

YIRARA COLLEGE  
YEARBOOK

Mulapa  
1981



# CALENDAR FOR 1981

## MARCH

- Home Group Hikes
- Interhouse Swimming Carnival
- Excellent concert by mime artist, Michael Freeland.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award hike for girls.
- Employment Lunch.

## MAY

- Bangtail Muster (Yirara Caterpillar entered)
- May Day Sports
- N.T.S.S.A. Carnival in Darwin

## JULY

- Interhouse Marching and Athletics Competition
- Alice Springs Show - many prizes.
- Choir and band perform at Casino opening, and at Uniting Church.
- Principal, teacher and 2 students lunch with Cabinet.
- Interschool Athletics at Ross Park.
- Irrpalpa and Stockyard Runs.
- Peter Oldham, puppeteer. Amoonguna visited.

## SEPTEMBER

- Visit by Halls Creek School.
- Duke of Edinburgh Award hikes.
- Employment Evening.
- Apex Olympics (Yirara came third).

## NOVEMBER

- Reading Competition
- Science Week
- Yirara v Sadadeen at cricket.
- Desert Schools Swimming and Music and Art.
- Concert - Yirara Staff and Students.
- Inter-School Swimming Carnival (Y.C., A.S.H.S., S.H.S.)

## APRIL

- Bush camp and traditional activities.
- Bush School Sports.
- Visit by Mr. Saville, Secretary of Education.
- EASTER
- Beginning of Winter Sport.
- North Australian Sports Week (Inter-High School Sports).

## JUNE

- Visit by Dr. Stewart, N.T.T.S. Commissioner.
- Concerts by North Australian Jazz Band, and Covenant Players and Mike and Michelle Jackson.
- 2 Day Review of Staffing by Dept. and P.S.C., and visits by Supt. Ab. Ed. and Kormilda Principal.
- Yirara College Fun Run.
- Establishment of Deaf Unit at Yirara.
- TESTING WEEK

## AUGUST

- Yuendumu Sports Weekend.
- Visit by House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs.
- Choir performs at Old Timers' Fete.
- Tidy Towns judging, (Yirara awarded 1st prize in section).
- Talk by Peter Forrest, N.T. historian.
- Slim Dusty Concert.
- Touch Rugby: Staff v Students.
- 8th Birthday dance.

## OCTOBER

- Former Student Re-union.
- Council Meeting
- Open Day Fete
- Debate
- Intercollegiate with Kormilda and A.S.H.S./S.H.S.
- Swimming Day for urban Aboriginal classes.

## DECEMBER

- Prize-Giving

## WHAT IS A GOOD ABORIGINAL SCHOOL

If a school does not understand what is the main motivation for young Aboriginals, then it forfeits any claim to be a place where children can find security and happiness, and consequently grow in skills and personal independence. That motivation is - do you know the answer? - yes, indeed, it is PEOPLE. Forget the European carrots of pay, prestige, power, and social status and in doing so, totally re-adjust your approaches to meet the Aboriginal reality of motivation by people. If a school consciously makes this re-adjustment, it will mean that the school will become a caring and supportive community, where the staff are positively "on the children's side". The school will come to realize that what is taught is secondary to the sort of person the teacher is. The Aboriginal child will learn everything from the empathetic teacher with whom he relates well, and nothing from the skilled but uncaring teacher who stands aloof. Moreover staff example - the very values and attitudes you implicitly display - far outweighs a year or two's teaching, however "professionally" done. If a school really aspires to be a forum for teaching and learning and communicating, let it become a community of humane people, full of compassion, who regard good and equal relationships between Aboriginals and Europeans as the surest keynote to even the most commonplace classroom exercise such as the five times table.

"Don't lead me, I may not follow  
Don't follow me, I may not lead,  
Just walk beside me, and be my friend".

(Albert Camus)

The most notable weakness in our education system is the teacher - the European teacher. Our "system" has managed to deliver, into the most isolated areas of Australia, sophisticated teaching aids (called "hardware" and "software") and super-schools which the capital cities of most Third World countries would envy. Over recent years we have not gone in want of curricula, and though there is a dearth of trained Aboriginal teachers, since the 1960's there have been many teaching assistants. But as has been the case in so much colonial history, the biggest problem has been the lack of capable European ambassadors, who on account of their personal qualities and knowledge of the other's culture, can bridge the cultural divide, and be "at home" in the other's territory. At the school level, this means the most exacting of recruitment procedures which test the aspiring ambassador's personal qualities and suitability to the same degree as the British Army, used to conduct their 3 day residential selection procedures for young officers.

The good Aboriginal school is one in which the principal stays for a long time - yes, many years - and attracts to the school a cadre of ambassadors and envoys who in themselves are a ware, sensitive, and secure, and in their job bring to the task great powers of motivation, and rare gifts of communication (with Aboriginal teachers, and students). Such an embassy will be the base for a meeting of cultures, and then, and then only, will real learning take place.

Lastly, the good Aboriginal school must be avowedly Aboriginal. If it becomes a facsimile European institution, then it cannot claim to be "good" for Aboriginals. In conjunction with Aboriginals, it must constantly seek ways of strengthening the sense of Aboriginal identity - through its Aboriginal staff, through the use of the vernacular and teaching of literacy, through its curriculum and through its approach to discipline. The links with Aboriginal people must be sufficiently entrenched and varied that their wishes are genuinely reflected. Priorities in curriculum are of concern to Aboriginals, and both the relevance of the curriculum and the priorities within it, will be determining factors in making a school successful. Experience has shown that literacy, numeracy, locally-needed vocational skills, and some higher academic skills (culminating in the ability to think, solve problems and "manage") are the skills most commonly voiced by Aboriginals. These skills, if successfully learned by many young Aboriginals of Central Australia, will ultimately lead to some form of independence and freedom, but all the 40 Aboriginal schools in our area, at both the primary and secondary levels, will have to be single-minded in thrusting towards this goal, if we are to dispel the chance of dependency by the year 2000. By then, the good Aboriginal school should have a largely Aboriginal staff who will make their own decisions about curriculum, discipline, truancy and language medium. In the meantime, let the European staff quicken this process by eschewing our ethnocentric attitudes, and by listening to Aboriginal parents bring our schools into line with community wishes and thrusts, from which we are so often divorced. If our schools genuinely and truly reflect the prevalent tone of their particular communities, then they will treasure a spark of genius and vigour, which, in time, will mature into places where Aboriginal pride, identity, and true cultural education will prosper.

David Odling-Smee  
PRINCIPAL

## YIRARA COLLEGE STAFF, 1981

### Teachers:

David Odling-Smee  
David Holt  
Anne-Marie Priestley  
Vicky Shardlow  
Bob Nixon  
Wyn Noonan  
Alan Phillips  
Stewart Ogston  
Judith Holland  
Don Langford  
Erhard Lee  
Peter Ellis  
Viv Gardiner  
Julie Cope  
John Hingston  
Ron Watt  
Margaret McHugh  
Julie Jones  
Stuart Traynor  
Michael Jantzen  
Sharyn Friedite  
John Weichert  
Rosemary Yule  
Peter Pearson  
Registrar:  
Steve Bennett  
Tony Parker  
Michael Hopkins  
Manager:  
Mick Blow

### Assistant Registrar:

Michael Hopkins  
Cliff Smith  
Laqui Papalii  
Seamstress:  
Rhonda Blow  
Sister:  
Peggy Landon  
Domestic Supervisor:  
Zusje Possingham  
Janitor:  
Peter Sinclair  
Head Cook:  
Robin Harwood  
Courier:  
Ron Kennett  
Clerical:  
Rosemary McCauley  
Eva Briscoe  
Pat Frank  
Michele Mulholland  
Robyn Alexander  
Recreation Officers:  
Br. Leo McVeigh  
Helena Monaghan  
Phillip Thompson  
Alex Brands

### Kitchen Assistants:

Fred Sevallos  
Clifford Alder  
Glen Clarke  
Otto Hartung  
Joanne Platt  
Ken Platt  
Delores Davidson  
Sr. Claire  
Peter Brown  
Phillip Burton  
Joyce Kopp  
Debbie Sinclair  
Melva Kunoth  
Colleen Wright  
Christine McIntyre  
Michael Dunharrow  
Cooks:  
Elizabeth Brown  
Marion Lucas  
Jim McInnes  
Don Hawkes  
Andrew Miller  
Gardeners:  
Day Day Frank  
Neils Hagge  
George Woodbury  
Brian Dennis

### Cleaners & Laundresses:

Nora Laughton  
Florrie Bray  
Sharon Hayes  
Margaret Burnes  
Lynette Windsor  
Raylene Kenny  
Carmelina McLean  
Janette Noblett  
Bob Brown  
Kerry Barstow  
Hazel Christie

### S.D.O.s:

John Murphy  
Julie McDowall  
Janet Marten  
Ellen Abraham  
Wally Wood  
Jess Burton  
Phillip Thompson  
Topsy Walker  
David Webber  
Norma Stevenson  
Jan Neilson  
Denise Eastick  
Patrick Monaghan  
Val Taylor  
Marie Bell

## YOUNG ABORIGINAL STAFF

We are always pleased to have young Aboriginals on the College staff. Lack of money usually prevents this, so we are especially pleased this year to welcome the following Yirara graduates to our College staffroom:-

Sandra Windy Areyonga/Amata - Teaching Assistant

Carolyn Windy Areyonga/Amata - NESA T.A.

Pat Napurrula Frank Banka Banka - NESA Clerical Assistant

These 3 girls have each been a Yirara student for 4 years or more.

Patricia Frank preparing School handbooks.





## STAFF NOTES

We welcomed five new teachers at the beginning of the year; nearly all of them came fresh from teaching in Aboriginal communities - Sharyn Priedite (Delissaville) John Weichert (Maningrida), Michael Jantzen (Bamyili), Stuart Traynor (Professional Services) and Geraldine Driver (Hermannsburg). Judith Holland left mid-year for Brisbane, and was temporarily replaced (for 3 months) by Peter Pearson.

At the end of the year we were sorry to lose the following teachers - Julie Cope (Home Economics - 2 years), Julie Jones (Special Class - 2 years). Ro Yule joined the staff in July to teach the deaf students in the new deaf unit.

We have been lucky to have 3 young Aboriginal staff - all Yirara graduates - Sandra Windy (Teaching Assistant), Carolyn Windy (N. E.S.A. Teacher Trainee) and Pat Frank (N.E.S.A. Clerical Trainee). All have done very well, in particular, Pat.

On the social development side, Alex Brands came to replace Brother Leo as Recreation Officer, Leo, after an excellent 3 years at Yirara, went to Santa Teresa. Pat and Helen Monaghan returned from leave in February, while Jess Burton was replaced mid-year by two short-term, but good, houseparents - Val Taylor, then Marie Bell (ex Kormilda). Phil Thompson also left mid-year after three years. We are particularly sorry to lose John Murphy who has been a first-rate Senior House Parent for 6 years. We wish him well in his Librarianship studies in Ballarat.

Steve Bennett left the college in January after being Registrar since February 1974, a period of 7 years. He did sterling work as Registrar and helped create many foundation aspects of the college. Tony Parker temporarily replaced Steve, to be followed by Michael Hopkins from March onwards. We were sorry to say goodbye to Rosemary McCauley, our typist for 2 years.

## BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Two of Yirara's 1982 students left to have babies - babies whose fathers were at home. We congratulate Fiona Granites (Lajamanu), an excellent student for 3½ years, on the birth of Patricia in October, and Nyukana Long (Areyonga and Karnte), a student for 4 years, on the birth of Stuart, also in October.

