

Yirara College Newsletter

Term 2, 2022



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,

Term 2 has been a great term.

Students have engaged in lots of classwork and work experience activities, from which they all benefited.

I would like to say to all the families and communities you have wonderful young men and young women to represent you at Yirara. You should be very proud of them.

This term we managed to keep Covid out of the school for most of the term. Unfortunately, just as I am writing this, we have had to go back to wearing masks as Covid touches the lives of a few students and staff.

We have just held the 2021 Graduation Dinner and the 2021 Award Assembly. This was postponed in November last year due to Covid. We are very pleased with the continually increasing level of skills and education that your students are attaining.

We look forward to seeing everyone again next term. School and Travel In commence 19th July.

Chris England
Principal



Yirara College Principal Mr Chris England addresses our 2021 Senior Formal students at The Hideout restaurant.

Ingkaarta Basil showing students ex-Yirara student Ruth Cook's paintings/story of the 10 Commandments.



Ingkaarta Basil

Old Hard Story - Ingkaarta Basil Schild

Last week at Yirara we heard the old hard story about a family in trouble.

Jacob steals his brother's blessing. And Rebecca - his mum -helps him to do it! Isaac is lied to. And Esau's heart is broken. Then it gets worse. Esau wants to kill his brother dead. He says, "As soon as my old father has died, I will get Jacob!" So now Rebecca must send Jacob far away to hide.

She won't see him for a long, long time. She sends him to her brother's country. She knows her brother will protect him. But her brother will also do something else. Her brother will teach Jacob a lesson!

The families in the Bible are always in trouble! They make a lot of wrong choices. And sad things happen. But through all their troubles, God does not leave them alone, or give up on them. Instead, he moves with them.

He goes slowly. He goes at their speed. He travels with them, wherever they go, sometimes to challenge them, but always to show them the way to say sorry, and the way to make reconciliation. After many years Esau and Jacob will be friends again.

And it is still the same now.

All of our families have trouble sometimes.

But God does not leave us alone. Instead, God moves with us. Helping us back. To say sorry.

And to make reconciliation.

Christian Studies



The different stoles used by the Lutheran Church throughout the year.

In Christian Studies lessons during Term 2, Middle School students learned more about Worship at Yirara College and the practices of the Lutheran Church.

Many Bible stories were read, helping students to understand different parts of Worship such as prayers, songs and the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism. Students had the opportunity to have a closer look at the altar and artwork in the Yirara Chapel.

Pastor Basil explained some of the symbols and the colours used at different times of the Church Year.

Chris Altus



Ingkaarta Basil showing Shinaya Murphy and Keira Graham the altar in our Chapel.



Ingkaarta Basil explaining the symbols.

Girls Academy Work Experience Week at Uluru.



In Term Two Shirlinda Elston, Frederica Godilla, Alesha Shannon, Clara Johnson-Tracker, Sharaya Brokus and Natlin Peterson headed out to Uluru to participate in WEX (Work Experience Week) activities that had been organised by Areethfa Faye-Tull, Coordinator of Education and Employment Pathways – Voyages Resort (Yulara).

Even the cold rain and wind didn't stop us from enjoying WEX Week!

All ladies were placed in hospitality or retail type areas so that they could experience what that type of work entails. A group of ladies got an inside look as to what is required in a housekeeping job.

They made beds and cleaned rooms in one of the many fancy hotels at Yulara, the Desert Gardens Hotel.

Another group of ladies worked in the Kulata Academy Café which supports Indigenous trainees to learn a range of skills in a supported environment to help prepare them for exciting careers in the hospitality industry.



Frederica Godilla and Shirlinda Elston changing the sheets on a king size bed.



Shirlinda Elston making coffee for Guy Sebastian

Apparently Shirlinda served Guy Sebastian, who was out there for a private concert, but because she was concentrating so much on her job, she didn't even notice him! Talk about dedication and concentration on the job!

Another group of ladies worked inside the GoCA (Gallery of Central Australia) where they dealt with customer enquiries and sales as well as learning how to store expensive art works from the Central Desert region. GoCA is situated right next to the giant PALYA sign that everyone likes to take photos of.

We also spent a whole day at the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park and listened to a talk by a local Aboriginal lady, Charmaine, who spoke about what certain Aboriginal tools were used for.

Unfortunately, Charmaine didn't have any bush food for the ladies to try out, but her talk was interesting and valuable enough without it. We then went to the Parks Headquarters where we met up with Steven Baldwin, Manager – Park Operations and Visitor Services. Steven organised for the ladies to rotate in groups to stations where they learnt about jobs within the media sector, the Park Ranger's jobs and the front office team who handle all the 'sorry' rocks returned to the country every year. 'Sorry' rocks are all the rocks from the Park that have been taken home by tourists and returned because they are sorry that they took them.

Talk about dedication and concentration on the job!

