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## Term Two

Travel in starts



## Students Lead Exciting Sports Mornings at Alcoota and Titjikala Primary Schools

Yirara College students recently visited Alcoota and Titjikala Primary Schools, leading energetic sports mornings to promote fitness, teamwork, and fun while strengthening school connections.

They organised relay races, ball games, and team challenges, encouraging younger students with enthusiasm and leadership. The days were filled with laughter, cheers, and friendly competition. Beyond sports, our students gained valuable leadership and mentoring experience, inspiring younger children and building community ties.

Both schools appreciated the visit, and our students left proud and eager for future visits.

Well done, Yirara team! - Mr Wilson





## CLOSE THE GAP

*Mr Liko Alosio*

On March 20th, Yirara College celebrated National Close The Gap Day 2025.

Led by our Indigenous Staff Committee, the day was an engaging experience for students and Staff.

Ms. Rhonda Inkamala, along with some of our Indigenous staff members, began with an Acknowledgement of Country, followed by an introduction to the significance of Close The Gap Day, which highlights efforts to bridge inequalities for First Nations Peoples in health, education, employment, and well-being.

Students participated in hands-on activities, including cooking roo tails, exploring women's health, yarning circles, and discussions on ways to close the gap.

They also designed colourful posters showcasing their ideas. These activities combined culture with real-life issues, creating a meaningful learning experience.

In the afternoon, students presented their work in the Chapel before enjoying a shared BBQ lunch. Our Yirara Music Band then entertained everyone with a concert featuring performances from both students and Staff.

The day ended with a refreshing swim—a perfect way to cool off after a day of learning and fun.

Well done, Yirara!



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## MacqLit Lessons - Ms Andra Somerville

This term, our students in the MacqLit Program have made exciting progress. Through carefully sequenced lessons, they built confidence in decoding and developed reading fluency, while expanding their vocabulary and improving their spelling. An essential part of the program was discussing and understanding what they read.

To celebrate their achievements, a MacqLit Awards Ceremony was held at the end of Term One, where students were recognised with certificates for their participation and progress.



## Christian Studies - Ms Fleurette Moreng

Wow, this term has flown by!

Let's catch you up on what we've learnt so far.

Our focus has been on the topic: "Who was Jesus, and why is He important in our lives?" We explored questions like Where did Jesus live?, How far did He travel?, and What miracles did He perform?

Students also created a timeline of Jesus' life, from His birth to His Ascension. Along the way, they engaged in various activities, including designing posters and writing personal reflections on who Jesus is to them.

It's been a meaningful and insightful term of learning!





## A STRONG START TO 2025 AT YIRARA

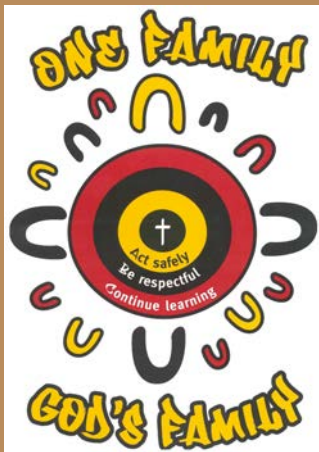
*Mr Wes Meurant - Principal*

Yirara College opened its doors for 2025 with a surge in student arrivals, reaching numbers unseen in years. Despite being understaffed, our dedicated academic team managed larger classes with resilience and commitment.

It was a blessing to see students persevere and grow throughout the term, making significant progress. Our Boarding Staff also played a vital role in supporting and caring for our young people. This term's success was truly a team effort, and we now look forward to Term Two, welcoming new students and continuing our journey together.

Exciting times ahead as we plan and obtain quotes for upgrading our dormitories, some of which are over 50 years old, thanks to a \$10M grant from the NIAA (National Indigenous Australians Agency).

Wishing you all a blessed Easter and safe travels!



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### NAPLAN 2025

This term, our Year Seven and Nine students took part in NAPLAN testing alongside students from across Australia.

While many found it challenging, they showed great perseverance and successfully completed all four online tests.



### Year 10 starting their NTCET Journey



Our Year 10 students have had a strong start to their NTCET journey. They have completed math assessment tasks focusing on the topic of numbers and writing biographies in English.

Additionally, they are working towards earning credits in Christian Studies and their Stage 1 Integrated Learning electives.

Seeing and hearing.

This term, in chapel,  
we have listened to the story of three  
families.

The story of Eve's family.

The story of Sarah and Hagar's  
families.

The story of Miriam's family.

All these bible families  
had big trouble.

Just like us.

The bible is a story about families.  
And trouble. And making things right  
when things go wrong.

At Yirara, it is also the same. We make  
things

right, when things go wrong.

In the chapel, we say,

## Ingkarta Basil Message

At Yirara we are One family.

We make things right, when things go  
wrong.

That is what we do.

We help each other.

We say sorry.

We say "I didn't mean to make you  
upset".

We see each other.

We listen to each other.

Just like God.

That's why Hagar calls God 'El  
Roi'. 'El Roi' means  
'The God who sees me'

That's why she calls her son  
'Ishmael'. 'Ishmael' means 'The God  
who hears me'

## Sharing Language Class - Rose Hosking

At Yirara College, we celebrate our students' diverse languages, with 13 language classes covering 11 languages, including Anmatyerr, Alyawarr, Kriol, Western Arrarnta, Warlpiri, Mudburra/Jingili, Yanyuwa/Garrwa, Warumungu, Pitjantjatjara/Yankunytjatjara, Luritja, and Gurindji.

Students are creating language resources and teaching staff and classmates, helping keep their languages strong. These classes go beyond words—they connect students to culture, build pride, and make learning fun.

We're proud to support First Nations languages and look forward to celebrating them during Sharing Language Weeks in Term Two!



# Cricket Sporting Success

Mr Wilson



Term One was an exciting season for Yirara College's sports teams, showcasing teamwork, dedication, and skill.

Our Junior fellas made history at the Imparja Cup Cricket Tournament, finishing equal first!

Their hard work and passion for the game were evident throughout.

In volleyball, our Senior Mixed Team secured an impressive third place at their interschool tournament, demonstrating resilience and teamwork.

Congratulations to all athletes, coaches, and supporters for a fantastic season.

We look forward to more success ahead!

Well done, Yirara!



## Middle School Art Projects

A collaborative mural now brightens the notice board outside the 78C Homeroom. Made up of 32 coloured A4 pieces, it forms a Rainbow Serpent with a vibrant, hand-painted frame by our students.

Year nine students explored light in the Yirara TV Studio, using strong lighting from different angles to create striking black-and-white portraits.

For Close the Gap Day, we held a yarnning circle, where we introduced ourselves to the group and then created a collaborative weaving symbolising our connections. We brainstormed words for yarnning symbols and made yarn balls from old boarding bed sheets.

Miss Karen taught us how to crochet them into a rag rug, which will be placed in the Library for everyone to enjoy. — Miss Lee-Anne Young



## Playing with Music

Term One has been an exciting start to 2025 for the Music Department! Our Community Connection PBL students have been busy writing their own songs, while our Senior students have jumped back into another year of creating original music.

Meanwhile, our Year 7/8 students have been learning about all things musical, from learning to play an instrument to reading notation and musical concepts. Some of our talented students even had the opportunity to showcase their original work at Yirara's Closing the Gap Day event.

We look forward to Term Two with some more great music and amazing talent from our students. - Ms Eloise Ingram



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