We were particularly sorry and very sad indeed to hear of the deaths of some current and former students.

An excellent bloke - an 18 year-old Japaljari from Lajamanu (1978-1980) - was killed in a car crash on the Katherine/Wave Hill road. He was a fine young man who was an example to his family, his community and his own people. We mourn, too, a young Jangala from Rockhampton Downs, aged 14, who, after 5 terms at Yirara College, died in Tennant Creek Hospital. He had very bad health, but he was tough and courageous. We will remember him for his short life of bravery. Also we were sorry to hear of the death of an early Yirara graduate (1973-1975) from Alice Springs. He had been an excellent footballer.

## EMPLOYMENT EVENING

Every October Yirara holds an Employment Evening when employers come to talk to students about jobs and further training. This year there were 18 employers, which was better than the 12 and 6 employers of 1980 and 1979. Students learned a lot, and employers learned something of Yirara and its students at the Year 10 and 11 level. Yirara very much appreciated the help of the 18 employers who came; we have always found Alice Springs employers happy to give Aboriginal students a go. Thank you to the following:-

Commonwealth Employment Service  
C.S.I.R.O.  
Dept. of Health  
Alice City Autos  
D.A.A.  
Australian Army Reserve  
N.T. Electricity Commission  
Early Childhood Education (Dept. of Education)  
C.A. Aboriginal Congress  
Institute for Aboriginal Development  
Aboriginal Legal Aid  
A.N.Z. Bank  
Dept. of Mines and Energy  
Australia Post  
Dept. of Tourism and Hospitality of C.C.C.A.  
Dept. of Transport and Works  
Y.M.C.A.  
Conservation Commission

## THE SUPERMARKET

For the last two weeks, all the Year 11 girls went out to do work experience in town. We all picked a job that we wanted to do, I picked to work in the shop and it was at Egar Beavers Supermarket and the staff was very nice to me. They always help me do my job properly like packing shelves, pricing the groceries and they helped me at the checkout. It always gets there early so I have to wait outside the supermarket until it opens. When it gets to 9am they open the doors and sometimes I went through the back door. The first day I was there I was nervous but I got used to it later on in the week.

By Mary Brokus

## WORK EXPERIENCE

We have had another very good year's work experience group this year and the programme has been very successful for blokes and girls.

The blokes have attended the Community College of Central Australia, for building and welding courses. In Third Term only, they did a three week project erecting a large store shed at Yirara with Mr. Duncan, and this will be used to house many of Yirara's stores. At the end of Term Three, the bloke spent a fortnight in the following employment areas:  
Mines and Energy  
Refrigeration Mechanic  
Electricity Commission  
I.A.D. Rural Programme

The girls have completed work experience in Alice Springs in -  
Office Work  
Pre-School  
Hospital  
Shops  
Libraries

For their last exercise in work experience this year, some of the girls have returned to the communities to work in shops, schools and clinics.

The students also studied hard this year to prepare for the apprenticeship examination. Twelve sat for the exam and we hope they will be successful. This is the final year at Yirara for many of these students and some have jobs already, while others will be able to get jobs next year. Some students are leaving Yirara for further study at Katherine Rural Education Centre.

Work experience is a way of finding out what sort of work you like and what is expected of you at work. We must thank all the employers in Alice Springs and at communities, for giving us so much assistance in this area.



## EMPLOYMENT LUNCH

For thesecondyearrunningthe Collegestaff who organise vocational work for students in Years 10 and 11 - Arne-Marie Priestley and Bob Nixon - invited many employers to a special lunch which was prepared, cooked and served by the Year 10 Home Economics students and their teachers, Viv Gardiner and Julie Cope.

The Principal explained Yirara's academic structure and how teachers and employers can combine to help young Aboriginals in Central Australia. He thanked those employers who helped the College by giving work experience and employment opportunities, and had cometo the lunchas guests of the College.

Garry Steinhardt - Manager, B-Mart  
John Cameron - Manager, Egar Beavers  
Roy Frost - Manager, Mbuntua Store  
Mrs. Biermann - Alice Springs Hospital  
Sr. Marion Wallace - Child Health Unit  
Sr. Rosemary - Old Timers Nursing Home  
Ingrid Chapman - Congress  
Helen Little - I.A.D.  
John Wauchope - Regional Superintendent,  
Education  
Joy Brucek - Librarian, CommunityCollege  
John Amadio - Manager, N.T. Electricity  
Commission  
John Revel - N.T.E.C.  
Inspector Godwin - Alice Springs Police  
David Weir - Manager, Owen Agencies  
Phil Ntischke - Conservation Commission  
Marion Smith - D.A.A.  
Norm Schimdt - Manager, Universal  
Constructions  
Jack Staudie - Manager, Beaupaire Tyres  
Jack Ellis - Manager, A.N.Z. Bank  
Rod Thomas - Accountant, A.N.Z. Bank  
Phil Crowther - Manager, BHA

## GRADUATE WORKERS

Lizzie Giles left Yirara in July to start on the 12 months Nurse Aide course. She lives at the Nurses' Quarters by the Hospital, and in December, is still doing well. Mary James, another former graduate, also started but fell by the wayside.

Geoffrey Dixon and David Brian have completed their third year as Linesman Apprentices with N.T.E.C., amid many up and downs. We hope they complete their last year.

Other graduates have lived at Yirara, while working in town:

Mary Brokus 3 months - Congress Office  
Kim Janima 2 months - Universal Constructions  
Frank Janima 1 month - Alice City Autos  
Glen Dixon 3 months - T.N.T.  
Tricia Rankine 3 months - C.C.C.A. Library  
Ruby Frank 3 months - Central Land Council  
Harold Daly Waters 1 month - St. Mary's Village

Glen, Tricia and Harold are still working, while Ruby is with the Land Council still, but in Tennant Creek.

## VISIT BY MR. SAVILLE, SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

We were happy to welcome Mr. Saville to the College on Thursday April 16th. Students and staff believe that Yirara gives many valuable opportunities to young Aboriginals, and hence we were anxious to show to the educational chief of the N.T. that government money is well spent and is producing results for the good of many Territorians who benefit by this increase in skills and understanding.

Mr. Saville saw aspects of the three themes in Yirara's education - academic, vocational and social - and spoke to many teachers, houseparents, recreation officers and students. He saw a clean college, and sensed the positive attitudes of the students. He was fortunate to finish his visit with an excellent meal, cooked and served by Robin Harwood, Yirara's head cook for the past seven years.



## PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, 1981

Term 1: New door into Display Room, allowing for establishment of video room (effectively giving us an extra classroom).

Basketball lights erected on girls basketball court. Vastly improved office layout, resulting in greater efficiency and work output.

Excellent improvements in Recreation Hall - curtains erected; Record Den re-instituted; reading areas revived; roped areas for chairs; newsboard.

Larger, brighter security lights for front car park. Security bays for 4 Government vehicles.

Tiling of some dormitory laundries.

Acquisition of dental chair for clinic.

Beginning of window cleaning (Recreation Hall and dormitories).

Two final TVs for video project arrive - colour TVs in all dormitories and two in the Recreation Hall. A much improved staff car parking scheme.

Term 2: Replacement second bus arrived and run in. Curtains, cushions, noticeboards in dormitories. TV/Video stands in Recreation Hall, curtains, piano cover.

New slasher for grass cutting.

New sophisticated photocopier on hire.

Telephone security.

New gardens at entrance to College.

New vegetable garden and citrus trees.

Mass clean up behind College.

Purchase of 3 bikes and 4 guitars for dormitories.

Term 3: Two new flagpoles.

New style Yirara letterhead.

High Jump bag.

Improved security on all doors, locks and keys. Car for manual arts.

New map re-drawn for visitors (outside office).

Emblem re-painted.

Map inside front office re-painted and re-signwritten.

New girls pool table.

Corroborree shed re-sited in better place.

New display boards in office.

Slide sales area, and excellent slides for sale.

Water polo goals repaired.

Yirara won \$300 and trophy for first position in Category A of Schools Section of Territory Tidy Towns Competition. Judging in August, prizes received October.

Good progress in College and student vegetable gardens.

Store shed built and completed by senior students.

New laundry completed.

## YIRARA WINS IN TERRITORY TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION

In the first year of the Territory Tidy Towns Competition Yirara won first prize for being the tidiest NT. school in the under 600 population section. We won \$300 and a trophy. All staff and students were delighted because everyone had helped. The gardeners were particularly pleased, and they deserved to be so. Some of the 'extras' that were carried out in 1981 were:-

### Students:

- \* There was a mass clean-up behind the College - all students helped.
- \* Top K girls planted some trees in the chook yard.
- \* The Warrabri and Murray Downs boys painted the Yirara sign on the highway.

### Staff:

- \* The gardeners made some new gardens near the entrance to Yirara.
- \* They cleaned up the garden near the dining room.
- \* They cleaned up the compound near the manual arts.





## PREFECTS IN 1981

Top J	Lizzie Giles, Monica Dixon, Meredith Myson, Fabrianne Peterson, Virginia Driffen, Jill Kantawarra
Bottom J:	Lucy Tanami, Fiona Granites, Rhonda Samuel
Top K:	Teresa Anderson, Gabrielle Kingston, Valerie Campbell
Bottom K:	Louise Webb, Marilyn Dixon, Mary Brokus, Barbara Moore
Top L:	Sally Silverton, Frieda Palapunta, Isobel Windy, Sonia Davis, Rosie Driffen
Top M:	Frankie O Cleary, Davis Jangari, Harold Daly Waters, Colin Hughes, James Ulamari, Dion Williams, Peter Jackson, Raymond Dixon
Bottom M:	Glen Dixon, Jacob Spencer
Top O:	Kim Janima, Frank Janima, Angus Dickson, Owen Janima, Brian Jakarra
Bottom O:	John Pepperill, Gregory Armstrong, Bobby Patrick, Stephen Bailey, Gordon Dobbs, Lance Lewis

## HOW HAVE THE PREFECT COUNCILS HELPED YIRARA IN 1981

### Blokes:

- Bought - flash clothes for dances (\$200) roller skates for blokes
- Paid money for Mr. Jantzen's home group for restaurant.
- Paid for seeds for Mr. Ogston's home group's vegetable garden.
- Gave \$40 for trophies for U15 footballers
- Gave money (\$150) for purchase of Top M TV.
- Gave money (\$52) for repair of mini-bike.

### Girls:

- Bought - 3 new bikes for girls
- Paid - for Top K shower curtains for Top L carpet for Top K chook food for seeds for Isobel and Ingrid; Miss Shardlow's Home Group; Miss McHugh's Home Group and Miss Noonan's Home Group
- for 2 hair dryers.
- Paid for repair of girls sewing machine.
- Bought new pool table (\$350).

## PREFECT OFFICE-BEARER

Girls:	President	Lucy Tanami
	Secretary	Teresa Anderson
	Treasurer	Mary Brokus, Marilyn Dixon, Rhonda Samuel
Blokes	President	John Pepperill, Stephen Bailey
	Secretary	Davis Jangari, Jacob Spencer, Owen Janima
	Treasurer	Frank Janima, Frankie O'Cleary, James Ulamari

### HOUSE CAPTAINS:

Aripatji	Isobel Windy	Angus Dickson, Billy Spratt, Patrick Nandy (VC), Clive Allen (VC)
Iranita:	Marilyn Dixon	Brian Jakarra, Lance Lewis, John Pepperill (VC)
Kanyarla:	Gabrielle Kingston	Glen Dixon, Clifford Stevens, Raymond Dixon (VC).
Marlu:	Sally Silverton	Davis Jangari, Stephen Bailey, Colin Hughes (VC).

