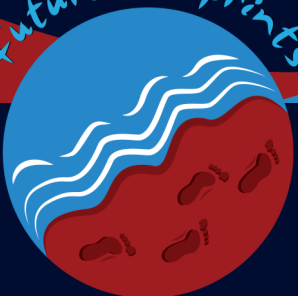




2019 Term 3

Future Footprints




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**Future Footprints
Newsletter**

From the Future Footprints Team



In this edition of the newsletter we are as busy as ever. Celebrating NAIDOC with participating schools through, the creation of a variety of sand murals, assemblies and other activities involving many year groups as well as both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal students. NAIDOC is always a highlight of our year, we just love spending that time with students celebrating Aboriginal culture and helping them to share their pride with the rest of the school.

We also had a fantastic time celebrating the graduation of 62 students at Wesley College. Year 12 is such an achievement and we look forward to seeing where these bright young students go in the future.

We had another lovely mid-term break, we absolutely love spending time with the students in a closer environment that allows bonds to form and relationships to develop.

We look forward to Term 4 meeting new students for next year and supporting the Year 12's transitioning onto greater things.



Goodbye Maria Dzubiel.

It is with regret we say goodbye to one of the Future Footprints Team. Maria Dzubiel of Perth College is moving on to other endeavours.

Our team wish you well
Maria.



Photo courtesy of St Mary's Anglican Girls' School

St Mary's Anglican Girls' School celebrated NAIDOC on July 25 with a sand mural, which was the feature of their assembly and where local Noongar families danced as a highlight. Future Footprints' Lisa Fieldhouse held a "you can't ask that" in the library for students to engage and learn more about Aboriginal culture. St Mary's students face painted and the school enjoyed delicious bush tucker at lunchtime.



Aquinas College NAIDOC



Aquinas College held their NAIDOC celebrations in the last week of July, beginning with a sand mural made by Lisa Fieldhouse, Katelyn Stubberfield, and Aquinas students. The junior school participated in activities centred around Aboriginal culture, assisted with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Aquinas College and Santa Maria College. The staff vs Aboriginal students lunchtime basketball game was a highlight that the staff won at the last second. Roni Forrest helped the Aboriginal students make kangaroo stew for the school's lunch. The week concluded with a NAIDOC assembly where Professor Simon Forrest spoke on the theme of NAIDOC and the importance of truth telling. Guests and community members were invited to a delicious bush tucker themed lunch in the staff room following the assembly.





Hale School NAIDOC

Hale School celebrated NAIDOC on the 5th and 6th of July, with a sand mural and a special NAIDOC Assembly. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students helped Future Footprints staff create the mural, and Year 7 and 8 classes also joined in. The design is based on the school football jersey designed for the Indigenous Round. The Assembly featured a Welcome to Country by Shawn Nannup, speeches from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and dances from the Presbyterian Ladies' College dance group.



Scotch College NAIDOC



Scotch College Aboriginal students had so much fun this term creating a sand mural with Roni Forrest. The student's designed their story to reflect their home countries. The design also paid respect to the Whadjuk people on whose land the boarding school is located on.

When the Junior School students visited the students explained what each part of the mural meant. They created a boab tree to represent the Kimberley regions of which most hail from.

Methodist Ladies' College NAIDOC



Methodist Ladies' College celebrated NAIDOC with a sand mural and an assembly on August 1st. The mural design is based on the naming of a building in the junior school. The middle meeting place *wanjoo mia* is surrounded by the elements earth/land *boodja*, water *kep*, and fire *karla*.

Year 4 and 5 classes came outside during the making and listened to Lisa Fieldhouse give talks on the symbols used in Aboriginal art and the traditional use of sand murals in celebrations and lore business.





Penrhos College NAIDOC

Penrhos College held their NAIDOC Assembly on July 30. Aboriginal choir Madjitil Moorna performed songs in English and Noongar with the students, and many of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Penrhos spoke at the assembly .

Students' families travelled down for the assembly, as part of the Special Purpose Visit from ABSTUDY. Families please be reminded there are three of these available each year to use to visit students in Perth, which can be used for events such as NAIDOC, sports carnivals, parent/teacher interviews, and graduation.





