



2nd June 2021  
Survival water, food, knowledge  
3. Development of strong physical and mental  
Education is important for both  
the body and  
mind.



# Yirara College Newsletter

Term 2, 2021

# Message from the Principal



A long time ago the Hebrew people were slaves to the People of Egypt.

After many attempts from Moses, his requests for the Hebrews to leave Egypt were still not being heard.

One night, God told the Hebrew people to place the blood of a lamb on their door. It would protect everyone in the house from the danger to come. When the danger came the houses that did this were protected. The next day the Hebrew people were able to leave Egypt and journey to Freedom.

The above story is like getting the Coronavirus vaccine to protect us. When

we each take a little vaccine and it will help protect our whole community, this means that our community also lives in freedom.

I, and many other staff, have had the vaccine to do our bit in protecting those in the Yirara community and those in the communities of our students.

We have taken the vaccine to protect ourselves and your young men and young women here at Yirara, from the bad effects of Coronavirus.

Please see your clinic for more information

We hope you keep warm and well this winter and we look forward to next term.

Chris England  
Principal



## Ingkaarta Basil

Night Vision and Sorry Business.

On Easter morning  
Mary Magdalene  
Wakes up in the dark  
She walks through the city  
goes outside the wall  
To find the place  
Where Jesus body is lying  
But when she gets there  
His body is gone  
She is so upset  
She runs back home

She tells the disciples  
And two of them come  
They look inside  
But don't see anything  
So they go back  
But Mary Magdalene  
Stays there  
Crying  
She stays there  
So upset  
But then she looks again  
And this time she sees two angels  
It's like she's got Night vision

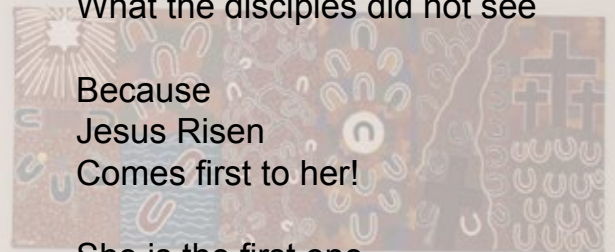
And they say to her  
Woman why are you crying?

So she tells them why  
And then soon she sees  
What the disciples did not see

Because  
Jesus Risen  
Comes first to her!

She is the first one  
Ever  
To see Jesus  
At Easter  
The most important moment  
In the whole Story of Jesus  
And she is there  
She is the one  
The woman who lived  
with seven demons  
Now Jesus honours her  
As the first one ever

To see him





# Teaching and Learning



This term has been a very productive one. Students have been working very hard on improving their basic literacy skills with most of them moving up a level in our MacqLit program. In this program students are taught essential skills such as reading, spelling and comprehension. Our senior classes have been focusing on getting their skills ready for the work place, and all seniors participated in work experience in week 8. Our elective program saw many new opportunities for our students this term including mechanics, origami, horse riding and gardening. We were fortunate enough to have many guests speak to our students throughout the term including staff from The Heart Foundation, NT Road Safety, Keep Australia Beautiful and the NT Police Force. The sessions allowed the students to hear from people outside of the school in regards to their health, safety and wellbeing.





# Pathways

## Work Experience



Every term all our senior students participate in work experience. This term we had a number of new host placements that offered them new and fresh opportunities. These placements reinforced learning from VET training and are also linked to our student's career goals.



Many thanks to Lil Antz childcare, IGA, Coles, 8CCC, CAAMA, Parks and Wildlife, GAPS Kitchen, Salvos Thrift shop and the Reptile Centre for their support for our students.

We received positive feedback and some students may be offered casual positions. Congratulations to all our students for an excellent week, and to our staff for their ongoing help.

## Vocational and Educational Training



As our term draws to an end, most students are showing their resilience to finish the term strongly, finishing up assessment commitments in their VET training.



## Certificate I in Retail Intensive



Our week of retail training finished with nine young ladies participating in some units of competency as part of their retail training package. They worked with our school's CaterCare and helped prepare meals in the Yirara kitchen. They created displays and worked together in retail role plays. We are very proud of the achievements of these young ladies.

## Civil Train Intensive. Certificate I Resources Infrastructure



A group of young men participated in a 2-week intensive training with Civil Train. They have some additional tasks to complete and will then receive their certificates. Some of the learning can be challenging but many of our students were very successful with the practical hands-on learning.

## Music Achievements

Tyrone Charlie and Shade Evans, through their Music VET 2020, and 2021 course, and as winners at the Territory finals Battle of the School Bands, performed at 'Bass in the Grass' in Darwin Saturday May 15.



These young men have worked hard at practice and other events leading up to this major, nationally known, Territory music event. They have been invited to perform at the Darwin BEATS Festival in September. Tyrone and Shade are continuing to write new songs with good, strong messages for their generation.

Congratulations to these two young men for working hard at following their dream.



## NTPFES Visit

Our local police visited the whole school with an information session, bringing in one of their dogs. The seniors followed up with activities to learn more about the effect of alcohol and drugs by using the 'drunk goggles' and how it can impair you. They enjoyed the session, learning about a very serious topic in a fun way.