### Blokes and Girls:

- Sent money to two Indonesian families every month.
- Bought - prizes for Run Run prizes for Inter Collegiate
- ultra-violet lights for dining room dances
- films for Inter-Collegiate week.
- Gave money for children in Alice Springs Hospital.



## READING GROUPS

For several years, private reading for part of the reading lesson has been happening every day. Students from the higher reading groups have chosen and borrowed novels from the Yirara College library.

The two top reading groups have this year started a new programme in which reading books has been the most important part. There are two parts to the programme:

- \* Students who have been in these groups for 2 years have begun to outgrow our school library as the storybook section; although getting bigger, it is still small. The new Alice Springs Public Library has been the answer to our problem. Each Saturday some of these students go to the Public Library to borrow and return books. If they need help, a houseparent is always there. There have also been regular visits by the 54 students on Tuesday afternoons after school. It's exciting to see so many young people enjoying and caring for such books as "Jaws", westerns or Patricia Wrighton's novels in school, in dormitories and on camps.
- \* We are also trying, for the first time, to look at and study really closely a few special books. So far, the Junior group - students from Years 8 and 9, has read "Island of the Blue Dolphins" by Scott O'Dell, while the Senior group - students in Years 9, 10, and 11, has read "They Cay" by Theodore Taylor and "The Pit" by Reginald Maddock. All these books are on a list for high school students in these grades. We are studying these books to see what the author is trying to say to the readers and to see whether the world and people are really as the author says.

Students at Yirara College are speaking, reading and writing better English all the time. We are sure that the enormous amount of reading which students have been doing is part of the reason for this.

Louise Webb and Cathy Alice



## SCHOOL WORK

New programmes are being taught at Yirara each year. The work is harder and harder for the students. This means that Yirara students are working - and sometimes working very successfully - on real secondary work. Here are some of the subjects that are being done at Yirara at present:-

**Mathematics** - We are doing the same work as both High Schools in town. It is hard work but if Yirara students are to pass the apprenticeship examination this is what has to be learnt.

**English Literature** - A lot of our English language is now taught through reading long novels - good stories that students can write about and speak about. One of the good things that has come from this Literature is that more students read books, go to the town library and read fewer comics.

**"All's Well"** - An important new programme in the school is helping the less able students to speak English. We have a good man teaching this "All's Well" programme and he is going to show other teachers what to do so that more and more students can be taught how to speak really good English.

**Home Economics** - Blokes are enjoying this and are making shorts and caps and are also learning how to cook and look after their own clothes. While blokes do this, the girls are in Technical Studies. This swap happens for Year 9. Girls still do Home Economics but also do some Manual Arts.

**Motor Mechanics** - This part of Technical Studies is one area we want to see grow. Right now blokes learn how to service cars, learn how they work, and how to strip down and assemble engine parts such as a carburetor and pump. But we hope that in a few years time a large part of Technical Studies will involve Motor Mechanics.

**Physical Education - P.E.** - Our sports and physical education goes from strength to strength. We won the Alice Springs Junior (Under 15) Football competition, and we can field a strong team of swimmers and basketball players. Cricket is being introduced gradually and many of our students have the confidence to organise and umpire various sports such as water polo, and volleyball. The hard work of our Physical Education teacher and of the many coaches in the 12 main sports is paying off.



Frankie O'Cleary & Glen Dixon



Outdoor Cooking Class

# SCIENCE WEEK

Yirara's first ever Science Week was held in Term 3 from 28 October to 4 November. All classes were encouraged to study some aspect of science during the week. A number of special science films and video tapes were shown and there were science fiction records for students to listen to.

On the last night of Science Week a Display Evening was held. The laboratory was set up like a small museum with lots of science exhibits and equipment. Classes also put on displays of work they had done during the week. The class displays

were:-

- 7A Classification; Pollution of the Environment
- 7B Energy
- 7C The Different Kind of Animals
- 8A Magnetism
- 9B Habitats
- 9C Microscopes
- 10A Machines
- Art Room Dinosaurs
- Home Economics Bread
- Library Rocks, Minerals and Fossils

Rhonda Samuels doing an experiment in the Science Laboratory.



## TUCKSHOP

The Year 11A class at Yirara do the tuckshop book-keeping and we do lots of things like filling out deposit slips, counting the money for the previous week, check the invoices from Smmac and S.C. Eyles, make out cheques, check the stock in the tuckshop to see if we need more things and make orderforms for John Murphy who goes and buys the stock. We have to do things accurately and make sure that we don't make a mistake in our counting and pay more or less than what we have to pay. On Monday morning we count out all the money from the tuckshop and after we have done that we bank the money in the Yirara College Tuckshop Account at the Commonwealth Savings Bank in Alice Springs. We also check to see that we don't get too much stock than what we order. We also check that we are charged the right amount before we pay the companies.

By Lizzie Giles

During the first term of the year all the Year 11 students were starting to look after the tuckshop. Every Monday we count out the money and fill out the bank deposit slips. Every time we count out the money we have to double check it because someone might make a mistake. After it is all done one person has to take it down to Mr. Hopkins in the office. Also on Thursdays we check the invoices from Smmac and S.C. Eyles. After that one or two people make out a cheque for them. When it is finished we go down to the tuckshop and check out for any stocks. After we had seen the tuckshop we make out an orderform for John Murphy to buy the goods.

By Frank Janima

Throughout 1981, Year 11 students did all the Tuckshop book-keeping. This involved:-

- \* ordering stock;
- \* picking up the stock on Friday afternoons;
- \* checking invoices to ensure we have not been overcharged;
- \* writing out cheques to pay all the bills;
- \* regular bank reconciliations;
- \* preparing profit statements.

The students involved in this were:-

Nellie Brumby, Lucy Tanami, John Pepperill, Steven Bailey, Hilda Bert, Marilyn Dixon, Greg Armstrong, Isobelle Windy, Frank Janima, Kim Janima, Jacob Spencer, Angus Dickson, Mary Brokus, Lizzie Giles, Minnie Joseph, Carmelina Marshall, Tricia Rankin and Sonia Williams.

## EXAMINATIONS

We had two examination weeks in 1981 - one in June, and one in November. All the academic students in Years 7 to 11 did the exams; this was the first time we have done proper exams at Yirara, but students tried very hard and did better than teachers expected.

The exams were held in the Recreation Hall and in workshops, and lasted about 1 hour to 1½ hours. The exams were in:-

English  
Maths  
Social Education  
~~Science~~  
Practical Woodwork  
Technical Drawing  
Motor Mechanics (theory and practical)  
Home Economics (theory and practical)  
Book-keeping

## READING COMPETITION

In October we held a reading competition for the first time. Twenty-three students, from Year 7 to Year 11, entered for it and they read aloud in front of the three judges. There were four set reading pieces - some easy, some hard - and each student picked one of these. The judges were extremely pleased with the enthusiasm of the students, and with the excellent standard. It was better than they expected.

The main prize-winners were:-

Dorothy Ulamari  
Brian Murphy  
Lucy Tanami  
Eddie Stevens

Others were:- Douglas Julama, Carmen Anderson, Brenda Thompson, Claudette Albert, Sylvania Kenny, Clifford Stevens, Lance Lewis, Dion Williams, Michael Downes.



## DEAF UNIT AT YIRARA

We were very pleased to celebrate the International Year of Disabled Persons by having a deaf unit open at Yirara College on July 1st. The unit had transferred from Sadadeen together with the trained teacher of the deaf, Ro Yule. There were 3 students at first - 2 boys from Warrabri and 1 Hermannsburg girl. The advantages of having the deaf unit at Yirara are enormous. The deaf students benefit by being able to have all their specialist lessons (P.E., Art, Manual Arts, Home Economics, Electives) together with their friends. At the same time, other Yirara students come to respect the deaf students, and realize they are educable. The benefits are mutual.

Mrs. Yule with Alan, Selwyn & Cynthia

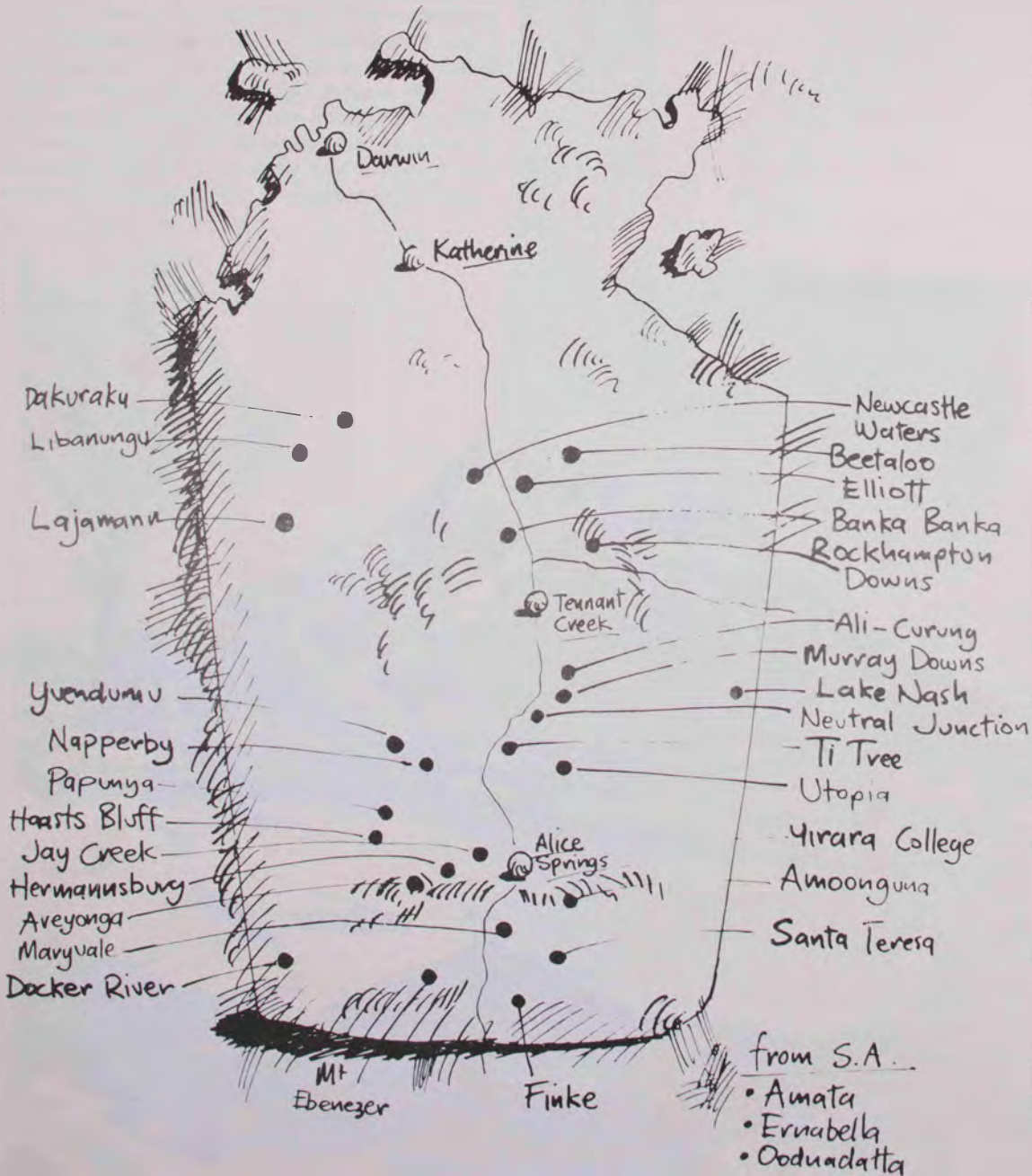


Alan Martin, Selwyn Nelson and Cynthia Malthouse using the listening posts.





