

# School Newsletter



**Yirara**  
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## A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 1 - 2017

Welcome to the end of Term 1.

We have had an extremely busy term with many new ideas being put in place to make Yirara College a stronger place for students.

The new Flexi Centre has started operating this year. The aim of the center is to engage students in alternative learning and focusing on learning through measured life style skills.

We have introduced an elective program in the afternoons. It has been a great success with over 21 topics for the students to choose from. They are given many opportunities from hairdressing to welding that run for three weeks and then they change to another program. This is giving students lots of options to consider in future employment and life skills.



This term we were fortunate enough to obtain a simulator that will give our students the skills to work on earth moving equipment that is used in their communities. Training on the simulators will provide a wide range of skills and practical use of machinery

will then be learnt on campus. The aim of this program is to broaden employment opportunities for our students.



for the Disabled'. The aim of the course is to teach students about horse care. Students are looking forward to this program run through the VET.

Our media department has grown in experience with the employing of Charmaine Ingram who has come from the ABC and has had vast experience in the areas of television, radio and creating her own programs.

We are looking forward to term 2 with all of the opportunities that Yirara has to offer the students.

We thank God for His blessings on Yirara.

Roger Ashcroft  
Principal.



We are in the process of setting up a pen for two horses. This project has been setup with an organisation called 'Riding



Parramatta Eels visit Yirara



Driver Training



Girls Academy



Inter-School Sports



Early BBQ breakfasts

# yirara Sports



This term has been jam packed with exciting sport exchanges and interschool sport gala days.

Beginning in week 2 with a fellas and ladies mixed team participating in the Alice springs Touch footy tournament held at ANZAC Oval.



This was a new sport for all the students and they achieved some great results defeating Ntaria and St Phillips team 2, to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of 6 teams.

Yirara also sent a squad to the Interschool swimming carnival held at the Town Pool with fellas and ladies competing in Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke with a team relay to finish.

Well done to Mishai who won his Freestyle heat and Mia who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the intermediate girls Breast stroke final.

Archery has also been a big success this term with a large number of students giving it a go and wanting to take up the sport in their own time.



We look forward to next terms Yirara Athletics carnival and many more sport exchanges.

Kairo Mclean  
HPE/Sport Teacher



This term sport has changed to a Friday afternoon and seen many interschool sport exchanges of Basketball and Footy played against the following schools:

Ntaria, Centrallion Middle School and Arlparra College from Utopia. Students have really embraced participating against other schools and sharing a swim and icy poles together.

## How are you getting back to school?

Like our Facebook page and get up to date information on travel arrangements, where our Community Liaison Officers are and keep in touch.

Just search for:  
Yirara College—Travel arrangements and Community Liaison Page



## Christian Studies Term 1, 2017

In Term 1 students have been learning about 'Sin and Grace' - how much God loves us. Even though we do the wrong things he keeps on loving us, helping us and forgiving us. *God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life. John 3:16* Classes shared a small Passover Meal, learning about the Lord's Supper and the Easter stories.



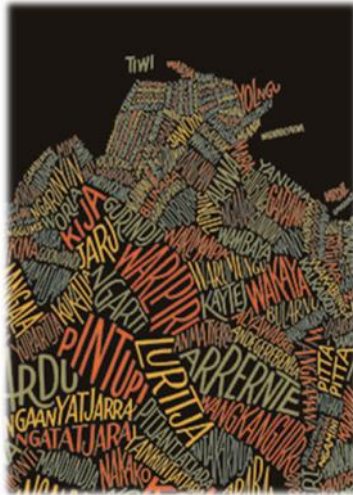


# Message from our Pastor

WELCOME  
to



Language  
singalong



Each week for Yirara chapel service, we have a language reading and sing along service. As part of the service, there is a special focus on one of the many communities our students come from. Some of the communities we have learnt about this term include, Areyonga, Haasts Bluff, Finke and Borroloola. The sing along service is held on Thursday mornings. A lot of work goes on preparing the service before Thursday. Students research some things that are important to them and their community. A lot of students tell us about their community store, the health centre, the playground and school. What other students enjoy learning about most is some of the favourite swimming holes, fishing spots and food eaten from hunting. One student told us about their billabong, where they like to go canoeing, swimming and fishing. Another student spoke about their community church, telling us they go to church on Sunday after breakfast, and a choir sings and practices in the church.

