2018 Term 3

Future Footprints Newsletter



Hi All,

Term 3 was very busy for Future Footprints, with many schools holding their NAIDOC events.

St Mary's Anglican Girls' School students participated in many events culminating in a huge sand mural created by Future Footprints. The girls helped Roni and Lisa create the mural with the theme '*Because of her, we can*' [see front cover pic].

All the girls participated in an assembly where Karla Hart performed a Noongar creation dance celebrating women and the Junior School students performed their Aboriginal dances. Everyone enjoyed the day which was complete with a bush food luncheon.

Year 12 Graduation Dinner was held at Aquinas with 63 participating students. An awesome achievement for students, families and schools.

Future Footprints teamed up with Madalah who co-hosted the event held at Aquinas College.

The very popular Black & White Social was held at Presbyterian Ladies' College this year. Students and invited schools all enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to all who dressed up for the occasion in black and white outfits.

A very busy, very enjoyable and delightful fun term full of activities.

Roni & Lisa

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Methodist Ladies' College Junior School Naming Ceremony & Blessing

With the assistance of Noongar Elders, Roni Forrest was able to assist Methodist Ladies' College Junior School with the naming of several of the new Early Learning Centre classrooms with Noongar names thus paying respect to the local Whadjuk people and land.

Whadjuk Elders Marie Taylor, Simon Forrest, Katie Bennell & George Walley attended the ceremony. The outdoor play area was also named *Wanjoo Mia* meaning 'welcome place' and *Coolangar Warbiny* meaning 'children playing'. Marie Taylor gave the area a blessing and a smoking ceremony was carried out to recognise new beginnings for the school. Elder Katie Bennell presented a beautiful painting to the school to recognise the day.

The Junior School Choir sang a song in Noongar language to the absolute delight of George Walley who translated the Bernard Rooney song, 'Pass the Song Along'.

To complete the amazing morning, Emma Castle of *Grayz*, an Indigenous catering company created wonderful bush tucker flavoured treats with the students and it was enjoyed by all.



Term 3 included another amazing camp at Two Rocks in a luxury house "Blue Fox Haven", with its own pool and only 5 minutes from the beach.

Students had a choice of various activities and places to visit.

We were very fortunate to have the famous puppeteer Karen Hethey stay with us for the four days on the camp. With Karen's help we created a horror comedy video. Flaming took place all weekend with the students creating the story, doing the filming and performing in the video. Their storyline started when someone stole a rock from Crystal Cave at Yanchep National Park. Over the weekend there was lots of mysterious happenings and events that occurred, in order for students to figure out the plot and return the rock.

We had a night on the Deadly Cruise Ship with a hat making competition, wood fired pizza and cocktails made by future teacher Blake Stanton.

The hat competition was won by Zalailah Sampi for her "bun warmer".

All staff and students voted Blue Fox Haven as a definite place to hold another camp at.



Garma Festival

This year Roni & Lisa were very privileged to attend the Garma Festival. The festival was originally held as a music and dance festival for all local clan groups across Arnhem Land and is held at Gulkula in Central Arnhem Land. The festival is now a premier Aboriginal festival with an educational and political focus. The theme for the festival was truth-telling, which allowed communities to speak openly about the challenges of education in remote communities and the impact of health and suicide. In the workshops, youth spoke about the effects of Drug and Alcohol, Education Politics and Health,



Two-Way Learning, Constitutional Recognition and Treaty. Other workshops included cultural tourism, ranger programs and environmental issues e.g. sea rights.

Visitors and participants camp in tents supplied with sleeping bags and a blow up mattress. Many activities are held throughout the five day event and include basket weaving, bush medicines and workshops with the women.

The highlight of the festival are the ceremonial dances performed each day at 4pm. Men and women perform highly significant traditional ceremonial dances alongside their children and invite participants to join in. The dance ceremonies are called Bungull and lots of people participate in them. A perfect way of sharing culture.

Another highlight of the event is the opening of the **Gapan Gallery.** This is where guests are invited to sit under the darkness around trees painted with white ochre. In the stillness of the night women start singing with yidaka, telling the stories of the paintings.

After five wonderful days participating in a total cultural immersion experience, we returned to Perth.







Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Sixty three students graduated at the combined Future Footprints & Madalah Graduation Dinner this year.

A wonderful evening was hosted by Aquinas College.

The guest speaker for the evening was Old Aquinian Jiah Reidy who gave an incredibly inspiring speech on his life as a boarder and students at the College and his educational journey since graduation. At Aquinas, Jiah was

the athletics captain and captain of boarding. He won many accolades from his time at Aquinas and is now studying Bachelor of Exercise & Health and in his spare time playing WAFL league football for Swan Districts.

Students were presented with certificates and prizes were awarded by Future Footprints and Madalah for high achieving students.

Miles Bateman performed wonderfully in the role as the MC for the evening.