# MAP OF PLACES FROM WHICH YIRARA STUDENTS COME





## HOBBIES 1981

This year students have been taking part in their hobbies activities on Wednesday afternoons. This has meant that we have been able to offer an even greater variety of hobbies than in 1980. Students have chosen from the following, and, once having selected their hobby, have done it for at least a term.

- Jewellery making
- Weaving
- Puppet making
- Squash
- Student Driver Education
- Pottery
- Life Saving
- Disco-cising
- Patchwork
- Water polo
- Junior softball
- Junior basketball
- Kite making
- Crochet
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Leatherwork
- Bushwalking/Botany
- Boys cooking
- Chess
- Lapidary
- Motor mechanics
- Motorbikes
- Yoga
- Folk dancing
- Silk screen printing
- Mapping
- Model aeroplanes
- Making educational indoor games



Madeline Gibson in the Weaving Group.

Learning how to fight fires.

These girls are doing their folk-dancing



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme continued at Yirara this year, and has again attracted interest among the students. Twenty-seven students started the Award in 1981 and 8 students received their Bronze Award at the end of the year.

Once again the range of activities undertaken has been broad. Hobbies have included kite-making, leatherwork, glass painting, yoga, radio, cooking and singing.

The Community Service project for the girls has been at St. Mary's Children's Village, where the girls have painted an adventure playground in bright Aboriginal designs.

The blokes have done some work with the Conservation Commission, helping to clean up a new park at Araluen, and they have constructed some barbeques at Yirara for the domestic science classes.

We have had four really good expeditions this year. The girls hiked to Fish Hole early in the year, and in third term completed a difficult walk to Rocky Gap and Bond Gap, near Simpson's Gap.

The blokes had a very demanding walk through the rugged country at the back of Standley Chasm and later in the year, in the country behind Serpentine Gorge.

Physical activities have included netball, basketball, football and soccer.

It's been a good year and we hope that those students who have completed the award have gained from the experience.

A resting point on the blokes hike

The Bronze Awardees were:

Sandra Jerry  
Dawn Rook  
Louise Webb  
Barbara Moore  
Marilyn Dixon  
Tricia Rankin  
Sylvania Kenny  
Vera Williams



Manlyn Dixon, Vera Williams, Louise Webb  
and Mary Brokus.



Sylvania Kenny going down the track.



John Pepperill, Clive Allen, Bill Spratt  
Adrian McDonald and Reggie Dixon.



# CONCERT

The annual staff and student concert was, as usual, great fun. The senior students were outstanding in their perverted version of Cinderella, and it was great to hear the Top K girls singing so well. The 9C puppet show was a masterpiece and the girls are to be congratulated for excellent reading and dramatization. Top marks for sheer beauty go to Stephen Dixon and Mr. Holt, and a big "Thank You" goes to Don Langford for his hard work and organization.



Scenes from the concert.

## INTERHOUSE TROPHIES

The Trophies held by each House at the end of 1981 are:-

Arlpatji	Iranta	Kanyarla	Marlu
Football	Netball	Junior Girls Basketball	Junior Bokes Basketball
Softball	Irrpalpa Run	Girls Volleyball	Girls Waterpolo
Bokes Volleyball	Bokes Waterpolo	Bokes Swimming	Hockey
Bokes Soccer	Senior Girls Basketball	Girls Swimming	Girls Athletics
Girls Soccer	Senior Bokes Basketball	Bokes Athletics Stockyard Run Bokes Waterpolo House Shield	

## AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

John Pepperill (Ti Tree) and Frankie O'Cleary (Rockhampton Downs) were selected for the N.T. to participate in the Australian Schools Cross Country running Championships.

They travelled to Melbourne by jet then by bus 160 kilometres east of Melbourne to Morwell where the Championships were held.

Altogether they spent 3 nights billeted with a family in Morwell and two nights billeted with a family in Melbourne.

They competed against runners from all other states in Australia.

John was 40th in 30 minutes 54 seconds, and Frankie was 46th in 34 minutes and 01 seconds.

## YIRARA FUN RUN

In June we had an enjoyable community occasion when 10 staff and 76 students joined in our Fun Run. Runners could choose their distance - 2km, 4km, 6km, and 8km. There were many prizes - for each sex, for each distance, for each age group - and it was good that the Prefect Councils decided to give the money for the prizes. The stars were:-

- \* the small lads aged 13 who completed the 8km run.
  - \* those staff whose conscience forced them to forsake their middle-aged armchairs for the bustle and shame of an adolescent rampage.
  - \* the male placegetters - Johnny Pepperill, Frankie O'Cleary, Selwyn Nelson, Luke Johnson, Ronald Morrison, Daniel Rockman, Mark Samuels, Kevin Grant, Kevin Anderson, Mr. Traynor, Mr. Odling-Smee.
  - \* the female placegetters - Cynthia Malthouse, Miss Cope.
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## VEGETABLE GARDENING

For the first time at Yirara, students have started their own vegetable gardens. There is a fenced-off area in one corner of the College, half of which is for student gardens, and half of which is for the College. There are citrus trees throughout.

Students do their work in their own time - digging, planting, weeding, watering. This is good, and students are very keen and hard-working.

The following students have got vegetables growing in their gardens:-

### 100:

Rosie Driffen  
Sonia Davis  
Jill Kantawarra  
Candy Nelson  
Virginia Driffen  
Frieda Palapunta  
Gabrielle Kingston  
Teresa Anderson  
Harold Dalywaters  
Gordon Dobbs  
Glenn Dixon

### 90:

Billy Larry  
Rosemary Armstrong  
Valerie Campbell  
Irma Payton

### 80:

Ingrid Carroll  
Shirleen Malthouse  
John Stevens  
Gabrielle Possum  
Geoffrey Brokus

Ms Noonan's Home Group  
Claudette Albert  
Dawn Rook  
Aileen Roy  
Rosemary Bernard

Ms Shardlow's Home Group  
Valerie Claude  
Sylvannia Kenny  
Rosemary Armstrong  
Jill Kantawarra  
Jezerbell Walkabout  
Rosequeen Nuggett

Home Economics Group - 8A and B:  
Vera Williams  
Michelle Bennett  
Amy Noonan  
Audrey Hodgson  
Audrey Namina  
Dawn Rook  
Josephine Holden

## TOP K CHOOKS

During the last two weeks of first term, 1981, Top K girls borrowed \$60.00 from Yirara College to buy 12 chooks and food for the empty fowl house. They were also given one handsome rooster. The girls cleaned out the house of rubbish and put a roostant drum with sand inside for the hens to lay their eggs in. In the yard they cleaned, raked and planted 15 trees for shade.

The Alice Springs Show came around and some of the girls caught Flora the hen; they shampooed her and then dried her under their dormitory hair dryer. They put her in a box and took her to the show a day early so she could be judged. The judge chose her as the best cross breed fowl. She won a pendant, a ticket, \$4.00 and a hair dryer.

With some of the egg money the girls bought 12 day old chicks at the Show. Since then bad luck has struck Top K chooks. A few hens and chicks have died and Flora and 2 other hens were stolen from the fowl house. The girls still take it in turns to clean, feed and water at the chook yard and collect the few eggs.

## STUDENT DRIVER EDUCATION

S.D.E. started well this year, with four instructors living at Yirara many students were given the opportunity to learn to drive defensively and well.

The successful candidates were:

Greg Armstrong - Term 1  
Frank Janima - Term 1  
Minnie Joseph - Term 1  
Sonia Williams - Term 1  
Jacob Spencer - Term 1  
Kim Janima - Term 1  
Lucy Tanami - Term 1  
Mary Brokus - Term 1  
Glen Dixon - Term 2  
Gordon Dobbs - Term 3

We were sorry to lose two instructors through the year but hope to have more for 1982.

## CHOIR & BAND

This year the Choir has been made up of girls from Hermannsburg, Papunya, Areyonga, Ernabella, Haasts Bluff, Docker River, Jay Creek, Umpanghara, Warakurna and Maryvale.

These girls worked very hard and performed well at three major functions:-

The Opening of the Casino in July

The Sing-out Festival in October

At Chateau Hornsby in October

They also performed at a number of smaller functions. For the first time, the choir was accompanied by Yirara Blokes Band, who played confidently and well.



Siegfried Nelson, Jacob Braedonand Brian Murphy practicing in the blokesband.

Singing at a concert.







WAVE HILL



Dawn Nimarra Rook



Rodney Janama  
Bernard



Doreen Nimara Alex



Aileen Nanaku Roy



Rosemary Nanaku  
Bernard



Hardy Jabalyi Wynbyne



Phillip Jabalyi Jimmy



Joanne Nangari  
Steven



Michel Japarta Paddy



Sandra Nimara Jerry



Warren Jabalyi  
Jimmy



Peter Janama Ray



Raymond Janama Bernard



Barry Japarta Donald

LAJAMANU:



Rhonda Napurrula  
Samuel



Marianne Nakamarra  
Dixon



Serena Nampijinpa  
Patrick



Phoebe Nampijinpa  
Hargraves



Fiona Napurrula  
Granites



Steve Jupurrula  
Rockman



Phyllis Nakamarra  
Simon



Luke Johnson  
Japanangka



Lachlan Jampijinpa  
Ross



Lance Jakamiarra  
Lewis



Roger Japangardi  
Blacksmith



Nita Nampijinpa  
Patrick



Mark Jupurrula  
Samuel



Solomon Jangala  
Jigili



Bobby Jampijinpa  
Patrick



Rita Napurrula  
Brown



Geoffrey (Wangapa)  
Jungarrayi Barnes



Daniel Jupurrula  
Rockman



Irma Nungarrayi  
Napawarri Payton



Shepheri Japanangka  
Dixon



Jill Nungarrayi  
McDonald



Maxie Jupurrula  
Stevenson



Mary Kathleen  
Lewis



Yulanti Nangala  
Jigili



Kevin Jangala  
Watson



Sharon Napanang  
Granites

Chaplin Jungarrayi France  
Grantley Japanangka Marshall  
Lincoln Jupurrula Ross

Colin Julama Hughes  
Maryanne Namija Brian

## YUENDUMU:

Dennis Jupemula  
NelsonJacob Jungarrayi  
SpencerAngus Jupemula  
DicksonMatthew  
Jampijmpa EganJoanne Napanangka  
Granites