Carmel Adventist College NAIDOC

Carmel Adventist College students created a wonderful sand mural for their NAIDOC week activity this year. The College invited Roni Forrest to facilitate the mural that T'Leah Utting respectfully designed. The design depicted the stories of three groups of students at the school. The *Nyarluma* students from the Pilbara created a theme of bush tucker from the coastal region of fish and turtle. The *Banjima* students created a story of rock art and waterholes. The students of the *Jungala* group created their story of an emu and a special snake with connecting waterholes. The students really enjoyed this activity and were very proud to retell their stories.





Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Future Footprints was pleased to celebrate the graduation of 62 Year 12 students on Thursday 29 August. A beautiful dinner was hosted by Wesley College, whose students performed a fantastic Welcome to Country dance.

Guest speeches were done by Jenaya Elliott, a Jaru woman from Halls Creek who currently works as a Global Mobility Analyst with Woodside and Dylan Collard, a Wadjak-Ballardong Noongar man currently teaching Noongar language, English, and Humanities and Social Sciences at Balga Senior High School.





Year 12 Graduation Dinner Cont.



Future Footprints Award Winners

Future Footprints is pleased to give three awards this year, with generous support from Lavan and Uni Hall.

This year's winners:

Amos Smith – Lavan Excellence Achievement (right)

Latoya Jones – Uni Hall Academic Award (below left)

Charlie Thomas – Lavan Academic Award (below right)



Curtin Scholarship Winners

Future Footprints has a fantastic partnership with Curtin University, and we are pleased to award five scholarships with their help each year.

This year's recipients:

Cameron Anderson

Jaaron Davis

Mikayla Morrison

Nakeisha Munungurr

Tyrah Kelly

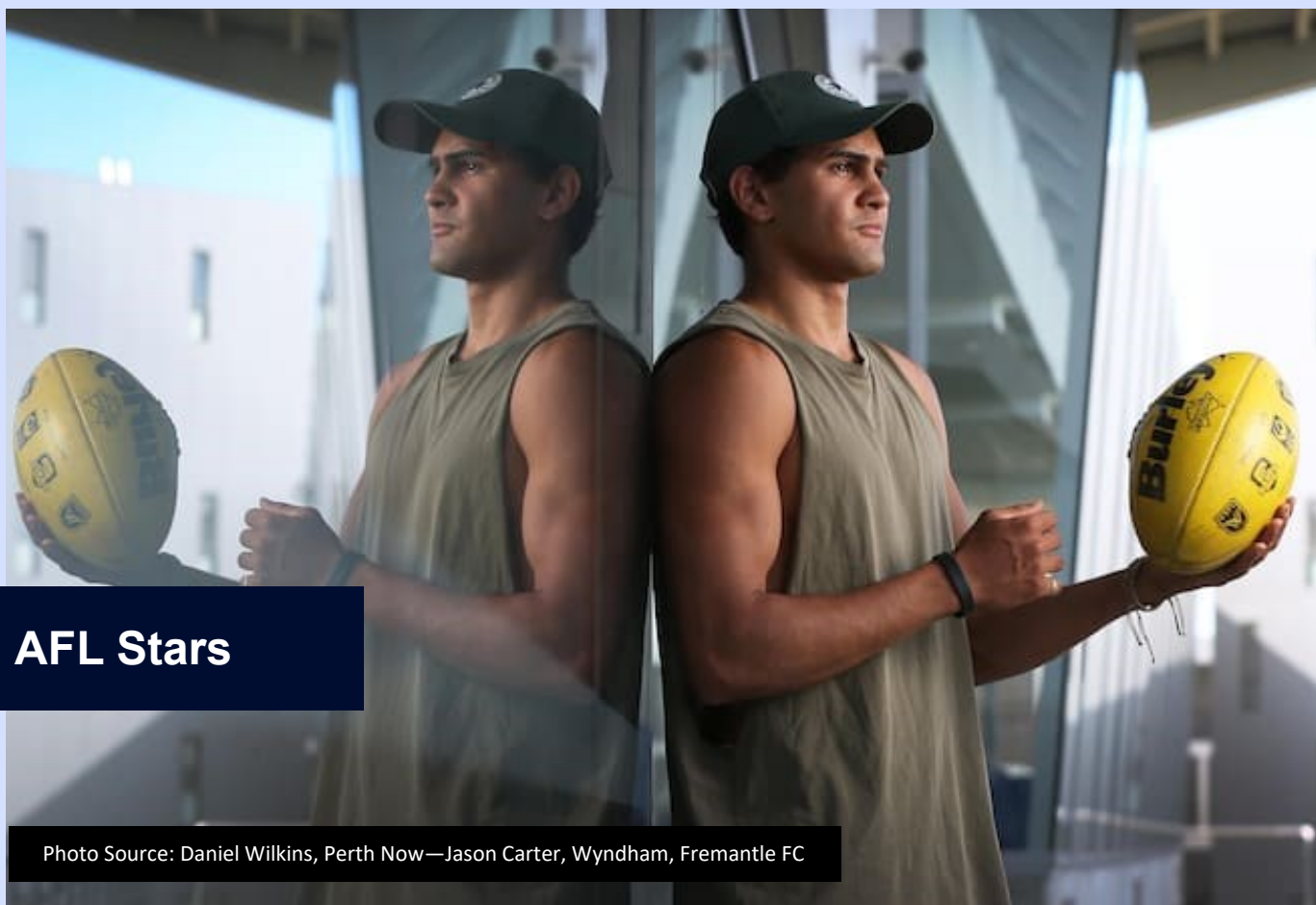


Reconciliation Week at Presbyterian Ladies' College



Reconciliation Week at Presbyterian Ladies' College this year, saw the students assisted by Roni Forrest to create another huge sand mural in the courtyard. The theme was *grounded in truth*, so students created a huge tree with roots depicting their voices and truths grounded in reconciliation. On completion of the mural students gave a workshop to the Kindergarten class and explained the story about their lives at home, coming to boarding school and taught them cultural dances which they all enjoyed very much.





AFL Stars

Photo Source: Daniel Wilkins, Perth Now—Jason Carter, Wyndham, Fremantle FC

Future Footprints has seen an amazing group of young men go on to the bigger AFL stage.

Congratulations to the following stars:

- Jason Carter (Aquinas College) Fremantle FC
- Shane McAdam (Hale School) Adelaide Crows FC
- Jarrod Cameron (Aquinas College) West Coast Eagles FC
- Quinton Narkle (Wesley College) Geelong FC
- Shae Bolton (Wesley College) Richmond FC
- Sam Powell Pepper (Wesley College) Port Adelaide FC
- Durack Tucker (Guildford Grammar School) Sydney Swans FC
- Liam Henry (Christ Church Grammar School) Fremantle FC

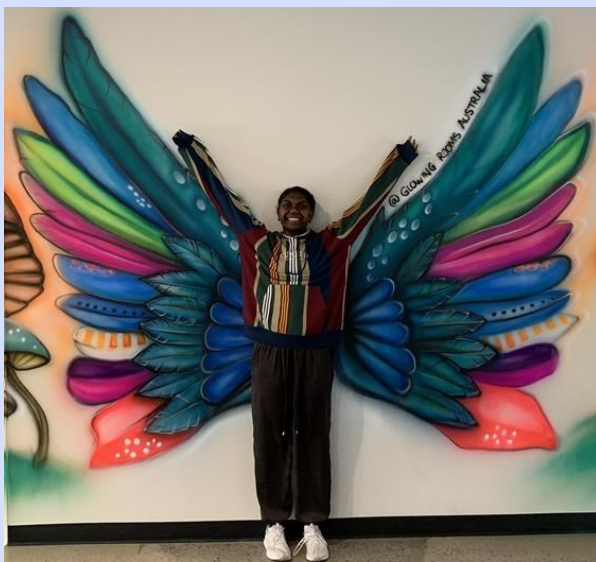




Term 3 Midterm Camp

We had a beautiful family atmosphere at our Term 3 boarders' mid-term camp, with eight students in Rockingham. Students enjoyed many activities, including laser tag, trampoline arena, glowing mini golf, bowling, ice skating and the cinema.

Students loved the home-made food and visits from the Future Footprints family dogs, Labrador Waffles and Mini Dachshund Mousse.





Santa Maria held an unveiling ceremony on Wednesday 18 for their Acknowledgement of Country plaque. The plaque is situated at the front entrance of the school, so everybody will see it as they arrive. Many important members of the school and Reconciliation community attended the ceremony, as well as families of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The plaque is designed from a painting designed by the Aboriginal students and opened to paint by the whole school during the May Sorry Day celebrations.