We then got a tour around Uluru and walked in to take photos at the Mutijulu Waterhole. It was very cloudy and misty the day we went but the fog seemed to clear up when we headed towards the rock. The waterhole was full up all the way to the platform we were standing on. Water was running from the top of the rock all the way down to the waterhole. We felt lucky and special to witness such beauty during the rain.

We packed up early on Friday morning and headed to Sails in the Desert for the breakfast buffet. We ate so much and the food was delicious and well worth getting up early for. After this, we headed to a lookout and took our last pictures of the rock because at last the sun was out and shining on the rock. Then we headed back to Yirara College.



Sharaya Brokus and Natlin Peterson helping with customer service.



Shirlinda Elston, Alesha Shannon, Frederica Godilla, Sharaya Brokus, Clara Johnson-Tracker and Natlin Peterson at Uluru.

Girls Academy staff (Miss Sophie and Miss Moesha) would like to thank Ms Priscilla and Ms Jenny for coming along on the trip and helping out with the ladies and being really good company for us all.

We would also like to thank our senior ladies who attended the trip. All these ladies were exceptionally well behaved and great examples of leaders who represented Yirara College with pride. - Sophia Baliva



Claude Abbott, Anthony Larry, Duwayne Murrungun
with LSO Max Sandler



Keira Graham and Sally-Anne Drover working together.

78C Class

In 78C class this Term we have been working hard to improve our Maths skills.

We have been working together as a group on skip counting and have played many games to increase our understanding of graphs.

We can use both pictographs and bar graphs to find out information and use it to help make decisions.

Lisa Newman

Yirara's Duke of Edinburgh Award, a youth development program gives the participants the opportunity to:

- Learn to take responsibility for their goals and choices
- Become connected to and actively engaged within their community
- Learn to persevere and overcome barriers to success
- Learn important life skills
- Increase their career opportunities.

Each level Bronze, Silver and Gold has 4 focus points: Skills, Physical Recreation, Service and Adventurous Journey. Our students have worked in hospitality, automotive maintenance, woodwork and media. They also volunteered to help with assemblies, chapel services and Clontarf.

Last year 5 students achieved their Bronze Certificates.

- Leshawn Raymond
- Billy Pareroultja
- Jarrod Hogan
- Leroy Jones
- Tyrone Charlie

Fleurette Moreng



Leanne Hopkin, Duke of Edinburgh Youth Development Officer,
Pathways Cate Driver and Senior Teacher Fleurette Moreng with Bronze
recipients Leroy Jones and Jarrod Hogan.

Duke of Edinburgh 2021

Industry Connections



Javis Noble showing his barista making skills.

The Senior School have trialed a new subject this term called Industry Connections.

This subject has replaced Senior School Electives and is an opportunity for students to work towards credit points for their Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET).

Students have had the opportunity to explore a variety of industries including: automotive, barista, carpentry, childcare and cooking. Each week students have learnt new skills in their chosen industries and learnt about journaling and documenting their experiences.

It is great to see students learning new skills and experiencing new industries! Who will be our next mechanic, chef or coffee whiz? - Florence Bourke



Deanna Charlie and Vickesha Noble in our Childcare classes.



Shirlinda Elston working with our iPads.

Athletics Carnival 2022



A day that everyone looks forward to, is our annual Athletics Carnival. This year was no different where our Fellas and Ladies put themselves to the test to compete for the title. There were lots of skills on display including the Shotput, Discus, Javelin, Long Jump and a crowd favourite, the House Relays. This was going to be exciting!



Our morning started off with the House Chant competition to see which house had the best chant bringing lots of energy and noise to kickstart the day. Kramer showed impressive teamwork and pride for their house winning this first challenge. Well done Kramer! Our next competition was the Tug 'O War. However, this year, the Tug 'O War was a little different where all four houses got to pull the massive rope at the same time. This was definitely one of the highlights of the day where all our students had to show their strength as a house to pull themselves to victory. After an intense battle

between all four houses, Kramer clinched their second win of the day sending a message to Duguid, Fleming and Albrecht, they were here to take it all. Great team work Kramer!

Once everyone was divided into groups, it was all on. An action-packed day where we got to see who ran the fastest, jumped the highest and threw the furthest. Some notable mentions include Felix Martin who was only centimeters short of breaking the College record for the Long Jump event and Faye Rataru who was at her usual best running down some impressive times in the 100m and 200m sprints. Alesha Shannon and Carlos Bill showed amazing leadership directing and encouraging their fellow housemates at each event. With a delicious BBQ lunch, everyone was well fed and had lots of fun.



Vickesha Noble on form with her javelin throw.

Thanks to Ms Cate and her hard work behind the scenes crunching all the numbers. After a slow start to the day, the official Yirara College Athletics Carnival Champions for 2022 were crowned, congratulations to... ALBRECHT!

Congratulations to all our students for a fantastic display of track and field skills and talent. Special thanks goes to Mr Dan Toner and the Clontarf Academy for organizing the day, our DJ Mr Greg, scorers, the Pathways Team, hardworking Staff and finally, all our student athletes. We are already looking forward to our carnival next year, to see who will take the bragging rights for 2023.