## Casual employment

A couple of students have commenced casual employment, one student started with Riding for Disabled, caring for the horses and supporting clients. Another student has commenced with the Alice Springs Town Council in a pilot program. Other students have applications being processed. In Term 3 we will be following up employment opportunities that have evolved from work experience.



# Girls Academy

In week two, Faye Ratara (Year 7) and Manacjia Karkadoo (Year 9), travelled up to Darwin to participate in the Michael Long Cup. They had to compete against so many talented ladies from the northern regions, but their talents clearly stood out, as they were selected to be a part of the N.T. Representative team. Well done ladies.



The Year 7/8 ladies enjoyed a sleepover, with fun Minute to Win It games, followed by hamburgers for dinner. The ladies ended the night with movies, popcorn and snacks. All ladies at Yirara College enjoy sleepover nights as it is a time where they can have so much fun with each other outside of the Academic and Boarding spaces.



Jessie Bartlett from Red Dust Role Models has continued her Strong Young Women's Program with Year 7/8, and senior ladies. This term Jessie spoke to the seniors about Domestic Violence.

Once a week, Miss Moesha and I have all the ladies for Health classes, so that they can learn about relationships in a culturally sensitive way. They have looked at the differences between good vs bad relationships.

Just recently, the Year 9 ladies attended a Leadership camp at the Big 4 Holiday Park. The aim of the camp was to produce a music video based on our theme, Respectful Relationships. Wayne Glenn and Steve Land from Red Dust Role Models helped with production of the video. It was great to see the pride for themselves and each other growing throughout the process of making the music video. We can't wait until the music video has been fully edited and uploaded to YouTube for all of you to see.



This term, the ladies have also enjoyed doing art work, tie-dyed T-shirts, pancake Wednesdays, Go-Karting, sports and just chilling in the Girls Academy room.

Sophia and Moesha  
Yirara Girls Academy





# Female Boarding

Welcome to Female Boarding

As term 2 started, there have been many exciting activities that have taken place here in female boarding.



Term 2 has been a wonderful adventure. Throughout this term our ladies have had the opportunity to attend exciting events and participate in various fun activities such as Desert Park, The Reptile Centre, Emily's Gap, Standley Chasm, Todd Mall Markets and Ormiston Gorge.



going to town pools, cinemas and bowling. A high point of these activities are mixed discos and youth activities with the fellas.



From Female Boarding, we wish you a safe and happy holidays with your families. God Bless you all, and we look forward to welcoming you all back for a fun filled term 3.

During this term, we have been involved in AFLW and have had some of our ladies playing

From all the staff in Female Boarding.





# Clontarf



Term 2 has been another busy one down at the Clontarf Academy, with our two major football carnival trips among the highlights of the term. These carnivals bring together all the Clontarf High School academies from across the NT.



In Week 6 the senior fellas travelled to Darwin for the Territory Cup and returned with the silverware for the first time since the inaugural cup in 2008, marching through the carnival undefeated. Captain Vijay Doctor led from the front, winning the team's Most Valuable Player Award, while Hazron Paddy was rewarded for his efforts on and off the field by winning the Clontarf Spirit Award.



results were not available at the time of writing, the team was hopeful of going one step further than the 2019 edition, when they were runners-up. They have prepared during the term with after school games against CMS in Weeks 2, 4 and 7.

"Cyril's Speedsters" has been a popular after school activity in Term 2, with the fellas getting the Yirara go-karts out onto the track for flying lap time trials. Further interest has been generated with times being posted on a rankings list on display in the Academy Room. At the time of writing, Mehala Campbell led the rankings.



Another motoring orientated activity this term has been the Senior Contact Time collaboration with the Right Tracks Program, restoring the Cuz Congress Mobile to its former glory. Longtime Alice Springs residents would be familiar with this "blast from the past" that the fellas are preparing for participation in the Red Centre Nats parade.





Early in the term some of our senior students gained volunteering experience at a major local event, when they took on the car park marshalling duties at the Alice Springs Turf Club on Cup Day. The fellas were highly praised for their professional efforts throughout the day.

Dwayne's After School Arts Project, and the Year 9 Contact Time mountain bike riding, have also been popular activities that the fellas have engaged in, along with Contact Time visits to the YMCA rock climbing wall, the Dust Bowl 10-pin bowling centre, and Alice Springs Golf Club driving range.



In amongst all that there have also been lifestyle and employment related sessions with guests from Congress Health and the NT Police.



The Remote Schools program, working with Year 5 and 6 students from Ntaria and Yuendumu Schools has also maintained its regular visiting schedule, building up to the Week 9 Central Region Primary School Carnival in which the bush fellas will be able to test themselves against the Tennant Creek Primary Clontarf Academy and local Alice Springs primary schools.



Academy staff are extremely grateful for the support from all Yirara College departments that allows us to deliver such a diverse program. We look forward to another big one in Term 3, with the Employment Forum and Alumni v Seniors Allstars game among the highlights.





