



2017 Term 4

Future Footprints



2017 has come to a close and what a year its been! We continue to enjoy our work supporting schools, students and families which is showcased in this newsletter.

Its been amazing supporting students on overseas trips, seeing them winning academic awards and being elected boarding house captains. Also terrific to watch as they excel on the sporting field.

Highlight of the year is congratulating a record sixty five graduating students in Year 12, after many years of study. It was also a privilege to have Ken Wyatt MP attend this years Dinner, who was very impressed. He congratulated the graduating class of 2017 on their education journey. Lisa and Roni also are extremely proud of the work we do in assisting students in making great choices leading to productive and fulfilling life decisions before, during and after graduation.

We will continue to support students post secondary and into employment and or further education.

Our first **Future Footprints** event in 2018 will be the **Welcome to Country** which is held in Kings Park on February 11 from 10am. All families are invited to attend.

Finally Lisa and Roni want to congratulate all the students and families on your commitment and effort in 2017 and to wish you a safe and enjoyable break. See you all in 2018.



Front Cover Pic:

Future Footprints Liaison Officer Ms Lisa Fieldhouse presenting William Bernard of Hale School with his Camp Leadership Award at the Future Footprints Year 12 Graduation Dinner 2017.



Wardanji Festival

Photo: Karla Hart 2017

Presbyterian Ladies College get creative!

Another incredible celebration of culture was held recently at the Fremantle Arts Centre. Wardanji continues to grow. It is an amazing opportunity for our schools and students to be involved in the sharing of our cultures. The students from Presbyterian Ladies College assisted Roni Forrest in creating a huge sand mural which was the base for the corroboree area. The girls story was of one of sharing cultures and of women and men coming together and gathering as one people.



The Gorna Liyarn students who participated on the day and later danced were Monique Smith, Zalailah Sampi, Tianna Bin Jacob, Asharnti Hicks, Shawana Ross, Jenny Carter, Cheyanne Prestedge and Sophia Short. They come from the Kimberley, the Pilbara, the Goldfields and from Noongar country.

The students were invited to also dance at the Corroboree and performed alongside seasoned dancers such as Wadumbah and Wesley College's Moorditj Mob.

St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls Inc NEWS



Year 12 students **Ammbigai Muir** and **Tenielle Morrison** and Year 11 student **Brohdi Woods** were selected to take part in the Work Experience in Government Program WEX 2017 in Canberra. WEX is designed to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to explore their career horizons in government and Parliament. The students spent the week meeting government ministers, going on interactive visits to the Australian Federal Police and Australian Defence Force, visiting national institutions, touring Parliament House, and attended a careers expo and forum. Aside seeing the plethora of career opportunities available, Ammbigai said the most important thing she took away from WEX was pride. "Be proud of who you are," she said.

Ammbi has also been selected to undertake study in the Pre Social Work Program at UNSW Nura Gili in Sydney for 4 weeks commencing in November, and has received an early offer into the Indigenous pre-medicine and Health Sciences program at Curtin University.

MEET THE SCHOOL COORDINATORS

Michael Ralph Christ Church Grammar School

Michael grew up in Waroona and Pinjarra in the South West of WA.

He commenced the role of Indigenous co coordinator in 2016, alongside his role as the school psychologist which he has been doing for the last 6 years at Christ Church Grammar School.

In his spare time Michael likes to surf and play AFL football and Cricket.

The Christ Church Grammar School's Indigenous program has produced many positive outcomes for boys. It is a small group that provides high levels of support and guidance for all the students and their families. The School's aim is to encourage the boys to be the best they can be academically, socially, emotionally and in the sporting field.



Meet the School Coordinators

Andrew Beck Guildford Grammar School

Andrew is a Ngadju Mirning Man who grew up mainly in the beautiful town of Esperance in the South West of Western Australia. He has been the Indigenous Program Coordinator for Guildford Grammar School for 6 years and previous to his role at GGS he worked at Madalah and Future Footprints. A big passion of his



is to share his culture with mainstream Australia so they can see the beauty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures. Andrew uses music and dance to help show case his Culture and help bring power to the younger generation. Andrew says, *"In everything I do, I remember that I am putting wood on the fire that my old people lit many years ago and for me to honour what they did is to keep the fire burning".*

Andrew is pictured above with his family during NAIDOC Celebrations in Esperance where we constructed a huge puppet of the Waaliitj and told the story of the Mandabooran (story of Frenchmans peak)



Carly Aitchison St Brigid's College

Carly has been the Aboriginal Student Coordinator for the past 2 years at St Brigid's College.