Well done everyone! - Liko Alosio.



Tenace Mulholland about to throw his discus.



Richard Attenborough going for gold!



Albrecht house captains Alesha Shannon and Carlos Bill



Duwayne Murrungun jumping with joy!



Ladies high-jump fun.

Clontarf

As we head towards the mid-year break we take the time to reflect on the many amazing experiences the Yirara Clontarf fellas were a part of in Term 2 and look ahead to what Term 3 will bring.

Inter-academy events were back on the to-do list and that meant lots of interaction with our brothers at CMS, CSC and Tennant Creek academies: SuperTraining at Jim McConville Oval, footy carnivals for the middle and senior school fellas, after-school matches, the billy cart derby, and even volunteering opportunities in the community.

Some of our seniors travelled out to Ntaria for a school clinic and a camp-out on Western Aranda country and our Year 12s and 13s continued to grow their employment capabilities through worksite tours and CV building activities.



Rephelius Nelson and Kyrel Noonan push Byron Holmes in a race around Bunnings carpark.

Next term we will open up to even more travel opportunities (look out Tennant Creek, Yuendumu and Yulara!), plenty of footy, the famous Clontarf Employment Forum (coupled with a footy match against alumni), the Red Centre Nats Street Parade, and more.

Thanks to all families, staff and community members for your support of the Yirara Clontarf Academy – we couldn't do it without you! - Dan Toner.



Clontarf's Dwayne Powell working with Carlos Bill



Work Experience

Helping our students try new things is important. Every term Yirara's Pathways Department organise a week of work experience (WEX)

Our students had the opportunity to work with Parks and Wildlife, IGA Northside and IGA Eastside, Coles, Reptile Centre, AVIS, 8CCC and Outback Kebabs.

Getting a taste of what it is like working is an excellent way for young people to start thinking about their future work options.



Tony Penhall, Kirk Grant and Tyreece Holmes working together at Coles.



Tyrell Godilla with Sheree Haywood, owner of Outback Kebabs

This term we celebrated our Graduating students of 2021 for their achievements and their families for their unwavering support of the College. (see back page) Everyone was excited about the dresses and suits they will wear for the formal. This is a grand occasion, a once-in-a-lifetime for many and an opportunity to stand tall and represent their family.

In Term one of this year, we put a call out nationwide for assistance with Formal attire for our Senior Ladies and Fellas.

Over 40 donors gave generously towards this event. We would like to especially mention all of our private donors who immediately jumped on board to create a lasting memory for our students.

Senso Shoes, South Coast Brides, Michael Flanagan & Annette Richards, J. Stephenson, Hannah Webb, Sophie Jones and the girls and Ella Bache, Taylor and Montana Campbell, Emilie Flanagan and friends, Rebecca Flanagan, Lachlan Stinson, Danielle Khalil, Erin Nugent, Libby Britten, Madelaine Landini, Meryl Harris, Jessica Nunan and Friends, Cleo Virgona, Dan Hathaway, Dave Skow, Samara Iqbal, Jessica Macintosh, Siobhan Flanagan, Yiota Zingirlis, Jessica Blow, Emily Ryan, Jessi Gleeson, Kirstie Carroll, Jemma Braybon, Tania Kagia and friends, Kate and Harry Barker, and Sarah Barker.

Thank you, to our generous donors for helping our students look so amazing! - Samantha Flanagan

Seniors Formal Donations

Cooking

This Term in cooking we focused on food that was relatively easy to make and with ingredients that were not expensive, but most importantly, readily available in communities.

Recipes included delicious Honey BBQ Chicken Wings baked in the oven, Chicken Pad Thai, Bread and Butter Pudding and the best ever Carrot Cake!

Our Middle School joined in the kitchen to make Crepes, Savoury Corn Muffins and little pancakes with jam and whipped cream. The students followed recipes and measured ingredients accurately, as well as cleaning up. They were very good young chefs.



Stanley Allen, Miss Andrea and Duwayne Murrungun making crepes

Well done everyone. The food was delicious!!! - Andrea Hardy

Seniors Formal 2021

At the end of 2021 we were unable to hold our Seniors Formal due to Covid-19. This term we had the chance.

Families from all around the NT travelled to Alice Springs to attend.

We always enjoy any opportunity to celebrate our students and their hard work.

We were blessed by a student and her family sharing with us 3 songs in language and traditional dance. They travelled from communities as far as the Top End of the Territory to honour the occasion.

The dances were dedicated to all students and families in celebration of our young people achieving 12 years of schooling. Please check our Facebook page to see the video of this special dance.

Well done everyone.



Yirara College Year 12 Achievement Certificate awardees.

- Alesha Shannon
- Shakaya Blacksmith
- Henrietta Mung
- Meridian Gibson
- Calessio Rankine
- Jarrold Hogan
- Tyrone Charlie
- Shade Evans
- Shannon Noble
- Leshawn Raymond
- Hazron Paddy
- Gary Hogan



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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 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.