The chapel service bible readings are spoken in a different language each week. Students who can read language, such as Arrarenta, Kriol, Luritja, or Warlpiri, are recorded reading a bible verse. This term we have heard scripture verses telling us not to be afraid and to trust in Jesus. Students enjoy sing along time in chapel. The band and the singers

practice all week for the songs, so that they can sing loudly and confidently. Many of the songs are in language, so students can join in with singing and clapping along to the music and words. One song that is a lot of fun to sing is “Inma Inngka” a traditional Hymn from the Lutheran Hymnal.

God bless

Ingkaarta Brenton Fiedler

## 9A Class Tackles Term One with My Place

Term one has been both a challenging, yet a rewarding one! The focus for the term has been on My Place – My



Community. Students have studied the text My Place and viewed the TV series of the same name, all the while relating their studies to their own communities and families.

Students have created their own community maps which have been very impressive. This was relevant to the text study which focused on a changing community map over a period of 200 years. They celebrated Harmony Day with world maps showing where Yirara staff have come from and also their own personal timelines. Students have had the fantastic opportunity to further develop their computer literacy and numeracy skills in weekly computer lessons – a new class for all students at Yirara. They have also participated in four different Elective classes this term including; Hairdressing, Cooking, Gardening, Girls Academy, Clontarf, Childcare, Lifesaving, Basketball, AFL NT Thunder and more.

Students have really enjoyed these new classes and it will be great to see them continue next term.



It has been wonderful to see students grow and mature as the term has progressed and we look forward to seeing this continue as they resume their Term 2 studies.

# Boarding and Amazing Things

This year a lot of new students have begun their journey at Yirara College, coming to us from many different communities bringing with them their own unique customs and traditions. For most of them Yirara is their first experience at a boarding school.

This term in Boarding we have introduced Youth night! It



takes place here at the school on a Sunday afternoon. Our sport and recreation team supported by the rest of the boarding staff deliver the program to the students, staff engage with students in many different exercises using different examples to achieve positive outcomes, all guided by the words in the Bible.

We are still enjoying some of the same activities that the students are familiar with like Life skill Mondays and Homework Wednesday, other sporting events either through local sporting organisations or the programs here onsite driven by our staff.



We are planning for bigger and better things for term 2 and look forward to new challenges with future and current students.

We would like to welcome new staff members Shahn Fitsemanu and Maxine Ballard to the Yirara College



Boarding Team, we look forward to the many adventures we will have here. Sadly we farewell 2 staff members,

Marguritta Carthouser who is moving back to Queensland to be closer to family



and also Gina Holland who is heading overseas on a new adventure. We would like to thank you both for all the memories and hard work and dedication you have given towards the students here at the College, we wish you all the best for the future.

Stay safe and God Bless,  
Boarding staff.



## Music at Yirara

Term 1 has been very busy in the Music Department. Yirara students have had the opportunity to learn to play the drums, guitar and keyboards. Throughout the morning small groups come to the music room to practice and learn new songs. In the afternoon, students who have chosen music as an elective practice together as a band and have recorded their songs.



In term 2 we are adding a ladies band and an elective for singing in language.





# Clontarf Happenings



Throughout the term Clontarf have been running the famous 'Breakfast with the Brumbies' special event. For the end of term we finished with a crowd favorite, Pancakes!



As always we had superfluous helpers which is a great! We had our fellas; mixing batter, cutting up fruit, cooking, setting up the service area and finally serving.

Junior Rieff was the first out of bed this morning and he led the charge, ensuring the pancakes were all golden brown and cooked to perfection! Alo Hayse continued to be a great helper, taking photos and then serving everyone their breakfast. There is no slipping an extra pancake past Alo! Once again, it is always great seeing our staff and students mixing in and enjoying each others company in an informal setting. Thanks to all those who helped make it a special occasion, we all certainly appreciate your effort.



