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MADALAH BALL

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On behalf of the MADALAH Board and staff, our students, their families and communities, we would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported the MADALAH Ball!

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ELIWANA MINE VISIT

EXPLORING CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITH FORTESCUE AT ELIWANA MINE

In August MADALAH had the unique opportunity to participate in a site tour at Fortescue's Eliwana mine.

The purpose was to demonstrate the vast career opportunities which exist within the mining industry post school graduation.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the chance to be on country in the Pilbara, hear career stories and ask questions of experienced mining professionals. There was a realisation; mining isn't just about dump trucks, with the students learning more about trades within the Mobile Maintenance, office-based roles on site and how Fortescue protects heritage sites across their operations.

This experience will have a lasting impact on the students and MADALAH would like to pass on our sincere gratitude to Fortescue.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

PETER TAYLOR

FLYING BOOMERANGS



FMG - MADALAH Scholar Peter Taylor, who attends Scotch College in Year 11, has been selected to represent the National AFL Flying Boomerangs Program for 2023, held in Melbourne, on the 18th of September.

This is an amazing achievement for Peter, as he is one of only four Indigenous footballers from WA selected in the squad. MADALAH are super proud of Peter and look forward to watching him compete and seeing what the future holds for this young star.

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NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

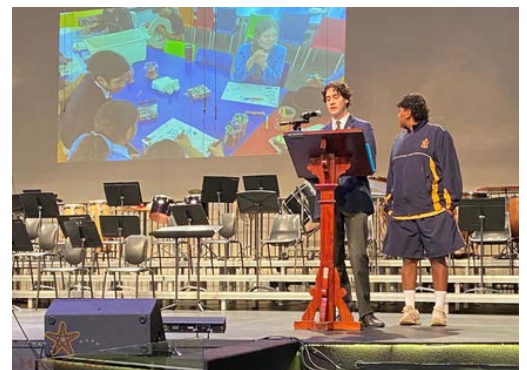
ST HILDA'S ANGLICAN SCHOOL

MADALAH scholar Tahnee Ransfield opened the St Hilda's NAIDOC celebrations, inviting Ben McGuire to the stage to play the didgeridoo and Welcome all to Country.

After a wonderful Welcome to Country from Ben, Belinda Cox spoke to the audience about Aboriginal people's beliefs, traditions and how we show respect to our elders speaking on this year's NAIDOC theme.

Two Christ Church students then came up on stage, one being MADALAH scholar Elliot Logan. Elliot spoke about how St Hilda's and Christ Church collaborated on some Akubra hats, detailing the story elements of their designs.

To conclude, we watched an amazing performance from the school's band. We would like to extend a huge thank you to St Hilda's for inviting us to take part in such a special morning.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

KHYAN TOWNSEND

Khyan Townsend was recently featured on 7 News Regional WA as he has just returned from Kazakhstan for the Taekwondo World Championships.

We are so excited for Khyan and super proud of everything he is achieving!

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Opening this ceremony was Elder Robyn Collard who Welcomed everyone on to Country, followed by the Aquinas and Penrhos College students coming together and dancing wonderfully in front of the entire school.

Alongside the dancers, was Didgeridoo player Mr Tim Kelly, who had been with the boys at Aquinas throughout the week, assisting with NAIDOC activities.

To conclude this event comedian Fabian Woods took to the stage and had everyone in stitches, a great way to end such an amazing assembly.



YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



The Youth Advisory Council recently took place. Jorjah Walley, Oshay Riley and myself Dallmyn Kelly, attended the National Youth Strategy Consultation, alongside the Minister for Youth, Hon. Dr Anne Ally MP.

We discussed what ideal youth engagement looks like. I enjoyed talking about my views on what I think would engage Indigenous students more. This is something I am interested in, and I can't wait to have more opportunities to engage with the National Youth Strategy.

Dallmyn Kelly, BHP - MADALAH Scholar & Chair MADALAH Student Council

MADALAH CULTURAL EDUCATION TRAINING

ST BRIGID'S COLLEGE

The MADALAH team recently presented our Cultural Education Training PD to the staff at St Brigid's College. The presentation was held in the staff room occupied by teachers, support workers, boarding staff and the principal.