Santa Maria Unveiling





Christ Church Learning on Country

Roni Forrest has been working with the Christ Church Grammar School Kindergarten on Aboriginal culture and learning. Below is a story by Miss McKenzie:

Roni Forrest or Nanna Roni as she is called by the boys, recently visit the kindergarten class and took us to the river and taught us some new Aboriginal words, such as 'beeliar' which means 'river' and she told us that the Aboriginal name for the 'Swan River' is the 'Derbarl Yerrigan'. Nanna Roni explained that the Derbarl Yerrigan is important to her family and to her ancestors and that it is important to connect to the beeliar whenever we visit. She explained to us how we could connect and, guided us to remove our shoes and put our feet in the sand to connect to the earth. We used our senses to look, listen, feel, taste and experience our river space. Once we were connected to the space, it was time to pay our respect and let the spirits know that we were friends. We learned to show our respect to the river and the spirits by giving it a gift of a handful of sand when we visit. We are going to do that every time we go. Back in the classroom, Nanna Roni read us the story 'Emo the Emu' which was a funny story about an emu travelling around Australia. She then showed us some beautiful hand-painted rocks that she made for us. We each had to reach our hand into the basket and let a rock choose us. We absolutely love our rocks and have been carrying them around like treasures all afternoon. Nanna Roni will continue to work with us over the term as we explore our connection to the beeliar.

Jigalong Visit

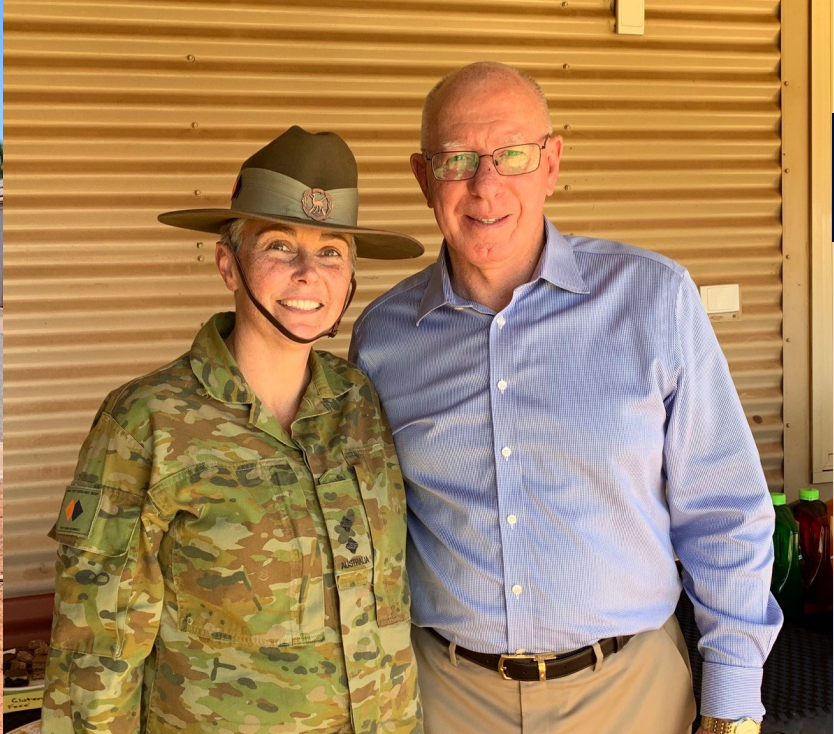
In Early September Lisa headed off to the Pilbara to take part in the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme (AACAP) in Jigalong, on her way she caught up with Future Footprints student's parents in Newman.

Once in Jigalong, Lisa had the chance to catch up with Carmel 2019 graduate Tate Farmer's family. Lisa also caught up with the Jigalong Remote Community School's canteen manager who is Michael Spratt's (Wesley College Alumni and now staff member) cousin Ezra. Lisa also had the opportunity to speak to the Chief of Army Lieutenant General Richard Maxwell Burr, AO, DSC, MVO about AISWA's Future Footprints program, as well as try some witchetty grubs.