Previously Carly worked for the Attorney General's Canberra for 4 years and with the Department Aboriginal Affairs in Alice Springs for 6 years. Carly graduated from University of Western Australia with a Law Degree.

Carly is a Arrernte / Luritja Women from Central Australia and her interests are reading, studying, nature and beach walks, and she loves animals and wildlife.

Carly is a firm believer in the quote, *that if you are not willing to learn, no one can help you, if you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.* (Anonymous)



Meet the School Coordinators

Michael Bell Aquinas College

Michael is the Director of Indigenous Education at Aquinas College where he has worked for the past 27 years. Previously he has held positions as Head of Year 8 and 12, Head of Edmund House, Head of Society and Environment, Dean of Curriculum, Director of Indigenous Education. He has been in his current role for 5 years. He is passionate about boys' education, basketball, football, fishing and his family.

Michael believes of all the roles that he has undertaken whilst at Aquinas his current role working with Indigenous students and families is potentially his favourite. He attributes this feeling to the relationships that extend far beyond the school boundaries that he is able to forge as a result of his position. Michael sees education as the key to the future for the young Indigenous men under his guidance and is often heard when speaking to the boys saying 'Well here is the advice I would give to my own son....' It is this openness and insistence that all boys give of their best to all that they do that has seen the Aquinas College Indigenous program go from strength to strength.

....education is the key to the future for young Indigenous people.....



After completing practicums in the metropolitan area and Tardun Mission during the first two years and then was placed at St Mary's PS in Broome for her long-term practicum. This led to full-time employment there the following year.

Tracey lived in Broome for eleven years before moving to Perth with her two sons in 1994. Employed as a public servant at this time, most of her years were spent at Abstudy, where she was in charge of the Boarding portfolio right up until she commenced at PLC six years ago.

Tracey says she still loves to go back to the Kimberley every chance she gets, "*never having managed to get that red dirt right out of my system. Albany pulls me back home during the summer months. I guess my idea of the perfect existence would probably be to live up north during autumn, winter and spring and then to spend the summer down south in Albany which has an equal but totally different beauty*". Something to think about for the future because at the moment she is happy working at PLC with this group of strong and inspirational young women, twenty nine in all for 2018.

Tracey loves to read, go beach walking and catching up with family and friends, goes to the theatre every now and again and enjoys a good movie.



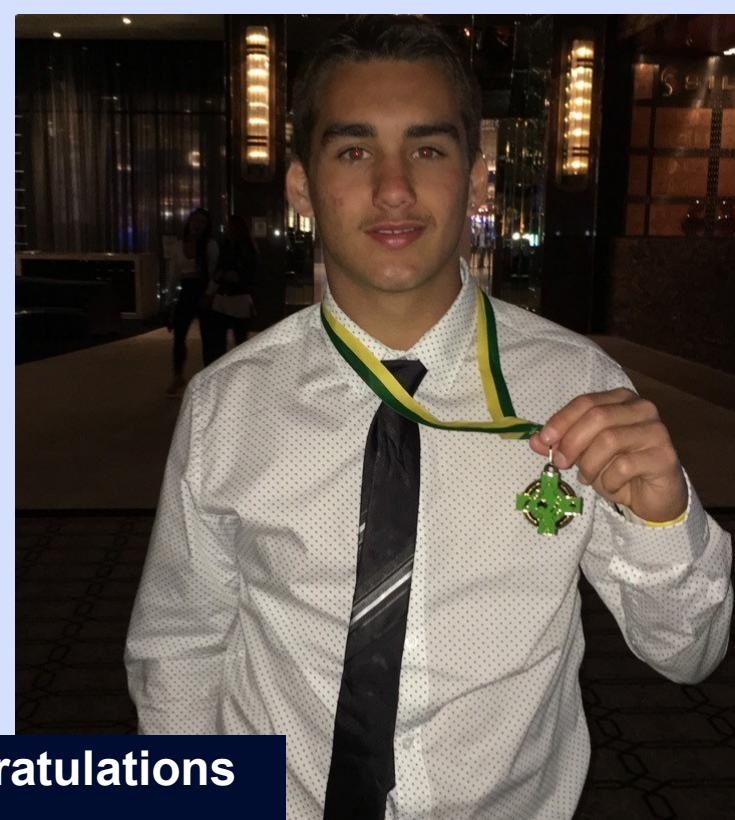
Comedy night with Mary G



Term 4 Student Gathering was a Comedy night hosted by Scotch College and co-sponsored by Madalah.

