

ROAD
TRIP!

Curtain
Raiser
game!

A selected group of 22 fellas were given the opportunity to travel to Adelaide and play the curtain raiser game against the APY Thunder before the SANFL First Nations Round between Woodville West Torrens Football Club and Glenelg Football Club.

Our students took some time to settle into the game which allowed APY to get a three-goal lead early in the first quarter. The team found their rhythm after these goals, and then started working hard for each other to take the win against APY Thunder 96-64.

A special thanks to Palya Proper Fine Arts Gallery who donated the number 7 boomerang that was gifted to the Glenelg Football Club as part of the First Nations Round. This was handed to the captain by Junior Patrick.



Patrick Campbell was a standout on the field where he was awarded the Don McSweeney Cup Gordon Naley Medal for Best on Ground.

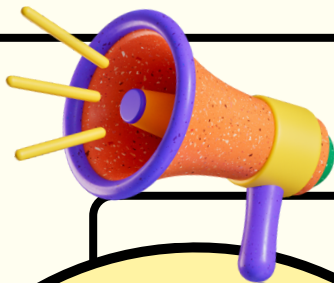


Female Boarding

This term, we took some of our ladies out to Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon) for our Female Boarding 2024 camp while the weather was a bit cooler.

They enjoyed various activities with the houseparents, from cooking to long bushwalks and watching the sunrise over the beautiful surroundings of Watarrka National Park.

We look forward to planning many new adventures throughout the remainder of the year.



Kintore News



- This term, Red Dust spent some time with us, working on filming and editing using our iPads and showing us how to use iMovie. We were also shown the amazing world of virtual reality using virtual reality goggles and 360-degree camera footage, including footage from a local outstation and a site of significance, Ngutjul.

SRC TRIP TO GOLD COAST

Eleven students from Yirara's Student Representative Council (SRC) along with four staff members had the exciting opportunity to visit Brisbane for a Leadership Summit; the first of its kind at Yirara College.

The focus of the trip was three days at the University of Queensland where students were given opportunities to see potential future pathways and learn about university life.

Students stepped out of their comfort zones, learning about computer technologies, designing prosthetic limbs, and creating vision boards for their futures. We spent time with both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit and the South Pacific Islander Association. In our time shared with these groups, we explored culture, diversity and being proud of our identity.

The SRC group spent their first night in Brisbane watching the Brisbane Lions vs the Gold Coast Suns at The Gabba. We were also lucky to score free tickets to watch the NRL game at Suncorp Stadium where the Redcliffe Dolphins played Manly Sea Eagles.

Our staff and students got to stand on the field before the match and get photos with NRL royalty! Orlando Rubuntja made his mark and won the cash prize for dancing on the big screen!



Other memorable moments were visiting Wet'n'Wild, going to the beach, eating delicious food, meeting Mr Wilson's family and taking a ferry ride to see the sights of Brisbane at night!

Our trip ended with a very special highlight where we travelled to the Gold Coast to visit Mr Wilson's old school, Ormeau Woods State High School. Students played touch rugby, shared stories and were honoured with a traditional Hakka from the Tu Tangata cultural group.

It was a fantastic trip with lots of memories, fun and huge growth for everyone involved!

Can we go again next year Mr, Wes?!

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Yirara Music



With great enthusiasm and high energy, our Yirara Fellas Band got straight to business in Term One with writing two original songs and practicing two or three times a week. Their dedication and commitment paid off and in Term Two our fellas played in the Centralian Eisteddfod music competition held at Centralian Senior College. For the second year the fellas were ecstatic to have taken out the win, which makes Yirara College back-to-back winners.

Our young fellas then had the opportunity to record their songs at the CAAMA studio and experience the process of recording their music. They had a lot of fun. The band also had an interview to discuss their songs and promo will go to air on CAAMA Radio.

The YC Boys will be playing at Yirara's Reconciliation event in Term Three being held at the Alice Springs Town Council Lawns on the 22nd of August between 1-3 pm. Come and join us and our fellas for a fun-filled afternoon of great entertainment.

Band Members: Orlando Rubuntja – Lead vocal, Peter Leo – Drums, Rahima Namatjira – Keyboards, Zedriques Dixon – Bass Guitar, Kadeem Larry – Lead and Rhythm Guitar and Tony Penhall – Saxophone and vocals.