# Yirara's Kintore Campus

Our term started off slowly, especially due to the rain we were having in late January.

Sure enough, it didn't take long for the students to turn up once we opened the campus. By the end of week 2 we had no less than 14 students enrolled and since then another six have joined them. Among our students are eight new year sevens.



We've made pretty good progress so far, in particular with the new year sevens. It is always good to see them convert their primary skills into the secondary skills required of them once they reach our campus.

All our students have enjoyed the two posters we've been working on over the last few weeks. Our first project was a Mathematics study of the number of smaller cubes to be found in a larger

cube. We decided to make a visual representation of the work and the results were satisfying to see.



Our second project covered both English and Christian Studies with a little Earth Science to make it more interesting. Our posters are pictorial representations of the scaffolding text *The New Jerusalem*. The students found the poster most enjoyable regardless of the fact that some of the foundation stones we included are very difficult to spell. In Christian Studies we continued our theme from last term, *The Footsteps of Jesus*, finishing off the last step we are learning about, which is, "Jesus Promises". It is so good to see how these lessons are impacting our students, and their walk with Jesus at this stage of their lives.

Sadly, our pool is closed this term so we've not been able to continue our swimming program as usual. Not to worry, we'll be ready to go if the opportunity arises later this year again.

Blessings in Christ Jesus

Graham and Sherill.





# Garrwa/Yanyuwa Language Music Project



In Week 4 of this term, our Garrwa/Yanyuwa Language Class Fellas had the amazing opportunity to partake in a Music Project, working alongside renowned Indigenous Music Artist and Producer, Jimblah. An idea that started in our very own classroom, the Fellas were now able to showcase their music talents in a live recording studio at CAAMA Studios.

Throughout the week, the Fellas engaged in songwriting, song production, filmmaking, DJ'ing and reflection sessions. As a result, the Fellas wrote, produced and filmed two finished tracks after five days of hard work in the studio. These tracks are called "Barefoot Warriors" and "Brothers".

Writing their own lyrics was not an easy task for the Fellas. However, they drew inspiration from within, by reflecting on their own Aboriginal identities, showing cultural pride and discussing the deeper meaning behind the strong Brotherhood they have, as they all come from

neighbouring communities in Garrwa/Yanyuwa country. The Fellas represented not only their communities, but also Yirara College very proudly. For most of them, this was their first time working in a professional recording studio.

They are very excited about their music tracks being officially released to the public which is out very soon so WATCH THIS SPACE!





# Meet our CLO team



**Name:** Rebecca Terrell  
**Position:** Director of CLO. I used to look after the West /South area when I was CLO but now I'm the boss so I'm in the office more!  
**From:** I was born in Sydney but I have lived in Alice for 8 years.  
**When did you start working for Yirara?** I started at Yirara in 2014.  
**Favorite thing about our school?** Making jokes and having fun with the staff and students.



**Name:** Daphne Darling  
**Position/CLO area:** CLO Admin/Travel Officer  
**From:** Alice Spring  
**When did you start working at Yirara:** August 2018  
**Favorite thing about the school:** The Students and the interesting and welcoming environment.



**Name:** Natasha Braun  
**Position/CLO area:** Enrolment Officer  
**Where you're from:** Alice Springs  
**When you started working at Yirara:** January 2021  
**Favorite thing about the school:** A fun, friendly environment and the dedication of the CLO team supporting our students 😊



**Full Name:** Bridget Gaff  
**Position/CLO area:** CLO Central  
**Where you're from:** Mudgee NSW  
**When you started working at Yirara:** 20th May 2019  
**Favorite thing about the school:** The Communities I visit, the school community and working with the awesome CLO team.



**Full Name:** Anne-Marie Mabus  
**Position/CLO area:** Sandover Highway, Plenty Highway, Western Desert, Roper Gulf and Queensland.  
**From:** Golden Bay, New Zealand  
**When did you start working at Yirara:** January 2014  
**Favorite thing about the school:** Our deadly students and visiting all the amazing communities we interact with as a school.



**Full Name:** Jed Delaine  
**Position/CLO area:** South West Region  
**From:** Adelaide SA  
**When did you start working at Yirara:** July 2016  
**Favorite thing about the school:** Working with and learning from all the amazing staff and students at Yirara.



**Full Name:** Anthony Gates  
**Position/CLO area:** Northern area  
**Where you're from:** Adelaide  
**When you started working at Yirara:** Started working at Yirara July 2017  
**Favorite thing about the school:** I love getting to know the students and seeing them learn and show us what they are good at.



**Name:** Pete Musinskis  
**Position/CLO Area:** CLO Teacher.  
**From:** All over the place. Most of childhood in Perth. Lived in every state except Tasmania.  
**When did you start working for Yirara?** January 11, 2013.  
**Favorite thing about our school?** The opportunity we offer families to enable their young to get an education and see and experience opportunities they won't get in their home communities.



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## Yirara College of the Finke River Mission

Yirara College was established initially in 1973 as a government secondary residential college for the 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.