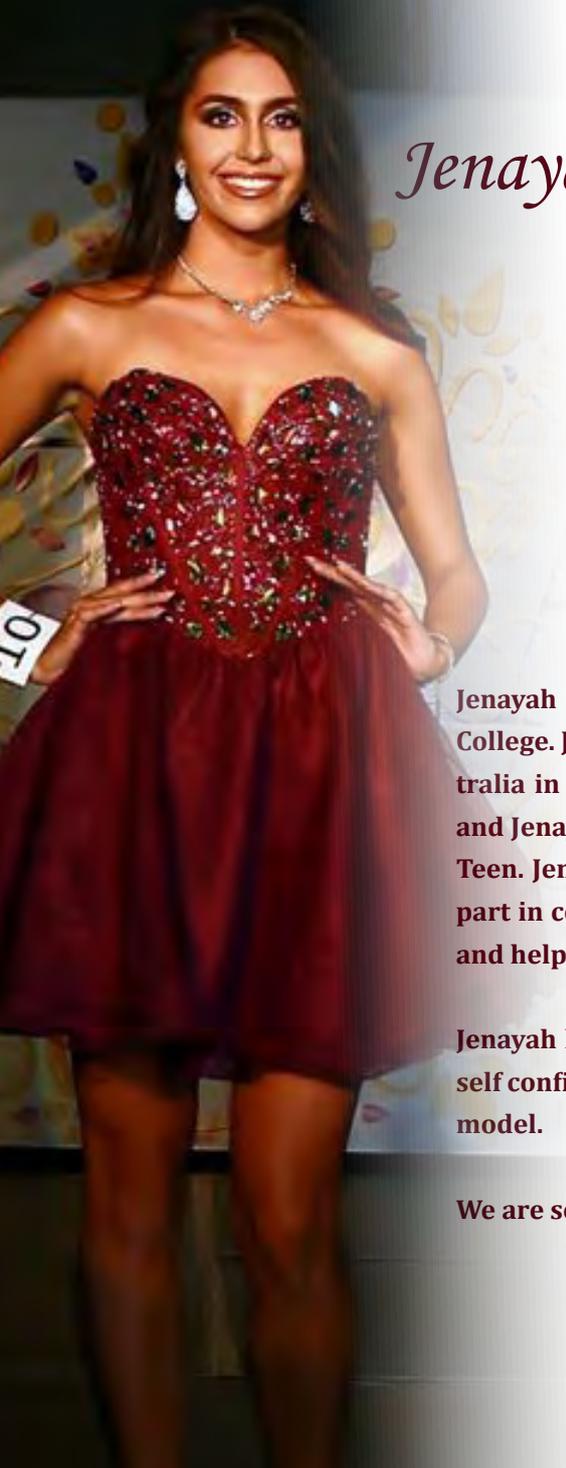
Wesley College: Moorditj Mob bringing it Home

On Saturday the 13th of February, the Perth International Arts Festival opened with a stunning theatrical production representing and celebrating our 'Home', Western Australia. Dr Richard Walley and the 14 Noongar groups came together and created an outstanding Welcome to Country piece, incorporating music, song and traditional dance.

Wesley College Indigenous dance group 'Moorditj Mob' and our very own Roni Forrest took part in this magical event which acknowledged and included the Traditional Owners of this area, we are very proud of you all for representing Noongar culture!

Thank you to Mr Trevor Walley for the incredible photos you took.





Jenayah Elliot; Striving For The Highest



Jenayah Elliot is a Jaru girl from Halls Creek, she is currently in Year 12 at Penrhos College. Jenayah has been given the wonderful opportunity to represent Western Australia in the 'Miss Teen Australia' pageant, this event will be held on the Gold Coast and Jenayah will compete against representatives from each state for the title of Miss Teen. Jenayah has already won the title of Miss Teen South Perth and has also taken part in community events such as, visiting animal havens, working with the elderly and helping at her local church.

Jenayah has decided to make the most of this opportunity not only to build her own self confidence but also because of her determination to be a positive Indigenous role model.

We are so very proud of Jenaya and will be following her Miss Teen journey!