## ELLIOTT:

Harold  
DalywatersGabrielle Noala  
Kingston

Davis Jangan



Peter Jackson

Ronald Julama  
Hughes

Teresa Anderson

Lazarus  
Kingston

Johnny Wilson

Raymond Jungarrayi  
Dixon

Sylvia Dixon



Claudette Albert



Simon Anderson

## NEWCASTLE WATERS:

## BRUNETTE DOWNS:



Raymond Raymond

James Jangala  
UlamariDorothy Nangala  
Ulamari

Dixie Rankine



Julie Rankine

## NUTWOOD DOWNS:

Michelle  
Bennett

Audrey Hodgson

Esau Wumut  
Hodgson

Campbell Herbert

Teresa Gochjan  
Farrar

## ROBINSON RIVER AND CALVERT HILLS

## NEURAL JUNCTION:



Thelma Godfrey



Reggie Dixon



Douglas Julama



Owen Janima



Valerie Wadula



Audrey Namina



Alison Nambula



Fay Numina

Stella Numina  
Browne

Kim Janima



Brian Jakara



Michael Jabiard



Richard Janima



Frank Janima



Marlene Nangala

## STIRLING:



Vincent Janima

Julian Jampulka  
JamesTimothy Jakarra  
Price

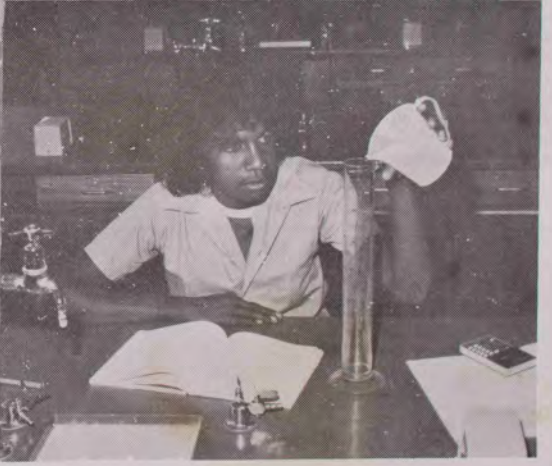
## KATHERINE:



Adrian Nigaridj McDonald



John Anthony Stevens



# CLASS LIST 1981

7A:	7C:	8B:	9B:	10B:
Dorothy Ulamari Thelma Godfrey Mary-Lou Bailey Connie Riley Claudette Albert Kathy Tanami Doreen Alex Aileen Roy Mary Young Phyllis Simon Marianne Dixon Valerie Wadula Alison Nambula Fay Numina Marlene Nangala Vincent Janima Fabian Brown Raymond Bernard Rodney Bernard Lazarus Kingston Phillip Jimmy Campbell Herbert Naphtali Joseph Reggie Dixon Peter Ray Matthew Ferber Timothy Price Raymond Raymond	Clive Lynch Randall Williams Mark Jennings Julie Rankine Dixie Rankine Beverley Brumby Beryl Edimintja Jezerbell Walkabout Carmen Anderson Brian Morrison Betty Glenn George Johnson Teresa Farrar Frank Jangala Raymond Daniels Rhonda Mahoney Rosequeen Nuggett Garnet Raymond Maureen Walker	Virginia Brown Joanne Granites Maureen Johnson Susan Jugadai Julie Rankine Maureen Karrer Mary-Kathleen Lewis Catherine Morris Annie Nelson Minnie Nelson Gabrielle Possum Carolyn Stewart Natalie Nungarrayi Ingrid Carroll Jacob Braeden Michael Jabiard Richard Kanari Johnny Patterson Kim Rutjinama Hardy Wynbyne Ian Newberry	Morris Major Lance Lewis Daniel Rockman Steve Rockman Billy Larry Douglas Julama Mark Samuel Solomon Jigili Siegfried Nelson Stephen Dixon Irma Payton Karen Jackson Jill McDonald Frieda Palapunta Stella Numina Rosemary Armstrong Valerie Campbell	Glenn Dixon Gordon Dobbs Bruce Anderson Roger Blacksmith Teresa Anderson Maryanne Brian Gabrielle Kingston Jill Kantawarra Candy Nelson Monica Dixon Myra Giles Sonia Davis Virginia Driffen
7B:	7D:	9A:	9C:	11A:
Joanne Stephens Delcie Sambo Brenda Thompson Hannah Williams Julie Collins Selina Tilmouth Serena Patrick Phoebe Hargraves Yulanti Jigili Sylvia Dixon Sabina Hatches Lorraine Donald Kevin Grant Ronald Hughes Michael Carr Simon Anderson Lawrence Webb Warren Jimmy Kevin Watson Eddie Stephens Marlene Nangala	Susan Giles Julianne Burke Lillian Golding Wendy Driffen Drucella Campbell Una Tapp Ratarata Sheila Armstrong Sandra Armstrong Maryanne Watson Pauline Moore Darren Brown Rosemary Rubuntja	Andrew Walker Esau Hodgson James Ulamari Dennis Nelson Owen Janima Clive Allen Nigel Small Edmund Small Dion Williams Marie-Christine Ryder Geraldine Stevens Sandra Jerry	Amy Napangardi Ronald Morrison Maxie Stevenson Abraham Stockman Barbara Moore 1 Fabrianne Peterson Sylvannie Kenny Elva Foulson Mandy Pegg Jenniter Namatjira Edna Kantawarra Alice Kunoth Madeline Gibson Julie Yangkie Nancy Kumantjara Margaret Yayai	John Pepperill Jacob Spencer Lizzie Giles Lucy Tanami Minnie Joseph Hilda Bert Isobel Windy Nellie Brumby Tricia Rankin Marilyn Dixon
	8A:		10A:	
	Michelle Bennett Josephine Holden Audrey Namina Nita Patrick Dawn Rook Vera Williams Amie Noonan Shirleen Malthouse Rita Brown Audrey Hodgson Kevin Anderson Geoffrey Barnes Michael Downes Luke Johnson Adrian McDonald Lachlan Ross Johnny Wilson		Cathy Alice Patricia Alice Rosemary Bernard Valerie Claude Richard Janima Brian Jakara Nyukana Long Brian Murphy Frankie O'Cleary Malcolm Riley Rhonda Samuels Billy Spratt Clifford Stevens Louise Webb	

## WINTER SPORT 1981

### NETBALL:

Junior A	Reached the Preliminary Finals
Junior B	Reached the Grand Final. Lost by 1 goal
Intermediate	Reached the Grand Final. Lost by 10 goals
D Grade	Reached the Grand Final. Lost by 1 goal

### SOFTBALL:

Under 16	Reached the Preliminary Finals
B Grade	Reached the Preliminary Finals

### SOCCER (Girls):

Under 16	Reached the Semi-Final
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### Senior HOCKEY:

B Grade	Reached the Grand Final. Lost 1-2
A Grade	

### (Carolyn)

### FOOTBALL:

Under 15	Won the Grand Final
Souths Colts	Lost to Wests in Preliminary Finals
Wests Colts	Lost to Pioneers in Grand Final

### SOCCER (Bokes)

Under 14	No finals are played. League competition.
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## HOME GROUP HIKES

Every March since 1975 all students have gone hiking with their home group teachers. The hike consists of a minimum of 10 kilometres, one night out, and 2 meals. Students carry their own food and swags; nobody escapes, nobody remains at College

This year students walked to Simpsons Gap, Wigleys Waterhole, John Hayes Rockhole, Emily Gap, Roe Creek and over the ranges near Standley Chasm. It was an excellent time for all groups - no accidents, student co-operation and good understanding between teachers and students. Some took guitars and sang and danced, others swam in waterholes, others looked for bush tucker and plants, and named them in their particular language. An excellent hike.

## DEBATE

'That there should be no mining on Aboriginal land' was the debate motion in October. Teresa Anderson and Mr. Odling-Smee proposed the motion, arguing that mining companies and miners and their towns damaged the Aboriginal lifestyle, culture and language, as well as the animals, birds, trees and sacred sites on the Aboriginal land. Esau Hodgson and Mr. Traynor opposed the motion. They said that the minerals that are mined - gold, copper, uranium - are useful to Australians and Aboriginals, and that the taxes that mining companies pay to the government help everyone with schools and hospitals and roads. Miss Shardlow was the chairman. When everyone voted, 52 wanted mining, 140 wanted no mining.

### MOTION:

That there should be no mining on Aboriginal land.

### PROPOSERS:

David Odling-Smee  
Teresa Anderson

### OPPOSERS:

Stuart Traynor  
Esau Hodgson

### RESULT:

145 votes to Proposers  
52 votes to Opposers

As usual, all students and staff were interested to hear what the speakers would have to say.

This subject had been discussed by teachers in their classes so that most students understood the issues involved.

Arguments on both sides were strong but it seemed that most students had come to the debate with their ideas fixed and the strong arguments from the Opposition did not gain too many supporters.

## FORMER STUDENT REUNION

The former Student Reunion was on Thursday October 8th when there were slides and basketball and a special buffet tea for the 18 former students who come. It was really good to welcome them back to the College. The following were present:-

Frank Curtis  
Danny Curtis  
Jasper Mbitjana  
Paul Haines  
Simon Morton  
Phillip Gorey  
Matthe w Jangala  
Richard Long  
Mary James  
Carolyn Windy  
Sandra Windy  
Minnie Joseph  
Erica Shorty  
Patricia Frank  
Ruby Frank  
Nancy Morrison  
Tricia Rankin  
Valda Shannon

## OPEN DAY FETE

The Open Day Fete, held in October, was excellent. We made \$3400 which is for the purchase of lights, curtains and speakers for concerts, both inside and outside. Many visitors came from town - townspeople and tourists - and some came from communities, Neutral Junction, Ti Tree and Napperby in particular. We were very glad to have the assistance of the Warramungu ladies from Rockhampton Downs and Tennant Creek, and three old men from Yuendumu. They helped with singing and dancing and traditional skills.

## COUNCIL MEETING

The Yirara College Advisory Council Inc. met on Friday October 9th with 41 people present. There were reports from the Principal, the Registrar and the Assistant Principal Academic, David Holt. An executive was established consisting of the following:-

Archie Allen - Banka Banka  
Jacky Jugudai - Neutral Junction  
Annie Phillips - Tennant Creek  
Hilda Johnson - Tennant Creek  
David Odling-Smee - Principal  
Michael Hopkins - Registrar





## BUSH CAMP

Every year we have a Bush Camp which is a learning time. It was on the Todd River, the girls camping at Wigley's gorge, and the boys north of Wigley's waterhole. Learning and teaching went from 9 am till 3 pm, and it was very successful.

One of the best bits this year was the old people who came to teach:

Jimmy Jangala, Jack Jampijinpa and Jack Jakamarra (all of Yuendumu) showed boys how to make spears and woomeras.

Annie and Bunny Napurrula, Kathleen and Hilda Napanangka (all of Tennant Creek) showed the girls how to make fighting and digging and music sticks.

Some Pitjantjatjara ladies (Ruth, Ana wari Nyarapayi) did some dancing and singing at night, and all the Areyonga, Docker River and Hermannsburg girls danced the Seven Sisters dance. It was excellent.

Some of the "lessons" were:-

- \* camp cooking
- \* mapping
- \* Orienteering
- \* filming
- \* bush fire control
- \* making spears and woomeras
- \* making fighting and digging sticks
- \* painting
- \* archery
- \* plant study and identification

Yirara students left the Todd River cleaner than when they arrived, and cleaned up the rubbish of other people. Well done.

## MICHAEL FREELAND: MASTER OF MIME

The international mime artist Michael Freeland gave a concert in the Yirara Hall in front of 400 people on March 27th. Amoooguna and Jay Creek schools visited for the occasion. It was superb. His brilliance was evident in the faces of the seven year children and adults alike. Single-handed he held the stage for over an hour and with the simplest props, made each of us strain and wince and shudder and laugh in sympathy with his silent characters - the drunk, the man-in-the-park-with-dog, the bull-fighter, the fire-eating juggler. That anyone can, by means of an elastic face and arm gestures alone, cajole adolescent Aborigines on to the stage to humble themselves in front of their mates, is a tribute to the power of pure virtuosity. Thank you Michael Freeland, and good luck in New York.

## HALLS CREEK SCHOOL VISIT

During September a group of Halls Creek students with their teachers stayed at Yirara College while they visited many places in and around Alice Springs. The group saw the airport, BHA, Standley Chasm, Ayers Rock and many other places. During their stay the blokes played two games of basketball against the Yirara blokes and were defeated by a very close margin.