Everyone had tears rolling down their faces from the one and only Mary G, Queen of the Kimberley. In her indomitable style she convinced a few students to come on stage with her. She sang and danced the night away and was a great performer with a great message.

Future Footprints thanks Mary G and her team for her humour and support!



Congratulations

Iona Presentation College graduate 2014 Margaret Birch was recently awarded the 2017 Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) Indigenous Employment and Training Initiative Award for Australia.

Congratulations Margie from all at Future Footprints Schools.



Carmel College students Jai and Cleveland went over to Carmel Primary School to play the didgeridoo with Andrew Beck to celebrate NAIDOC day. The boys enjoyed the day.

During the October School holidays Simon Hayward from Guildford Grammar was asked to try out for the U18 State Gaelic Football team.

This was a new experience for Simon, who had never played Gaelic football before this try out. Not only did Simon get selected for the team, he went on to win the U18 All Australian medallion.

It has been a great year for Simon, as he was also elected Guildford Grammar School Prefect for 2018.

Additionally, Simon has also been selected to attend the Raise the Bar Academy in January 2018 at the University of Melbourne.

The 'Raise the Bar' academy assists students excel in every aspect of their life. The residential camp will help elevate ambitions to pursue a university degree and continue participating in athletics.

Well done Simon





WA Police Force Cadetship Program – Information Session



Saturday, 9th December 2017 10:00am-12:00pm

North Metropolitan TAFE – Koolark Centre

Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge (see map on page 2)

The Aboriginal Cadet Program has been developed to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth to seek a career in policing.

The WA Police Force are currently seeking applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, between the age of 17 and 25, who are looking for an exciting opportunity to develop their skills and experience and commence the Aboriginal Cadet Program.

This group of cadets will be deployed to police stations where they will gain exposure to a range of unique policing activities and receive important job related training, including access to mentors to assist them in reaching their potential. In addition, cadets based in the metropolitan area will attend formal class based training, provided in partnership with North Metropolitan TAFE, to gain a nationally accredited qualification on successful completion of the course.

Limited positions are available, so if you are:

- **of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and**
- **17 to 25 years of age (by the application closing date)**

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of this exciting program which will commence 28 May 2018.

If you are, or if you know of a young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander who would be interested in this new and exciting opportunity, please encourage them to attend the information session at **North Metropolitan TAFE – Koolark Centre, Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge** for further information or go to www.stepforward.wa.gov.au

Applications are currently open and are due to close **Friday 22 December 2017 at 4:00pm**.



Penrhos College News

Azaeli Pitt celebrated her graduation from College with Year 12 Flower Day.

Prinicpal Meg Melville says, “Azaeli has made a huge impact in the school and also impressed us all by designing her own Aboriginal hockey jumper for the Indigenous Round”.

Celebrating Flower Day with Azaeli are Brooklyn Roberts, Tessa Collard & Linzey Roberts.

Penrhos College wish her every success. She will be missed by all at Penrhos.

This year Penrhos College staff and students have kindly donated *Homeless Hygiene Care Packs* and blankets to distribute to the homeless. The packs and blankets were greatly received by the women Roni distributed them to in the city. Thank you Penrhos College



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Guildford Grammar School NEWS



The Guildford Grammar School Boodjar Bidi dancers toured Brisbane, they also visited Fairholme College in Toowoomba as part of their Tour.

The Boodjar Bidi dancers also were asked to perform alongside WASO for the 2017 Asia-Pacific Regional Conference, the attendees included the Hon Malcom Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of Australia, Mr Frank-Walter Steinmeier, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Western Australia's Premier Hon. Mark McGowan and Senator Penny Wong.

Congratulations

Joe Hinder who received the Guildford Grammar School Honours for Sporting achievement at GGS. Joe also won selection in WA AFL State 17s and 18s.

Graydon Wilson for selection in the WA AFL State 17s.

Durack Tucker for being selected in WA AFL State 18s.





Perth College News

Indigenous students lead the way

Perth College's Indigenous students have participated in the AIME mentoring programme for the first time this year. It is co-ordinated by university students who support them. Perth College girls in Years 9 and 10 have been given their own opportunity to become mentors, having to complete a set of tasks that challenged our persistence and dedication. PC girls who completed the AIME programme in 2017 were eligible to receive a hoodie – a great incentive.

Emily Kimm, a Year 9 student, has written a short paragraph about the AIME mentoring programme at Perth College

Aspirational students from Perth College

Donita Drage, a Year 10 boarder from South Hedland, has been chosen to act as a boarding mentor in 2018.

Tyla Bellotti who is in year 9 and boarding at Perth College, has been selected to play in the under-18 state Indigenous netball team. Tyla's first game will be played in Queensland in the January school holidays.