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## Student Awards for Term 4 - 2016

### Middle School Welcome Class

Kirsty Elkedra	Integrated Studies
Tyrese Lynch-Palmer	Numeracy
Tyrese Lynch-Palmer	Health PE

### Middle School Class 7/8A

Steven Watson	Integrated Studies
Shane Malbunka Ward	Numeracy
Steven Watson	Science
Steven Watson	Music
Steven Watson	Art
Steven Watson	Design and Technology
Steven Watson	Christian Studies and Pastoral Care

### Middle School Class 7/8B

Lashonda Stewart	Integrated Studies
Javin Jones	Numeracy
Tycan Bostock	Science
Tycan Bostock	Music
Tycan Bostock	Art
Tycan Bostock	Design and Technology
Anthony Raymond	Health PE
Jesse Butler	Christian Studies and Pastoral Care

### Middle School Class 7/8C

Eric Jackson	Integrated Studies
Calessio Rankine	Integrated Studies
Ike McDonald Rankin	Numeracy
Delisha Malthouse	Science
Oliver Wheeler	Music
Calessio Rankine	Art
Aloyiscois Hayes	Design and Technology
Eric Jackson	Health PE
Calessio Rankine	Christian Studies and Pastoral Care

### Middle School Class 7/8D

Danielle Campbell	Integrated Studies
Tara-lieghraine Scober	Numeracy
Danielle Campbell	Science
Erin Nelson	Music
Janita Riley	Food
Nathaniel Djana	Design and Technology
Warren Long	Health PE
Terrance Abbott	Christian Studies and Pastoral Care

### Middle School Class 9A

Kaylena Hodgson	Integrated Studies
Elijah Marshall	Numeracy
Kaylena Hodgson	Science
Elijah Marshall	Music
Kaylena Hodgson	Food
Kaylena Hodgson	Design and Technology
Kaylena Hodgson	Health PE
Kaylena Hodgson	Christian Studies/ Pastoral Care

### Middle School Class 9B

Christopher Tyson Woods	Integrated Studies
Pristina Briscoe	Numeracy
Pristina Briscoe	Science
Tyron Sena	Music
Marlene Brady	Food
Mishai Wollogorang	Design and Technology
Pristina Briscoe	Health PE
Reece-Raymond Brian	Christian Studies and Pastoral Care

### Senior School Work Ready Class

Saverio Allen-Lynch	Literacy
Derek Thompson	Numeracy
Derek Thompson	Science
Derek Thompson	Christian Studies and Pastoral Care

### Senior School Foundations A

Isiah Jugadai/Larry	Integrated Studies
Carey Small	Numeracy
Carey Small	Science
Lucas Ebatarinja	Christian Studies and Pastoral Care

### Senior School Foundations B

Arthur Wesley	Literacy
Patrick Minor	Numeracy
Randall Norris	Science
Shajuan Stuart	Christian Studies / Pastoral Care

### Senior School Essentials

Alvino Anderson	Stage 1 Essential English
Jennicka Inkamala	Stage 1 Essential Mathematics
Shannon Morton/Morris	Stage 1 Personal Learning Plan

### Senior School Consolidation Class

Lazurus- Chad Jones	Stage 1 Essential English
Ezra Tanami	Stage 1 Essential Integrated Learning
Cristella Campbell	Stage 1 Workplace Practices
Kaitlyn Armstrong	Stage 2 Integrated Learning

### Senior School – Duke of Edinburgh

Jordan Eggley	Music
Kesley Nish	Food
Derek Thompson	PE



# Girls Acadmeny

This term saw the beginning of the Girls Academy program run as an Elective. Billie O'Keefe from Red Dust Role Models has been coming in and running a 'Strong Young Women's Program'. This program is catered for our ladies to educate them around important topics such as health, emotional wellbeing and respectful relationships.



Excursions this term include; a relaxation yoga class, visits to health clinics in Alice Springs, and a deadly cooking class at Kungkas Can Cook with Raylene Brown where we cooked kangaroo, damper, salad and caramel popcorn with bush-tucker ingredients. Well done to all the ladies who participated, and we look forward to having more students choose our elective next term.



This term we held a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Bunnings on Sunday in Week 6. We spent all day cooking sausages and selling them to customers. Thanks to Shatona,, Joella, Marlene, Antonia, Connie, Erin, April and Lucasta who all helped out.



Girls Academy hosted two BBQ breakfasts for female boarding and staff this Term. A big Thank-You to the girls who helped us cook.

This Term we held two Girls Academy Sleepovers. It is a good chance for students to get to know the Girls Academy staff, as well as mix with other girls.