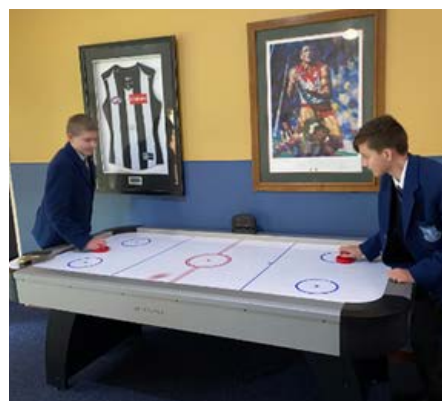
Many questions and conversations were based around how we can efficiently support our students together, while also being made more aware of our family kinships, cultural obligations and how important the value of family is.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to St Brigid's College staff for their attendance and for allowing us to share our own personal experiences.



MAZENOD COLLEGE - TERM 3 VISIT

MADALAH recently visited the boys at Mazenod College. We spoke about how their mid-term break went over some lunch and also discussed what support they need from MADALAH for the rest of the year. All students were given the opportunity to have their turn and contribute individually to the conversation. To conclude this session, we came together and played some table tennis, pool and air hockey.



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE

MADALAH were invited to join Our Lady of Mercy College for their 2023 NAIDOC Assembly. The whole school came together to celebrate this year's theme 'For Our Elders'.

The assembly began with a Welcome to Country performed by Elder Dennis Jetta, followed by a speech from Ijah Coyle and Max Bilcich from the Stephen Michael Foundation who were running activities throughout the day.

To finish, there was a morning tea for the students and their families with Nan Valerie Ugle making kangaroo stew, kangaroo dip and damper.

Thank you OLMC for inviting us to celebrate with you!



TERM 3 VISIT

MERCEDES COLLEGE

In this session we all came together and checked in to see how our holidays went whilst creating individual vision boards which were shared confidently within the group. This was so all the girls were able to get to know one another on a personal level and to initiate the growth and maintenance of strong healthy relationships with each other.



This taught the girls that the stronger the relationships they have with each other, the better they will be able to unite and tackle any challenges they may face as sisters.

The girls all did so well, and we can't wait to see them again at our next session.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

CARMEL ADVENTIST COLLEGE

Carmel Adventist College celebrated their NAIDOC week, engaging all years from primary to secondary. On arrival we were greeted by Monty Petterson, Year 12 Neometals – MADALAH supported scholar. During our time at the college, we were also accompanied by Anel from Neometals.

The room was set up with a variety of stations which were run by First Nations students, engaging and sharing their special activities and crafts with different classes. Andrew Beck from Future Footprints also facilitated a story telling session which was amazing.

After the stations and storytelling, four students were based outside to start their art piece in which they cohesively worked together with the planning and sketching of their designs. We look forward to seeing the final product once it is finished.

Thanks again Carmel Adventist College for being so welcoming and including us in your celebrations.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

MONTANNA CAMPBELL WA POLICE ABORIGINAL CADET PROGRAM

Montanna is a young Noongar, Walmajarri and Gooniyandi woman from Katanning, and a MADALAH Alumna from Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School. In year 12, she had the tough job of planning out what she was going to do in her career after school but had plenty of options having completed certificates in Sport and Rec, PE Teaching and Ed Support.

With all options considered, there were still some things on her mind that could not be ignored, including her passion for equality, community safety, helping the fight against drugs and alcohol, assisting her community and stamping out racism. All of these led to a dream of Montanna's which was to join the WA Police. Montanna was later offered a Cadetship with the West Australian Police Force commencing this year.



NAIDOC ART EXHIBITION

CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Christ Church Grammar School held their annual NAIDOC art exhibition which gave their Indigenous students the opportunity to showcase their artwork to school staff, students, special guests, families, and the girls from St Hilda's Anglican School.

The artwork was a collaboration with BlankWalls and CCGS old boy Irwin Lewis. The amazing artwork is four separate pieces, each representing different waterways and country. The themes represented are saltwater, freshwater, waterholes, and land. These four pieces of art each had their own colour scheme, but the art all blended in together to create one large piece.

On each piece themes of bush tucker, hunting and different traditional food sources were also included, along with each Indigenous student choosing and painting an animal that they related to the most. The artwork was revealed on the night and placed at the CCGS canteen, a spot where many staff and students will visit.

Each student was gifted an appreciation present; a custom-designed shirt with their individual artwork on it which the boys really admired.

The next morning CCGS held their NAIDOC assembly with Noongar Elder Uncle Barry Winmar providing a beautiful Welcome to Country. This was followed by a range of school performances, presentations and the CCGS Indigenous students performing traditional dances with the guidance and support of Uncle Barry Winmar again and Noongar man Dylan Stack who helped paint the boys and also played the Didgeridoo during the performance.

It was a fantastic NAIDOC celebration, and we couldn't be prouder of the CCGS boys!





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