### THREE LITTLE PIGS - A Fable by James Ulamari 9A

Once there were three little pigs who wanted to build a house. The first little pig built a house out of straw. The second little pig built a house out of wood and the last little pig built his house out of bricks.

When the wolf blew down the first pig's home, the pig jumped off the roof and ran to the second pig's home. When the wolf blew down the straw house, the wolf didn't find them because they had run to the house of their brother. The wolf tried to blow down the brick house, but he didn't smash the house. He kept blowing and blowing. Then the third pig got sick of him and shot him with his double-barrelled shotgun.

Moral: Even a pig has a breaking point.

### FLYING SAUCER by Reggie Dixon 8A

I rushed out of my house and ran to school when I heard on the radio that a spaceship had landed there. I arrived sweating and there was dust all around the playground. It came into my eyes and I could hardly see.

When I turned around I saw people running to see what was happening. Suddenly everyone stopped and listened. There was a voice coming from the spaceship which said "This is a spaceship from Venox. We have been sent to take your children away."

I was so frightened that I felt my spine leave my body and lots of mothers and fathers were screaming. The spacemen had a ray gun that could make people stand stiff like statues. That is how they caught the children and took them to Venox. That is why there are no children left in the Northern Territory today.

At the athletics.



At the pool.

On the Football field.



Team tactics.

# INTER-COLLEGIATE 1981

Yirara hosted the 8th Inter-Collegiate - as in 1974, 1976, and 1979. The visitors were Kormilda, and a combined Alice Springs/Sadadeen High Schools team. Each team had the usual 25 members, male and female.

It was a great week - a cool one, in October. We relied on the usual array of sports to supply a forum for students to meet:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Water Polo
- Football
- Softball
- Athletics
- Cross Country
- Touch Rugby
- Table Tennis

Touch rugby and tennis were new, and touch rugby clearly came up to Kormilda's equally successful speedball of 1980.

A totally new feature was the Inter-College debate. The motion, "That Alice Springs is the best place in the N.T." was hotly contested, but in spite of prejudice and better arguments, Darwin had to give in to the locals who won comfortably. Thanks to the speakers, who spoke against their own preferences - Dion Williams and Mary Lou Bailey (Yirara College), Penny Phillips and Dale Pascoe (Kormilda College), John Young (Alice Springs High School) and Natasha Butcher (Sadadeen High School).

There was no overall winner, and no recognition of team winners in each sport. Sally Silverton (Alice Springs High School and Yirara College) won the Inter-Collegiate Quiz, and each participating team received a pennant and a book. Kormilda kindly gave Yirara two beautiful student-made wooden bowls in return. The only prize-getters were those who participated and contributed the most. Well done to-

- Gilbert McAdam - Alice Springs High School
- Sharon Barr - Sadadeen High School
- Henry Corpus - Kormilda College
- Brenda Muntha - Kormilda College
- Lance Lewis - Yirara College
- Vera Williams - Yirara College

Intercollegiate Debate



## ALICE SPRINGS SHOW

The best thing about the 1981 Alice Springs Show was that Flora the Yirara chook - looked after by Top K girls - won first prize in its section. The girls won \$4.00 and a big pennant flag, and a hair dryer. Well done Flora!

Mr. Harwood and his cooking staff worked extremely hard to make over \$1,000.00 profit. They worked on Thursday, Friday and Saturday

Yirara put its tent display in the Show for the 8th year. It looked very good.

Well done to the girls who got prizes for their leatherwork - Sylvanna Kenny and Sally Silverton - and Cooking - Louise Webb, Rosemary, Marianne Dixon and Betty Glenn.

## BANGTAIL MUSTER

Yirara put in the Yirara caterpillar into this year's Bangtail Muster parade, manned by 30 students who had helped build and paint the caterpillar. The 30 were chosen from the 80 volunteers. Was the caterpillar the Yipariny ground grub that dominates the Aranda dreaming tracks near the College site?

In the afternoon at the May Day Sports, John Pepperill was 4th in the May Day Fun Run (Flynn's Grave to Traeger Park) and Teresa Anderson usurped the traditional cultural domain of Europeans - she was the rolling pin throwing champion.

The Caterpillar.



## STAFF v. STUDENTS TOUCH RUGBY MATCH

Touch Rugby was introduced to Yirara College this year during hobby time from May to August. On 20th August, a staff vs student match was held, watched by the whole school.

The two teams were:-

### Students:

Adrian McDonald (Captain), Steven Bailey, John Pepperill, Billy Spratt, Campbell Herbert, Malcolm Riley, Dion Williams, Nigel Small, Hardy Wynbyne, James Ulamari, Gordon Dobbs, Frankie O'Cleary, Clive Allen and Lachlan Ross

### Staff

Stuart Traynor (Captain), David Odling-Smee, Peter Ellis, Stewart Ogston, John Murphy, Ron Watt, Michael Jantzen, Erhardt Lee, John Weichert, Bob Nixon, David Webber and Jim McInnes.

### Referee:

Ian Traynor

The Staff team was on top for most of the first half and had a number of scoring chances in the opening minutes before Jim McInnes scored a good try to put his team in front. However, the students hit back just before half time when Steven Bailey scored a neat try after a bad defensive move by the staff.

The second half was very even with both teams defending desperately. No tries were scored in this half and so the final result was a draw (one try each).



The staff at half time.

The student team



## WEATHER STATION

Yirara College has its own weather station. The students who have been mainly responsible for this are 9A. They measure and record:-

- \* Rainfall
- \* Amount of cloud cover and cloud type.
- \* Wind speed and direction,
- \* Relative humidity.
- \* Atmospheric pressure.
- \* Maximum and minimum temperatures.

This information is displayed daily on a special weather chart near the science laboratory.

# YUENDUMU SPORTS WEEKEND

Yirara joined in the Yuendumu Sports Weekend for the 8th year, and many students enjoyed the sport, and enjoyed meeting their families and friends. All but 30 students went to Yuendumu, and, thanks to the principal of Yuendumu, camped at the school for 4 days.

We had a weaker athletics team than in previous years, but thanks to good performances of people like Carolyn Windy, Minnie Joseph and Frankie O'Cleary, we managed to win the Athletics Shield again. Congratulations to Minnie for being the best female athlete.

Yirara were in three female grand finals, but unfortunately lost them all - 2 basketball and one softball. The girls were tired, but struggled hard against good teams. The blokes were outclassed by giant Warlpiris whose height in basketball and football gave them an easy advantage. The Yirara football "B" lads did well to reach the semi-final.

The Yirara band played at the concert for the first time - well done. Students behaved well, and were helpful in the camp. Robin Harwood, the Head Cook, was the mainstay of the camp, and together with other staff worked hard to make it a happy camp.

## RESULTS OF Y.S. W. 1981

Football A	Yuendumu 4.8	Warren Williams
	Papunya 4.3	(Y)
Football B	Lajamanu 6.5	..... Gibson
	Papunya 4.4	(Lajamanu)
Softball A	Santa Teresa	Imelda Palmer
	Yirara	(ST)
Softball B	Yuendumu	Beverly Marshall
		(Y)
Basketball A (Mens)	Lajamanu 32	Geoffrey (Gal.)
	Yuendumu 31	
Basketball B (Mens)	Yuendumu 39	Murray Woods (Y)
	Erabella 29	
Basketball A (Womens)	Lajamanu	Mauren D (Laj.)
	Yirara	
Basketball B (Womens)	Lajamanu 21	Teresa Matthew
	Yirara 11	(Laj.)
Athletics	Yirara	Minnie Joseph
		(Y.C.)
		(Gal.)
Marching	1 Willo wra	
	2 Yirara	
Participating Communities	Milingimbi	Warrabri
	Lajamanu	Willowra
	Santa Teresa	Yirara
	Yuendumu	Galiwinku
Hermannsburg	Areyonga	
	Alice Springs	Pipalyatjara
Erabella	Fregon	
Participating Communities	Milingimbi	Warrabri
	Lajamanu	Willowra
	Santa Teresa	Yirara
	Yuendumu	Galiwinku
	Hermannsburg	Areyonga
	Alice Springs	Pipalyatjara
	Erabella	Fregon
	Balgo	Papunya



# RESULTS OF Y.S.W. ATHLETICS, 1981

Only two were allowed in each event. First two in each heat went into final.

## WOMEN:

100m	Heat 1	Minnie - 1st
	Heat 2	Sonia - 3rd
	Final	Minnie - 2nd (put hand to prevent cotton cutting neck again)
200m	Heat 1	Carolyn - 1st
	Heat 2	Minnie - 1st
	Final	Carolyn - 1st; Minnie 2nd
400m	Heat 1	Ingrid Carroll - 1st
	Heat 2	Sylvia Dixon - 2nd
	Final	Ingrid Carroll - 4th
High Jump	Final	Sylvania - 1st Ingrid Carroll - 2nd
	Relay	Final Yirara - 1st (Carolyn, Minnie, Isobel, Mary B.)

## MEN:

100m	Heat 1	Glen D. - 3rd
	Heat 2	Reggie D. - 2nd
	Final	Reggie D. - 3rd
200m	Heat 1	Reggie - 2nd
	Heat 2	Ronald M. - 2nd
	Final	Reggie - 4th (?)
400m	Heat 1	Brian M. - 3rd
	Heat 2	Esau - 2nd
	Final	Esau - 4th
800m	Heat 1	Michael (?) - 3rd
	Heat 2	Lance - 2nd
	Final	Lance - 4th
1500m	Final	Frankie O'C - 1st
	Final	DHOS - 2nd
	Final	Brian M. - 5th
High Jump	Final	Yirara (Last - all other runners cut across Yirara runners)
Relay	Heat 1	



# FOOTBALL

## Under 15 - Yirara Premiers

Inspired and encouraged by new coach Paul Thewlis, the U15 blokes started the season determined to win the flag. With the leadership of Luke and Geoffrey, Paul produced a team of talented players. "How did you win? By talking!" Blokes trained every Tuesday and Thursday and by July it paid off. Big names and big players meant nothing to our blokes. Pioneers and Souths were favourites to win but Yirara blokes beat them. We were too strong for Wests in the semi-finals and went on to beat Souths in the preliminary final. The Grand Final saw us defeat Pioneers by 10 points. A great team effort.

Backs: Edmund, Timothy, Ronald  
Halfbacks: Michael D., Egan, Michael J.  
Centres: Luke, Brian, Lachlan  
Half-forwards: Adrian, Dion, Johnny  
Forwards: Naphtali, Steven, Lawrence  
Rucks: Clive, Geoffrey  
Rover: Malcolm  
Reserves: Peter, Michael C.  
Emergency: Campbell

Thanks Paul and congratulations blokes. Thanks to Geoffrey Brokus and Jacob Braeden who helped the team make the finals, and to all the blokes who trained and helped the team in many ways- Vincent and Campbell, Maxie and Kevin Watson.

The winners of the awards for best players were:-

Best and Fairest: Geoffrey Barnes  
Leading Goalkicker: Geoffrey Barnes  
Coach's Trophy: Johnny Wilson  
Best Finals Player: Lachlan Ross  
Second Best and Fairest: Adrian McDonald  
Most Consistent: Timothy Price  
Most Improved: Steven Dixon  
Best Player in the Grand Final: Michael Downes  
Captain's Trophy: Luke Johnson



● Clive Allen



● 1991 Under 15 Premiers

● Half time in the Grand Final





Colts U18 - Wests

Players:

Steven Bailey  
Solomon Jigili  
Dennis Nelson  
Roger Blacksmith  
Morris Major  
Kim Janima  
Glen Dixon  
Lance Lewis  
Mark Samuel  
Daniel Rockman  
Nigel Small

Coach:

Peter Woolles

Wests had a good and made the Grand Final against Pioneers. Many blokes had grown and developed since last year. Lance rucked strongly and Nigel did well during the season. Solomon, Dennis and Mark played consistently well. Leading them were Glen and Steven - two fine players. Unfortunately in the Grand Final everything went right for Pioneers and wrong for Wests. Pioneers won easily.