Carmel Adventist College Awards

Bella Beck from Carmel Adventist College achieved the 2017 Runner up under 17 champion girl.

Bella was also elected Carmel Adventist College prefect and sports captain for 2018.

Congratulations

St Brigid's College students excel

Jadzia Abraham (left) and Jayda Baron (right) have been setting high standards at St Brigid's College.

Jadzia, as outgoing *Deputy Head Boarder* and the recipient of the *Indigenous Leader for 2017*. Jayda is the incoming *Head Boarder for 2018*. Both girls are trail blazers in their own right. SBC in her own modest way. We look forward to seeing her grow into the positive role model and leader we know she can be. Jadzia is a strong confident

Noongar Woman who embedded her charismatic personality into St Brigid's College life. Jayda a Yamatji Woman from Geraldton, is a new comer to SBC just this year. Jayda is an quiet achiever who is making her presence felt here at St Brigid's College in her own modest way. We look forward to seeing her grow into the positive role model and leader we know she can be.





Student Council News

The Term 4 2017 student council meeting Pictured above is the first Future was the end of an era. Students and School Footprints student council meeting with Coordinators have decided to hold more Lisa Fieldhouse and David Mander of social gatherings rather than the formal Future Footprints in 2006. Student Council meetings.

The Term 4 2017 student council was hosted by St Catherine's College, commonly referred to as "St Cats". This was a great evening with the students being able to "speed date" the *Dandjoo Darbalung* students who live at St Cats.

The students had 3 minutes to ask any questions of the *Dandjoo Darbalung* students, where they came from, how they survived high school, how they survived home sickness, why they choose the course they did. The feedback from our student were they really enjoyed that the *Dandjoo Darbalung* students shared their personal experiences. Student then went on a tour of St Cats, and even went down the slide that takes you from the first floor to the ground floor!. One student was so impressed and motivated by the *Dandjoo Darbalung* students that he now wants to attend university to become a Youth Worker.

Our student councillors included, Guildford Grammar School 2006 Graduate Luke Reidy who recently completed the New York Marathon, PLC 2008 Graduate Janni Thomas is now a Mechanical Fitter and Iona Presentation College 2008 Graduate Abby-Rose Cox.

The student council was formed in 2006 was to encourage students to explore and discuss different career and tertiary pathways, give students a leadership opportunity as well as to be proactive in guiding Future Footprints staff in identifying areas where students require support (from the students' perspective). Since this time student numbers have increased, schools have employed Indigenous Co-ordinators and the Future Footprints Career Expo has expanded, thus changing the role and need of the student council. Students now have leadership opportunities in their schools and students are also receiving an increased support from the schools. So therefore the student council has been changed to allow for more opportunities for peer support networks to be increased.



Where are they now?

One of the many outcomes of the Future Footprints program has been the development of family structures within schools. The program understood many years ago that developing great relationships based on Aboriginal families was the key to allaying homesickness and alienation sometimes felt at boarding school. It is wonderful to see these relationships kept strong by supporters such as St Catherine's residential college. Students who are resident here have already developed family relationships at secondary school, therefore the transition to future study/work is made easier by knowing all other the other residents. Pictured above are graduates of Future Footprints program which supported them through secondary schooling.

- Aquinas College graduate 2016 **Jai Reidy** is studying Bachelor of Science UWA
- Hale School 2016 graduate **Kody Allan** is studying Sports Science at UWA
- Hale School 2016 graduate **Nik Stanley** is studying B. Commerce at UWA.
- Christ Church Grammar School graduate 2016 **Will Fong** is studying Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Finance and economics at UWA and
- Christ Church Grammar School graduate 2010 **Ronald Bin Swani** is studying a double degree in Accounting and Exercise Health at UWA.

Out n About in Schools



LOCK IN THESE DATES

2018 Event Planner

Term 1

Sunday 11 February 10am – 1pm Welcome to Country
Thursday 1 March – Monday 5 March Mid Term Camp
Sunday 18 March Year 12 Wadjemup Tour

Term 2

Saturday 19 May 6pm – 9pm Black & White Social
Thursday 31 May – Monday 4 June Mid Term Camp
Monday 25 June 5.30pm – 8pm Career Expo

Term 3

Sunday 12 August 1pm – 3pm Ice-skating
Thursday 13 September 6pm – 8pm Yr 12 Grad Dinner

Term 4

Saturday 3 November 6pm - -9pm Year 7, 8, 9 & 10
River Cruise

*Wishing everyone happy &
safe holidays*



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