The Girls Academy Awards for Term 1 2017 went to:

**Junior Leadership** - Erin Nelson, **Junior Participation** - Leanne Drover, **Junior Attendance**-Kiana Parereaultja, **Junior Pride** Tamika Holmes, **Senior Leadership** Marika Jack, **Senior Participation** Kaylena Hodgson, **Senior Attendance** Dixie Wurraramara, **Senior Pride** Joella Holmes.



## Essentials Class

Essentials class has had a fabulous start to the year. The class has led chapel and a Friday assembly with many of our class students involved in choir and the band. Margaret James the author of the Honey Ants Reading books came to visit to tell us how she finds the stories to put into her books. Many of us have taken part in the elective program and have learned new skills like welding, gardening, hairdressing and media studies. The Duke of Edinburgh camp at Gemtree in the Hart Ranges was a lot of fun, especially the disco after dinner and finding bush bananas on the walk. Thanks to our teachers for a great term and come back everyone after the holidays.





# Electives - 2017

This term we have introduced an Electives program every Monday to Thursday afternoon. The aim of this program has been to 'best prepare our students for their future'.

Each Elective has clear links to:

- links to their communities
- links to skills required in their communities
- links to language & communication
- Literacy and Numeracy outcomes



Lots of amazing learning opportunities

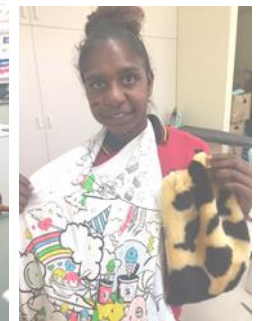


New Challenges

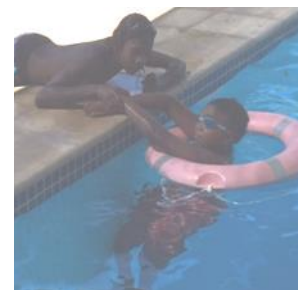


## Term 1 Electives:

- \*Girls Academy \*Sewing
- \*Wildlife Ranger \*Clontarf
- \*Welding \*Gardening
- \*Beautiful You \*Childcare
- \*NT Thunder \*Basketball
- \*Junior Band \*Media
- \*Senior Band \*Duke of Ed
- \*Hairdressing \*Cooking



## Career Skills





# Our Growing Pathways Opportunities

*So many exciting things happening for our students.*

Senior School students have commenced or are continuing with a VSS qualifications, choices included are; Rural Operations, Agrifoods, Racing/Stable hand, Music, Media and Skills for Vocational Pathways.



Crystella Campbell has been continuing her school-based traineeship with the Department of Alcohol and other Drug Services. Another student has had the opportunity to apply for a traineeship at the Alice Springs Post Office. Shannon has continued his casual job with Kmart with a few other students also interested in applying for casual paid work.

This Term we had 5 students start weekly work experience and 3 students who did a block work experience. The host workplaces have been at La Hair Lounge, JDFPG Department of Defense, Master Tech, Centrepoint Cars, Toy Library and The Old Timers. Thank you to these businesses for having our students, they have really enjoyed the experience.

This year the Pathways Department will look at focusing on



careers paths working with students to discuss future goals and job ideas, creating resumes and any upcoming job applications. We aim to expand industry exposure with careers counselling/sessions for individuals or groups.

Drive safe has been delivering 6 lessons a week this term for

students who are on their learner license. Students are completing competencies to work towards their Provisional license. One of our students has completed all competencies



and next term will sit her final test. Term 2 will also offer Theory one for students who are 16 and ready to get their learner license and start driving lessons.



*Wanting to get your Learner's License?*

**Will you be 16 or older by 12<sup>th</sup> May? Be back at school at the beginning of Term 2 so that you can be considered for the Drivesafe Course.**

A new course commencing will be Tourism and will be an opportunity to develop skills and gain a qualification. Sport & Recreation will be continuing for some students from 2016, and new students are always welcome.

## Yirara College of the Finke River Mission

Yirara College was established initially in 1973 as a government secondary residential college for traditionally oriented Aboriginal students. Later in 1991 negotiations between Finke River Mission (FRM), the central Australian Aboriginal parent family client group, the Northern Territory Government and the Federal Government commenced with the aim of FRM assuming control of the college. FRM assumed control of the college in 1993.

Today Yirara College is a vibrant and busy community providing a wide range of teaching and recreational resources to its boarding students. v1.1