Colts U18 - Souths

Players:

Clifford Stevens  
John Pepperill  
Esau Hodgson  
Kim Rutjinama  
Patrick Nandy  
Gordon Dobbs  
James Ulamari

Coach:

Richard Hayes

After a slowstart to the season, Souths improved to make the preliminary final against Wests. This was a good game but Wests won by three goals. Clifford, Esau and Johnny all played very well.

Football at Yirara in 1981 has been full of action. Blokes have been going to training twice a week since March, and as a result, developed their skills and fitness. Due to good coaching they learned that teamwork was most important.



## NORTH AUSTRALIAN SPORTS WEEK

In April Yirara took part in this social and sporting week between Mt. Isa, Sadadeen and Alice Springs high schools. Sports played were basketball (blokes and girls), touch rugby (blokes), soccer (girls), slopitch (mixed), volleyball (blokes and girls), and indoor hockey (mixed). Touch rugby, slopitch and indoor hockey were new games to the students but we played extremely well and managed to win a game in rugby and slopitch and came very close to winning in indoor hockey.

Yirara won more games than it lost and the week was very successful both from a sporting and social point of view.

## DESERT SCHOOLS SWIMMING AND MUSIC AND ART

This festival of swimming and music and art was held in November at Yirara.

There were fifteen visiting schools and it was a great success.

Fregon  
Docker River  
Areyonga  
Mt. Ebenezer  
Umpunghara  
Haasts Bluff  
Papunya  
Willowra  
Yuendumu  
Elliott  
Neutral Junction  
Mt. Allan  
Napperby  
Ji Tree  
Utopia

This year there were four activities:

- Swimming - Practising and Carnival
- Music - Practising and "Music Evening"
- Art - Display of Childrens Art.
- Town Visits - Visits to schools and shops in town.

This was the best and most important childrens festival of 1981, and Yirara enjoyed hosting the 320 visiting staff and children. We look forward to the same again in 1982, and hope for even more music and art.

## INTERHOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

This was a spectacular occasion in March when all four houses were amazingly eager to participate and win. Because, for the first time, each house had had a "standards" day prior to the carnival, and because house captains had held special team-picking meetings, all students (and staff) knew exactly what was expected of them on the day.

There were volunteers galore and some swimmers went in race after race. Students did the team selection, judging, recording, and barracking - and the atmosphere and the swimming results were excellent. Thank you Mr. Ogston for a happy day.

## BUSH SCHOOLS SPORTS

The Bush School Sports succeeded the Papunya Sports in 1975. Yirara started as the host, while the Department supplied the sports organisation and travel costs. Now Yirara hosts and organises the sport, while, for the first time, the bush schools themselves had to supply the transport. As a result only seven schools attended; but this was better than cancelling the sports.

The 150 children from these seven schools learned skills in hockey, soccer and athletics, and also held competitive games. We were especially glad to have Ammaroo with us:

Ammaroo  
Amoonguna  
Fregon  
Ernabella  
Indulkana  
Warrabri  
Haasts Bluff

There is an annual problem of finding enough equipment for all the children. We had applied to the National Aboriginal Sports Foundation for money to buy equipment, and though this arrived too late for this years sports, we are extremely grateful to N.A.S.F. for their \$1000 grant.

## UNDER 16's SOFTBALL

This year the girls started off really well; most of the games they won were won by a lot of runs. Even though we had a lot of new players just learning the game, the other teams found it hard to play us.

When it came to the final everybody gave up and didn't play properly. We lost the semi-final, and because we were the second top team we had a chance to play again in the preliminary final; we lost and were out of the competition. We would have won if the girls played in the finals like they played during the season.

The girls were really good this year; they turned up for every game and most trainings.

Players that played well and tried hard were:

Rosemary Rubuntja  
Nita Patrick  
Irma Payton  
Edna Kantawarra  
Valerie Campbell  
Phyllis Simon

Bad luck, maybe next year.

Sally Silverton (Year 10 student),  
COACH

## HOCKEY

These girls have played in the team this year:-

Nyukana Long - Goal Keeper  
Myra Giles - Back  
Geraldine Stevens - Back  
Margaret Pearce - Back  
Sylvania Kenny - Half Back  
Sonia Davis - Half Back  
Julianne Burke - Half Back  
Marilyn Dixon - Half Back  
Louise Webb - Wing  
Nellie Brumby - Wing  
Minnie Joseph - Inner  
Vera Williams - Inner  
Isobel Windy - Centre Forward

Best goal scorers were:- Isobel, Vera and Louise.

Most improved players were:- Sylvania, Geraldine and Marilyn. These were also the girls who were always first to practices and tried hard.

The team played in the Grand Final after winning most of the games during the season. They lost the Grand Final 1 - 2 against Pioneers, but had more than their share of the ball, and came close to a draw or a win, and ball after the ball shaved the posts. It was an excellent end to the season.

1981 Hockey Team

## GIRLS SOCCER

Yirara girls started playing soccer in the Alice Springs competition in 1980. This year there were two teams: Under 16 and Senior.

The girls trained and played hard all season, but were unable to get into the finals. However, they showed everyone that they are first in sportsmanship and fair play. Best players for the season were: Vera Williams, Barbara Moore, Josephine Holden, and Gabrielle Kingston, in the Seniors.

Best Under 16 players were Connie Riley, Sylvia Dixon, Valerie Campbell and Teresa Farrar.

All the girls tried hard and improved a lot. Well done.

## BLOKES SOCCER

During 1981 14 blokes commenced playing soccer for the first time. Even though we didn't win many games during the season the blokes played well. By the end of the season we were ready to kick and the 1982 season proves to be a successful year for U14 soccer.

## SENIOR SOFTBALL

We finished in third place this year. Once again we had some bad luck in the finals with girls having a bad day. I was very pleased with the effort of all girls throughout the season. Special thanks to the 3 Hermannsburg girls (Frieda, Sonia and Shirleen) who turned up for every training and every match.

## N.T. UNDER 19's HOCKEY 1981

This year Isobel Windy, Louise Webb and Mary Brokus took part in hockey trials in Darwin. Isobel and Mary were selected to play in the Under 19 Northern Territory Hockey team.

The ten day trip to Shepparton in Victoria was in the September holidays. Isobel went on her own because Mary had left school.

In games against all the other states, the N.T. side drew two games and lost all the others. Isobel made some new friends, especially in the N.T. team.



# NETBALL

This year more girls than ever before have played netball in the Town Competition. We had four teams: two in the Junior section and two in the Senior section. Three of these teams had never played netball before, so they learnt the game and acquired quite a lot of skill in a short time.

Junior A grade lost the Preliminary Finals.

Junior B grade lost the Grand Final by 1 goal.

Intermediate lost their Grand Final by 10 goals.

D grade lost their Grand Final by 1 goal.

Outstanding players of the season have been Thelma Godfrey, Michelle Bennett, MaryLou Bailey, Kathy Tanami, Gabrielle Kingston and Rosemary Bernard.

Three girls attended a Coaching Course and have assisted with the coaching of the younger teams. They were:- Tricia Rankin, Lizzie Giles and Maryanne Brian.



# IRRALPA AND STOCKYARD RUNS

# 1981 STOCKYARD RUN

There were more runners in the annual interhouse cross country runs than ever before:-

Irralpa Run 32 students 4 staff  
Stockyard Run 37 students 5 staff

Records were not broken but both winners ran extremely well. They were:-

Irralpa Run Frankie O'Cleary (Rockhampton Downs) 28 mins. 54 secs.  
Stockyard Run Josephine Holden (Banka Banka) 21 mins. 31 secs.

The winning houses were Ironta (Irralpa) and Kanyarla (Stockyard). Thank you to the nine teachers who took part and to Mr. Ogston, organiser and staff winner (22 mins. 6 secs.)

## 1981 IRRALPA RUN

1	Mr. Ogston	22.06
2	Frankie O'Cleary	23.54
3	Mr. Odling-Smee	23.54
4	Clifford Stevens	25.13
5	Mr. Ellis	25.15
6	Brian Murphy	25.34
7	Adrian McDonald	26.56
8	Luke Johnson	27.52
9	Jacob Braeden	29.03
10	Glen Dixon	28.41
11	Mr. Traynor	28.50
12	James Ulumari	30.20
13	Dennis Nelson	30.54
14	Michael Downes	31.34
15	Gordon Dobbs	31.35
16	Kevin Grant	31.50
17	George Johnson	31.52
18	Brian Morrison	31.59
19	Kevin Anderson	32.00
20	Dion Williams	32.48
21	Alan Martin	33.11
22	Stephen Dixon	34.09
23	Edmund Small	34.09
24	Raymond Raymond	35.25
25	Kim Rutjinama	36.25
26	Grantley Marshall	36.25
27	Lawrence Webb	36.25
28	Michael Carr	38.15
29	Lincoln Ross	38.15
30	Simon Anderson	39.23
31	Ronald Hughes	39.24
32	Clive Lynch	44.22
33	Matthew Ferber	44.40
34	Selwyn Nelson	44.55
35	Warren Jimmy	44.57
36	Randall Williams	44.59

1	Josphine Holden	21.31
2	MissCope	21.46
3	Dixie Rankin	22.22
4	Hannah Williams	22.24
5	Shirleen Malthouse	23.26
6	Sonia Davis	24.19
7	Sandra Jerry	24.36
8	Sylvia Dixon	24.34
9	Hilda Bert	25.20
10	Sheila Armstrong	25.42
11	Virginia Driffen	25.43
12	Amie Noonan	26.08
13	Claudette Albert	26.09
14	Julie Rankin	26.17
15	Mrs. Gardiner	26.42
16	Miss Noonan	27.08
17	Rosequeen Nuggett	27.33
18	Sylvania Kenny	27.35
19	Miss Shardlow	28.14
20	Miss Mc Hugh	29.54
21	Cynthia Malthouse	30.04
22	Isobel Windy	30.44
23	Barbara Moore	31.42
24	Gabrielle Kingston	31.43
25	Sandra Windy	32.38
26	Gabnelles Possum	32.38
27	Elva Poulson	32.39
28	Nancy Kumantjara	32.56
29	Doreen Alex	33.00
30	Rhonda Samuels	33.40
31	Rita Brown	33.40
32	Joanne Stevens	33.40
33	Lucy Tanami	33.40
34	Dawn Rook	33.40
35	KathyTanami	33.40
36	Mary Lou Bailey	33.40
37	Marianne Dixon	33.40
38	Ingrid Carroll	33.40
39	Virginia Brown	33.40
40	Beverley Brumby	33.40
41	Beverley Brumby	33.40
41	Mandy Pegg	33.40
42	Jezerbell Walkabout	33.40

# SPORTS DAY, 1981

Sports Day, 1981, provided some very exciting races and some fine individual performances.

The athletics carnival was won by Marl girls and Kanyarla boys

Best performances came from:- Minnie Joseph, John Pepperill, Frankie O'Cleary, Fabrianne Peterson, Sheila Armstrong, Glen Dixon, Michael Downes, Reggie Dixon and Adrian McDonald.