Presbyterian Ladies College: Close the Gap Day



On Wednesday the 16th of March, Presbyterian Ladies College hosted their annual Close the Gap Day. Lyndi Bradshaw; PLC's Reconciliation Captain, began the day showcasing her personally created video. This video was cleverly represented by members of our very own PLC Indigenous community promoting awareness of what 'Close the Gap' really is and how every student at PLC can help.

Classes were given the opportunity to become involved in many activities including visiting the Oxfam stand, signing 'Close the Gap' petitions and making Indigenous friendship bands. At lunch, students were lucky enough to have the Indigenous students from Guildford Grammar School come and perform for our girls- this proved a very popular activity!

The day ended with over 200 signatures on the petition and an increased awareness of the struggles that currently exist for our Indigenous Australians.

The girls should be very proud of their efforts.





Future Leaders WRITING PRIZE 2016

The Future Leaders Writing Prize is designed to recognise and reward talented young writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing.

Year 11 and 12 students in Australian secondary schools are invited to submit a piece of writing (800 to 1,000 words).

The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic.

PRIZE

In 2016, the award winner will receive \$1,000. Where there is more than one winner the prize money will be shared.

The winners of the Future Leaders Writing Prize will have their work published.

SUBMISSIONS

Please send all submissions electronically in a word document by 1 June 2016 to helen@futureleaders.com.au

Future Leaders PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE 2016

The Future Leaders Photography Prize is designed to recognize talented young photographers.

Year 12 students are invited to submit digital photographic work (one photograph for each student). The work submitted can be on any theme. Submissions must include Student's Name, School and Year Level.

The finest photographic submissions will be featured on the Future Leaders Photography Gallery (www.futureleaders.com.au).

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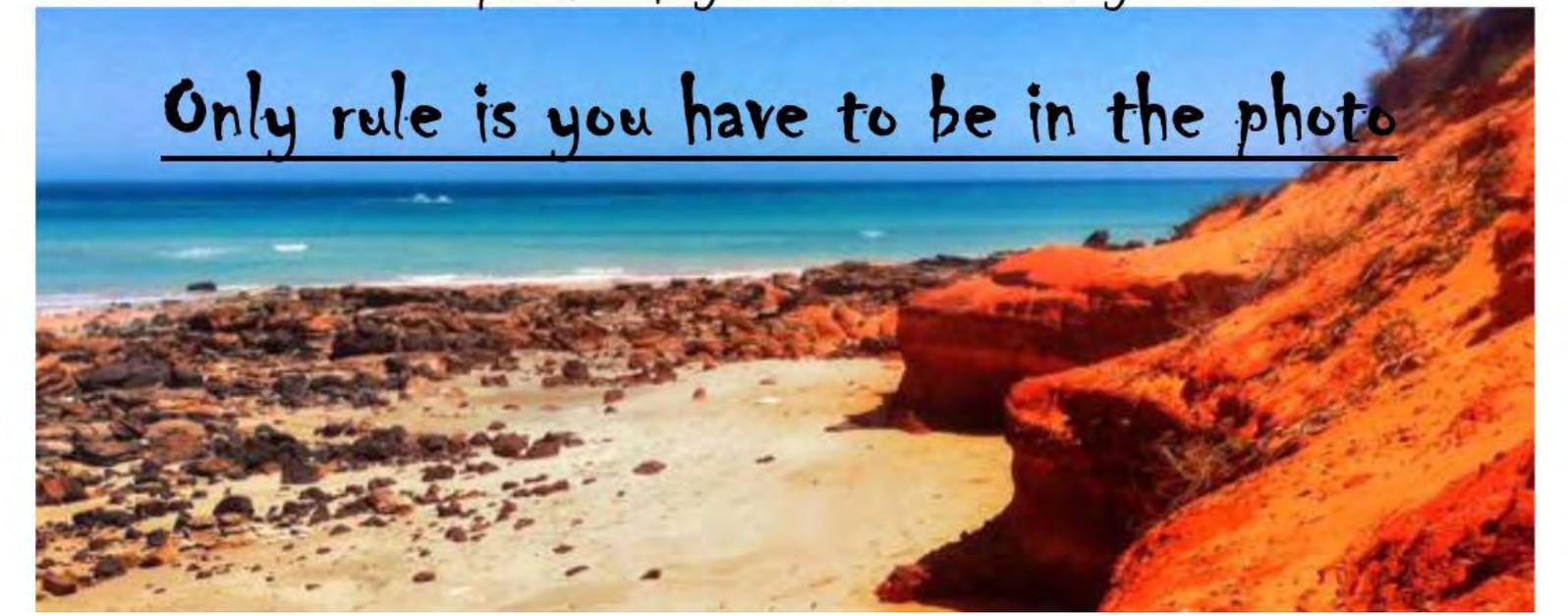
“*Doing Year 12 Photography made me realize that I could take another direction and succeed in a creative area in which I was very interested.*”
(Fine Arts Degree Graduate)