WELCOME TO OUR

Newsletter

“...Compassion”

As we end Term Two and winter draws in, I reflect on the enthusiasm of the staff and students. This continued energy permeates the College, bringing new goals and opportunities. This term has been nothing short of miraculous; throughout this newsletter and on YiraraTV, you will see some of the wonderful experiences our students are offered every day.

These chances open and draw on new goals and passions for students, many goals that all the staff here share.

Moving forward with these newsletters, I would like to share my thoughts and understandings on the values of Lutheran Education, this edition, I would like to focus on: Compassion.

We all come from different walks of life. This is what makes our College strong in knowledge and power. Understanding emotional intelligence brings workplace bonds and empowerment. “We are one family, God’s family.” We are all truly blessed to have one another.

LIFE SKILLS COOKING



On Wednesday evenings, the Fellas in Top East Independent Living dormitory participate in after-school Life Skills cooking class. The fellas eagerly plan a meal together, exploring different cuisines and flavours that tantalise the taste buds such as Chicken Curry on Rice, Dumplings, and Fried Rice.

The class involves a trip to the grocery store to select fresh ingredients while learning to budget and get value for money. The Cooking Room comes to life with the fellas collectively working to clean, prep and cook our selected meal. This class teaches us valuable life skills and fosters a sense of community and teamwork, and as a family, critiquing our efforts with an agreed average score of 9/10.

LIVING WATERS CAMP

In week four, we were very excited to host the grade 3/4 camp on our campus for our friends at Living Waters School. For some, it was the first time they had slept in a swag under the stars. Students from both schools participated in many activities together. These included dance workshops, a BBQ dinner with roo tails, a talent show, and a fun-filled Amazing Race.

During the Amazing Race, teams were made up of students from both Living Waters and Yirara, allowing the Yirara students to show off their leadership skills. Congratulations to the winning team.



Rewards Day Fun

Yirara's Student Support team invited schools from around Alice Springs to participate in the Term Two students' rewards day. Kintore, Yipirinya and Steiner Schools joined our students' in the annual bush sports day, during which a variety of sports (basketball, AFL 9's, dodgeball, futsal and American flag football) were played across the campus.

This year, Yirara College took out the sports category with two of our students, Metia Miller and Latrell Norman, winning the Senior MVP (Most Valuable Player) award for the day. Thank you to the schools that came and joined us for the day.



Red Desert Warriors

This term our Year Seven & Eight staff and students have been fortunate to work alongside Mr. Braydon Weily from the Red Desert Warriors. They run a program aimed at working with our Aboriginal youth that focuses on self-empowerment, teamwork and motivation.

Mr Braydon and our students have worked closely together and enjoyed running various sport and well-being activities. It is great to see lots of positive engagement from our students, and we look forward to working with Mr. Braydon and the Red Desert Warriors program in the future.



Stars Foundation

One of the Stars Foundation's aims is to provide exciting learning opportunities for our Yirara ladies. This term, the year nine Stars camp was held at the wonderful Discovery Park, Alice Springs.

We started with a team-building activity called The Cake Off which consisted of two teams working with a small budget to create their best dessert. Team One made a Snow Cake and Team Two made a coconut meringue topped with strawberry sauce. There was no grand prize, but everyone was awarded for their good teamwork and cooking skills.

The Red Dust Strong Women Program team talked to us about skin care. We were shown how to do a skin routine using our new, personalised facial kits.

While exploring Desert Park, students identified some animals and often had stories about how reptiles relate to their life stories.

The Araluen Art Centre is always a joy to visit. We were able to view different cultural arts and crafts while learning the artist's story.

To wrap up a great camp, mentors and students enjoyed sharing dinner and each other's company.



Reconciliation week.

In week seven, we celebrated Reconciliation Week. Students participated in making bush medicine, learning a traditional dance from the Torres Strait, participating in an art activity, singing "Treaty" and making damper. Thank you to all the staff who helped make the day so much fun.

"Reconciliation Day is a special day where Indigenous people and non-Indigenous people get together as one mob"- Middle school student Attayah Green.



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