Karratha Visit



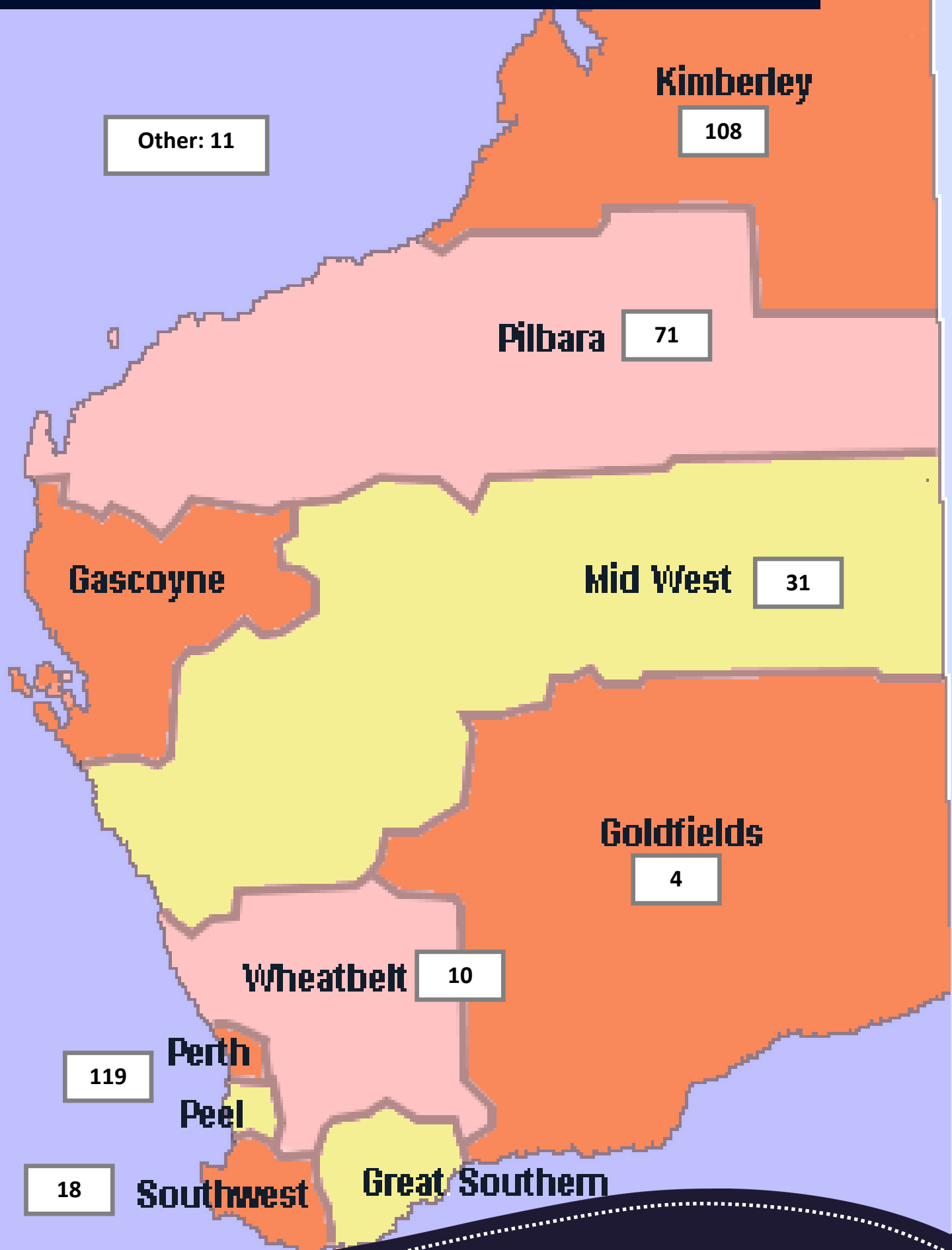
In September Lisa Fieldhouse was in Karratha for a meeting with the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd) and his wife, Mrs Linda Hurley. Lisa discussed her roles in both the Future Footprints Program and as Aboriginal Liaison Officer in the Pilbara Regiment.

Lisa presented the Governor General with a glass of Coolamon made by the Wesley College Aboriginal Moorditj Mob students. She also presented a tie made by the Christ Church Grammar School Aboriginal students from their 'Tied To Culture' collection. Mrs Hurley received a scarf made by the Penrhos College Aboriginal students as part of their Ngala Mayan collection, designed by Lytoni Cheinmora. It's theme is Sea Turtles. Lytoni states "Turtles are an ancestral being in Broome, I take part in traditional turtle hunting with my uncles and cousins. We are always careful to not take too many and follow important rules."

Lisa also visited some of our Alumni families in Roebourne, Michael Woodley and Lorraine Coppin.



Where do Future Footprints Students Come From?



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