Class of 2018

Nelson Alley | Zaine Atwell | Jesse Andrews | Jayda Baron | Isabella Beck | Elijah Bennell | Tian Brahim | Tarkyn Brogan-Henry | Tiah Brookes | Piper Brown | Cleveland Callow | Cheyanne Carter | Sarscha Chisholm | Camden Christensen | Chayse Clarke | Arthur Corunna | Jai Davis | Jesse Da Costa | Monique Darcy | Kristopher Dixon | Elysia Douglas | Levi Duykers | Daniel Dzubiel | Reece Eades | Siahn Ejai | Ethan Fullgrabe | Simon Hayward | Kyle Imlah | Tyler James | Jai Jenke | Isaac Jones | Gianna Lawrence | Khiaecia Laidlaw | Royce Lee | Blayde Mager | Jaxon Mallard | Abby Marney-Whitby | Justine Matsumoto | Jordon McCallum | Hezekiah McCorry | Rueben McGuire Angelina Mene | Leilani Minniecon | Jordon Mouda Hughes | Gertrude O'Meara | Jack Orr | Sabian Parker | Nadiya Paul | Skye Rogers | Josephine Sabbioni Miller | Jack Slade | Kristen Smith | Scott Smith | Conner Souey | Lachlan Thomas | Jordon Tolputt | Charlie Tracey | Nikki Trigwell | Rhani Valentine | Taylah Verbruggen | Alistair

Williams | Brohdi Woods

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Future Footprints Year 12 Award Winners

Academic Success Kyle Imlah Scotch College

Academic Achievement Siahn Ejai Presbyterian Ladies' College

Sports Star Simon Hayward Guildford Grammar School

Camp Leadership Award Gertrude O'Meara St Brigid's College



Madalah Leadership Hward Winners

Isabella Beck Carmel Adventist College Zaine Atwell SEDA

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Curtin University Honours Future Footprints Students

In 2018, five Year 12 graduates were awarded Curtin University Indigenous Partnership's Recommendation Award Scholarships.

Congratulations to the following students:

Tian Brahim from Margaret River graduated from St Brigid's College and studying B.Science (Health Sciences) degree.

Jesse Andrews from Kondinin and graduated from Iona Presentation College applied to do B.Science (Nursing).

Piper Brown from Perth graduated from Santa Maria College and has applied for B.Science (Medicine).

Cheyanne Carter from Broome graduated from Iona Presentation College and enrolled in B.Science (Nursing) and

Isabella Beck from Perth graduated from Carmel Adventist College and will enrol in B.Education (Secondary).

Congratulations!





Presbyterian Ladies' College Reconciliation Week



Presbyterian Ladies' College held their Reconciliation Week in Term 3.

Young Indigenous performer Bo-Jesse McGregor performed several songs for the girls who thoroughly enjoyed his performance. Roni helped the girls create a very meaningful sand mural with the theme of truth and healing. The mural depicts Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people joined in a symbol of love, radiating out to the community.

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Wesley College NAIDOC Assembly

Roni helped the Moorditj Mob students create a sand mural to use as a stage for their cultural dance at the NAIDOC assembly this year.

The boys wanted to honour their mothers, grandmothers, sisters and aunties on the theme 'Because of her, we can!'. They created an eye-catching mural which they danced on.





Aquinas College NAIDOC

Lisa and Ana attended Aquinas College this term to assist in the development of various cultural activities for NAIDOC 2018. They created a mural with the Junior School and a larger one with the Senior School.

The Senior School mural was developed on the lawns and was a great focal point for visitors. It depicted the College as an inclusive community, liberating education, justice and solidarity and spirituality.

The school assembly was held with former student Jiah Reidy as the keynote speaker.

Guest parents and families were treated to an amazing delicious bush tucker luncheon in the staff room.

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Guildford Grammar School News

NAIDOC Assembly

Gina & Guy performed at the recent NAIDOC assembly at the school. Gina sang most of the songs in Noongar language. PLC students performed a cultural dance also.

A highlight of the Assembly was Corbyn Bevan singing Nyul -Nyul Girl. He received thunderous applause from his fellow students for his rendition of the song.

Dookoorniny

The school is excitedly planning for the Dookoorniny story telling and performing arts workshops for Term 4. Students are working with puppeteer Karin to make puppets to be used in the stories on the concert night.

Joseph Hinder Competes in the AFL Grand Final Sprints

Joseph Hinder, a graduate of Guildford Grammar School recently competed in the half-time sprints at the AFL grand Final in Melbourne.

Roni was there to witness him compete but he missed out in running in the finals. Well done Joseph.

Aurora Scholar Dylan Collard

Another graduate of Guildford, Dylan Collard embarked on an Aurora Scholarship to visit Universities in the USA and UK. Having completed his law degree at UWA, Dylan went into teaching and just completed his Masters in Education from Deakin University and is teaching at Balga SHS.

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What a brilliant night we had at this year's B&W Social.

The night was full of drama with the fire alarm causing an evacuation and students filing out onto the main oval—until the firemen got things under control. It did not seem to be a major issue and it was a respite from all of the dancing.

Lisa organised fabulous pizza and drinks which was most enjoyable.

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Prizes were awarded for the best dressed male and best dressed female which was won by Issy from Presbyterian Ladies' College and Beau from Guildford Grammar School.

By far the most popular award is for the overall best dancer and this year Lehm Bradshaw won by popular vote.

A photo booth was set up for students to take their photos on the night and in the following social pages you see the results.

A great night enjoyed by all, including other invited schools and hostels. The B&W Social is always a popular event on the Future Footprints Calendar.









Photo: Roni Forrest with Noongar artist Jenny Knapp creating artworks with PLC Junior School

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