PHOTO COMPETITION

Win \$100

Tag me in a photo of you at home or
a photo of your home country

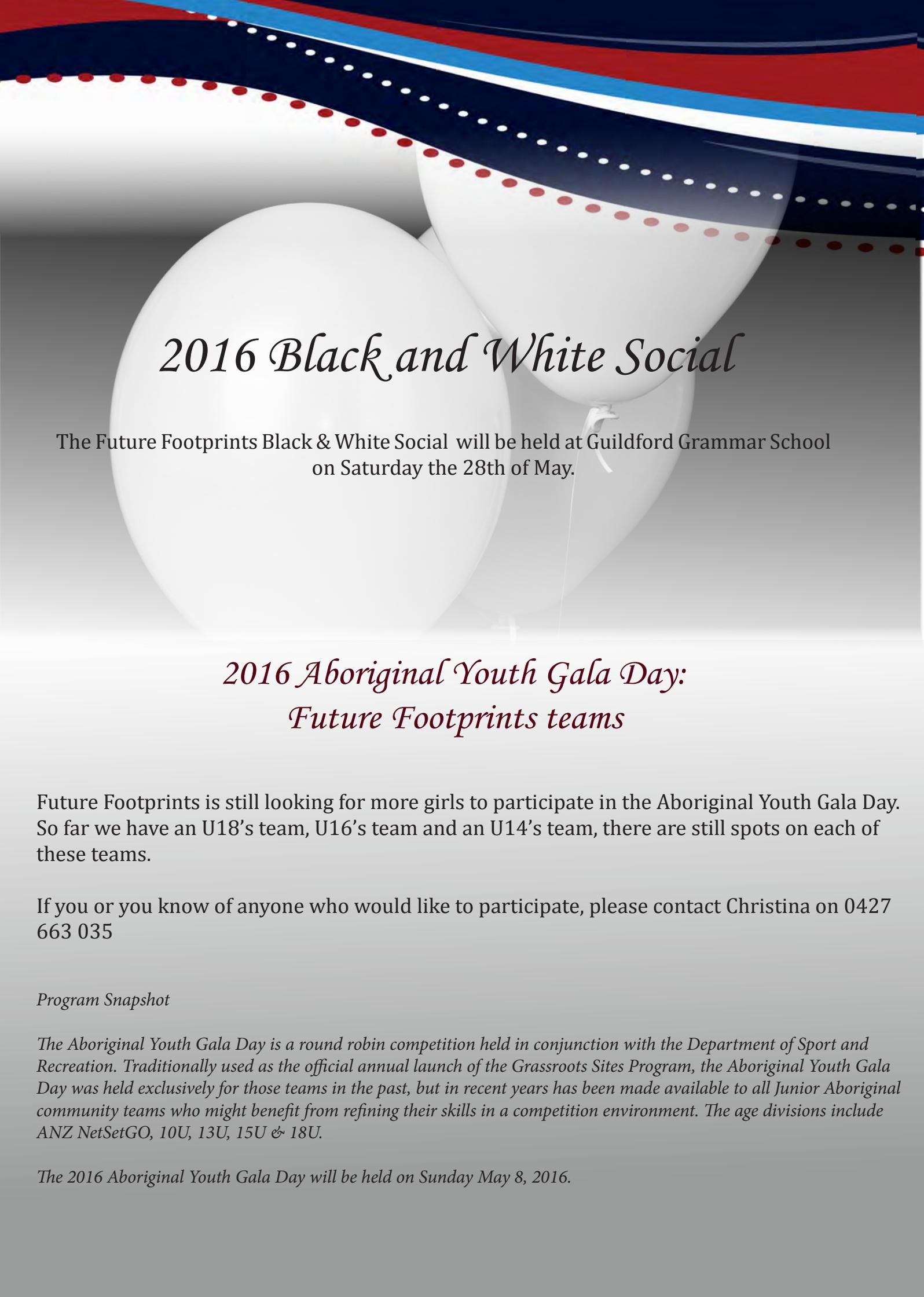


Only rule is you have to be in the photo

Future Footprints: My Country, My Home Photo Competition

Don't forget to get your photos in, just upload your photo to Facebook and tag Roni.
The lucky winner will win \$100 and a framed photo of the winning shot.

Entries close: 4pm Friday the 1st of July 2016.



2016 Black and White Social

The Future Footprints Black & White Social will be held at Guildford Grammar School on Saturday the 28th of May.

2016 Aboriginal Youth Gala Day: Future Footprints teams

Future Footprints is still looking for more girls to participate in the Aboriginal Youth Gala Day. So far we have an U18's team, U16's team and an U14's team, there are still spots on each of these teams.

If you or you know of anyone who would like to participate, please contact Christina on 0427 663 035

Program Snapshot

The Aboriginal Youth Gala Day is a round robin competition held in conjunction with the Department of Sport and Recreation. Traditionally used as the official annual launch of the Grassroots Sites Program, the Aboriginal Youth Gala Day was held exclusively for those teams in the past, but in recent years has been made available to all Junior Aboriginal community teams who might benefit from refining their skills in a competition environment. The age divisions include ANZ NetSetGO, 10U, 13U, 15U & 18U.

The 2016 Aboriginal Youth Gala Day will be held on Sunday May 8, 2016.



Upcoming events:

Future Footprints Events:

Student Council Meeting: Wednesday the 18th of May at Scotch College

Black and White Social: Saturday the 28th of May at Guildford Grammar School

Careers Expo: Monday the 27th of June

University Events:

Murdoch University

Key Note Speaker - Steven Oliver, ABC Black Comedy