## RESULTS: JUNIOR BOYS

Event	Place	Name	Time/ Distance
100m	1	Reggie Dixon	12.8 secs
	2	Michael Downes	
	3	Johnny Wilson	
200m	1	Reggie Dixon	26.6 secs
	2	Michael Downes	
	3	Johnny Wilson	
400m	1	Kevin Anderson	65.0 secs
	2	Luke Johnson	
	3	Johnny Wilson	
800m	1	Michael Downes	2:38.7 secs
	2	Reggie Dixon	
	3	Brian Morrison	
1500m Open	1	Michael Downes	5:34.1 secs
	2	Kevin Grant	
	3	Douglas Julama	
3-legged race	1	Kanyarla	10.1 secs
	2	Marlu	
	3	Arlpatji	
Backward race	1	Selwyn Nelson	10.4 secs
	2	Fabian Brown	
	3	Naphtali Joseph	
Shot Put	1	Douglas Julama	9.53 m
	2	Luke Johnson	
	3	Clive Lynch	
Discus	1	Douglas Julama	22.7 m
	2	Lawrence Webb	
	3	Andrew Walker	
Javelin	1	Raymond Raymond	24.6 m
	2	Michael Downes	
	3	Clive Lynch	
Long Jump	1	Simon Anderson	4.10 m
	2	Adrian McDonald	
	3	Luke Johnson	
Triple Jump	1	Adrian McDonald	9.4 m
	2	James Ulumari	
	3	Edmund Small	
4 x 100m relay	1	Marlu	55.0 secs
	2	Kanyarla	
	3	Irantia	
High Jump	1	Michael Downes	1.32 m
	2	Adrian McDonald	
	3	Fabian Brown	

## RESULTS: SENIOR BOYS

Event	Place	Name	Time/ Distance
100m	1	Glen Dixon	12.5 secs
	2	Siegfried Nelson	
	3	Clifford Stevens	
200m	1	Jacob Braeden	26.1 secs
	2	Ronald Morrison	
	3	Esau Hodgson	
400m	1	Esau Hodgson	58.6 secs
	2	Ronald Morrison	
	3	Malcolm Riley	
800m	1	John Pepperill	2:23.7 secs
	2	Lance Lewis	
	3	Frankie O'Cleary	
1500m Open	1	John Pepperill	4:43.0 secs
	2	Frankie O'Cleary	
	3	Esau Hodgson	
3-legged race	1	Kanyarla	10.1 secs
	2	Marlu	
	3	Arlpatji	
Backward race	1	John Pepperill	9.4 secs
	2	Billy Larry	
	3	Jacob Braeden	
Shot Put	1	Owen Janima	10.59 secs
	2	Brian Murphy	
	3	Gordon Dobbs	
Discus	1	Jacob Spencer	28.90 m
	2	Richard Janima	
	3	Billy Spratt	
Javelin	1	Patrick Nandy	38.40 m
	2	Glen Dixon	
	3	Richard Janima	
Long Jump	1	Glen Dixon	10.30 m
	2	Brian Jakara	
	3	Brian Murphy	
4 x 100m relay	1	Irantia	51.1 secs
	2	Kanyarla	
	3	Marlu	
High Jump	1	Mark Samuels	1.54 m
	2	Brian Murphy	
	3	Clifford Stevens	

# RESULTS JUNIOR GIRLS

100m	1 Vera Williams	14.0 secs
	2 Mary Lou Bailey	
	3 Sheila Armstrong	
200m	1 Rosemary Rubuntja	29.3 secs
	2 Vera Williams	
	3 Sylvia Dixon	
400m	1 Sylvia Dixon	76.7 secs
	2 Julie Rankin	
	3 Mary Lou Bailey	
800m	1 Sheila Armstrong	3.00.8 secs
	2 Dixie Rankin	
	3 Maureen Purvis	
1500m Open	1 Sheila Armstrong	6.04.9 secs
	2	
	3	
3-legged race	1 Marlu	13.6. secs
	2 Arlpatji	
	3 Iranta	
Backward race	1 Connie Riley	12.6 secs
	2 Alice Kunoth	
	3 Wendy Driffen	
Shot Put	1 Rita Brown	7.95 m
	2 Mary Kathleen Lewis	
	3 Josephine Holden	
Discus	1 Rita Brown	15.50 m
	2 Carolyn Stewart	
	3 Carmen Anderson	
Javelin	1 Phoebe Hargraves	19.60 m
	2 Thelma Godfrey	
	3 Marianne Dixon	
Long Jump	1 Josephine Holden	3.80 m
	2 Connie Riley	
	3 Dorothy Ulamari	
4 x 100m relay	1 Arlpatji	59.1 secs
	2 Iranta	
	3 Kanyarla	
High Jump	1 Thelma Godfrey	1.24 metres
	2 Josephine Holden	
	3 Sabina Hatches	

# RESULTS: SENIOR GIRLS

100m	1 Minnie Joseph	14.5 secs
	2 Isobel Windy	
	3 Sylvania Kenny	
200m	1 Minnie Joseph	29.0 secs
	2 Isobel Windy	
	3 Sonia Davis	
400m	1 Minnie Joseph	72.8 secs
	2 Nellie Brumby	
	3 Ingrid Carroll	
800m	1 Sandra Jerry	3.07.6 secs
	2 Sonia Davis	
	3 Irma Payton	
1500m Open	1 Sheila Armstrong	6.04.9 secs
	2	
	3	
3-legged race	1 Arlpatji	18.2 secs
	2 Iranta	
	3 Kanyarla	
Backward race	1 Rosemary Rubuntja	10.7 secs
	2 Gabrielle Kingston	
	3 Mary Lou Bailey	
Shot Put	1 Fabrianne Petersen	9.0 m
	2 Barbara Moore	
	3 Ingrid Carrol	
Discus	1 Sandra Jerry	19.70 m
	2 Josephine Holden	
	3 Valerie Campbell	
Javelin	1 Fabrianne Petersen	19.55m
	2 Frieda Palapunta	
	3 Patricia Alice	
4 x 100m relay	1 Marlu	60.0 secs
	2 Arlpatji	
	3 Iranta	
High Jump	1 Ingrid Carrol	1.16 m
	2 Irma Payton	
	3 Frieda Palapunta	100m



# MARCHING COMPETITION

Before the interhouse athletics, there was an interhouse marching competition. The judges were Sister Peggy Landon and Constable Frank Gibson. The four houses marched round the oval to the excellent drumming of the Warrabri and Murray Downs blokes. The results were:

Kanyarla ) Equal  
 Irinta ) First  
 Arlpatji ) Third  
 Marlu ) Fourth

Well done to all marchers, and to the drummers - Dion, Brian, Edmund, Gordon, Michael and Malcolm

Yirara Marching Band

Scenes from the Marching Competition



## MARCHING RESULT

	A	I	K	M
Appearance	7	8	8	6
Marching & Movement	9	9	9	9
Formation	4½	4½	4½	4
Start & Halt	4½	4	4	3½
TOTAL:	25	25½	25½	19½

Equal First - Irinta  
 Equal First - Kanyarla  
 Third - Arlpatji  
 Fourth - Marlu







# PRIZE GIVING, 1981

## 1. DORMITORY PRIZES

Top J	Jill Jantawarra - reliable and consistently good.
Bottom J	Joanne Stevens - consistently good
Top L	Frieda Palapunta - excellent prefect Sally Silverton - excellent prefect
Top K	Claudette Albert - polite and well-mannered
Bottom K	Louise Webb - most consistent
Top O	Owen Janima - good leadership
Bottom O	Gordon Dobbs - most improved
Top M	Kevin Grant - consistently good
Bottom M	Gilbert Dixon - co-operative
Girls Dormitory	Bottom K
Blokes Dormitory	Bottom O

## 2. 1981 CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the 86 students who will get 1981 certificates for staying at Yirara all the year.

## 3. SPORTS PRIZES

Presented by the Y.M.C.A.

### Sportsmanship

Stephen Bailey  
Jill McDonald

### Improvement and Effort

Cornelius Lauder  
Irma Payton

### Umpiring, Coaching and Helping

Raymond Dixon  
Teresa Anderson

### House Trophies

Basketball	Junior Girls	
	Senior Girls	Iranta
	Junior Blokes	Marlu
Volleyball	Senior Blokes	Iranta
	Girls	Kanyarla
Water Polo	Blokes	Arlpatji
	Girls	Marlu
Soccer	Blokes	Kanyarla
	Girls	Kanyarla and Arlpatji (equal)
	Blokes	Arlpatji and Marlu (equal)

## 4. MUSIC PRIZES

Presented by Senator Bernie Kilgariff  
Jill Kantawarra  
Brian Murphy

## 5. ACTIVITIES

### (1) Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awardees

Sandra Jerry  
Dawn Rook  
Louise Webb  
Barbara Moore  
Marilyn Dixon  
Tricia Rankin  
Sylvania Kenny  
Vera Williams

### (2) Driving Licences

Greg Armstrong  
Frank Janima  
Kim Janima  
Jacob Spencer  
Minnie Joseph  
Lucy Tanami  
Sinia Williams  
Mary Brokus  
Glen Dixon  
Gordon Dobbs  
Sally Silverton

### (3) N.T. Sport Representatives

John Pepperill - Cross Country Running  
Frankie O'Cleary - Cross Country Running  
Isobel Windy - Hockey

### (4) Apprenticeship Exam

Stephen Bailey - Passed

### (5) Katherine Rural Education Centre

Clifford Stevens - Accepted for 1 year course  
Gordon Dobbs - Accepted for 1 year course  
Billy Spratt - Accepted for 1 year course

### (6) Nursing

Lizzie Giles - Accepted : 1 year Nurse Aide  
St. John Ambulance Certificate

### (7) Prefect Council

Lucy Tanami  
Owen Janima



## 6. CLASS PRIZES

Presented by Ernabella Council, Hermannsburg Store, and Centre for Aboriginal Artists and Craftsmen.

- 7A Lazarus Kingston - most improved  
Valerie Wadula - most improved  
Dorothy Ulamari - consistently hard-working  
Mary Lou Bailey - co-operative and consistent
- 7B Eddie Stevens - consistent  
Hannah Williams - consistent  
Joanne Stevens - most improved  
Lawrence Webb - most improved
- 7C Clive Lynch - most improved  
Beverley Brumby - most improved
- 7D Sandra Armstrong - most improved, co-operative
- 8A Dawn Rook - best worker  
Josephine Holden - best worker  
Kevin Anderson - most improved
- 8B Ian Newberry - best worker  
Annie Nelson - best worker  
Geoffrey Brokus - best worker
- 9A Sandra Jerry - consistent effort  
James Ulamari - consistent effort
- 9B Solomon Jigili - most improved  
Steve Rockman - most improved
- 9C Elva Poulson - best worker  
Fabrianne Peterson - best worker
- 10A Patricia Alice - improvement and effort  
Rosemary Bernard - improvement and effort
- 10B Sonia Davis - consistently hard-working  
Virginia Driffen - most improved
- 11 Lucy Tanami - consistently hard-working  
Nellie Brumby - consistently hard-working

### Manual Arts

James Ulamari

### Home Economics

Mandy Pegg

### Science

Audrey Numina

### Technical Drawing

Clifford Stevens

## 7. HOUSE POINTS AND SHIELD

### Arlpatji:

Doreen Alex  
Matthew Ferber

### Iranta:

Shirleen Malthouse  
Lance Lewis

### Kanyarla:

Maureen Karrer  
Raymond Raymond

### Marlu:

Maureen Johnson ) equal  
Barbara Moore)  
Timothy Price

### House Shield:

Kanyarla

## 8. PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Presented by the Federal Member, Mr. Grant Tambling M.P.  
Sally Silverton