NAIDOC Week: Challenging the SacredKulbardi Aboriginal Centre invites you, and your friends and family, to attend our NAIDOC event at Murdoch University. Join us as we challenge the sacred and embark on a journey to understand what it means to be a part of a truly ancient culture in 21st century Australia.

When: 9 July 2015, 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Where: Murdoch University, Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre

RSVP: kulbardi@murdoch.edu.au or call 08 9360 2128

The evening promises to be a wonderful night with drinks and delicious Indigenous inspired canapés, as well as a performance by talented musicians Lucy Peach and Murdoch student Jacob Wehr-Murphy. Ingrid Cumming and our two student essay winners will also be speaking on the night, as we challenge the sacred and explore what it means to be Aboriginal in the 21st century.

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2016 Rob Riley 20th Anniversary Memorial Lecture

Friday 13th of May, 6:00pm

Hosted by Ben Wyatt MLA for Victoria Park

The Centre for Aboriginal Studies invites you to the 2016 Rob Riley 20th Anniversary Memorial Lecture

Rob Riley was an Indigenous statesmen and leader of his people whose untimely death was mourned throughout Australia. Inspired by his conviction that Australia had to confront its history of dispossession of Aboriginal people from their lands and all that has flowed from it, Riley worked tirelessly to advance social justice and reconciliation with non-Indigenous Australia.

The Centre of Aboriginal Studies established the Rob Riley Memorial Lecture to keep upholding the memory of Western Australia's key Indigenous figures, the late Rob Riley.

This year's lecture will be hosted by Ben Wyatt MLA, Ben is the current Member for the seat of Victoria Park in the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia.

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