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PENRHOS COLLEGE TERM 2 VISIT

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This session was based around sisterhood, having all students come together to create the "Penrhos Girls Agreement". This agreement saw the girls decide on some rules that they would abide by in our MADALAH sessions.

The girls were told to create groups with people they wouldn't necessarily have a bond with, and it was amazing to see the girls take initiative and do this without hesitation. Each group were given incomplete scenarios that they had to finish off, which the girls did a fantastic job working closely together in their groups.

Each group went up and acted out their scenarios and the audience had to guess which title each story fell under on the board, which the girls as a team aced! The purpose behind this activity was for the girls to identify when they would be in these certain situations and how they could conclude them in a positive way!



ST BRIGID'S - NAIDOC WEEK ASSEMBLY

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To celebrate NAIDOC, St Brigid's College commenced their week with an entire school assembly, which was MC'd by our very own Melieka Eades. Melieka did a solid job, speaking clearly, loud and proud!

Before commencing proceedings, Melieka introduced Tionne Eades to the stage to give an Acknowledgement of Country. Tionne had completed a beautiful acknowledgement and also shared at the same time what "For Our Elders" meant to her and her family and shared a story that was passed down by her Pop regarding the Stolen Generation. Following on from Tionne, many First Nations students spoke in front of the entire school to share their pride, strength and what this year's NAIDOC theme meant to them. It was very heartwarming to hear and felt close-to-home as the celebration acknowledged our Elders specifically, providing the opportunity for us to recognise and reflect how special and important they really are!



During the assembly there were also external dance groups who performed, showcasing our rich and strong culture. St Brigid's extended their celebrations throughout the week, welcoming all students to participate in lunch-time activities run by the First Nations students.

Thank you to St Brigid's for inviting us to be part of this very special assembly!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

AYVAH RIOLI

Congratulations to Ayvah who was named the grand final MVP, and was selected to travel to Las Vegas to participate in the Jr. NBA Showcase. Ayvah is the ONLY female representative from Australia at the showcase, and should be incredibly proud of herself for this achievement!

We wish her all the best!



Photo Credit: Willetton Basketball Club

PENRHOS COLLEGE SMOKING CEREMONY

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Penrhos held their first smoking ceremony at their boarding house, inviting families and staff to join in too which was so lovely to see. They had the lovely Sandra Harben do the smoking ceremony and welcome us all onto Nyoongar Boodja, alongside Tryse Rioli who assisted with the ceremony and played the didgeridoo. After the ceremony was done we all came together and yarned over some food and hot drinks.

Thank you to Penrhos for inviting us and we look forward to attending each year!



NORTHERN STAR RESOURCES NAIDOC WEEK



Thank you to Northern Star Resources for hosting MADALAH CEO Laura Taylor and supported tertiary scholar Brooklyn Nannup at their recent NAIDOC week celebrations. We enjoyed sharing with the team the impact of our partnership and the important work we do empowering Indigenous students from across WA.

Photo Credit: Northern Star Resources

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

BUNBURY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Bunbury Catholic College began their NAIDOC Week Celebrations with a whole school assembly that included special guests, families, external guest speakers and performers. During the proceedings, they had the amazing dance group Binjareb showcase our culture to the school through a series of short dances, accompanied by well-respected Uncle Theo Kearing who explained what each dance meant. Theo also performed a powerful Welcome to Country, using traditional language and converting to English.

The College's First Nations students were given the opportunity to help deliver the assembly by reading the school prayer and introducing the external guest speakers and performers. MADALAH and the school are so very proud of our kids for standing proud and strong!

The celebration didn't stop there! The school were fortunate enough to have guest speakers Peter and Lewis Jetta speak on what NAIDOC week means to them, provide a snippet of their life and the importance of this celebration for now and in the future. Lewis even showed the audience his 2 AFL premierships medals!

At the conclusion of the assembly, all made their way out of the gym to be "smoked" to cleanse, heal and protect. Lunch was provided with kangaroo stew and damper on the menu. The stew was made by Miss Rosie and the damper by our students. It looked delicious!

Shout out to BCC for organising the NAIDOC week assembly and again to our kids for having the courage to participate. It was great to see the college come together to celebrate!



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN SCHOOL

To celebrate NAIDOC this year, St Mary's Anglican School dedicated a whole week to this special time of year. MADALAH scholar Summer Bellotti opened the ceremony before introducing Mr Kevin Fitzgerald to give a lovely Welcome to Country. The girls then all came together as one and stood ever so proud in front of the school. Some of the girls even spoke about where they come from and what the old people have taught them as they were growing up, which was very lovely to hear.

We were then lucky enough to watch a live performance from Kristi Pigram, Mum of Emmerson Rafferty and Isla Rafferty and Colin Pigram, Grandfather of Ruby Pigram, Emmerson and Isla. Their Grandfather was a part of a popular Australian musical group called 'The Pigram Brothers'. Colin and Kristi sang a few songs, before including all of the girls playing the tapping sticks. Corrobree For Life then did a live performance with Andrew Beck on the didgeridoo as they danced on the sand mural that all of the girls at St Mary's had created together.

We appreciate all the girl's efforts in making this event super special. It was lovely to see the girls with their families and to meet some of them as well. Thank you to St Mary's for inviting us!



NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS

MAZENOD COLLEGE

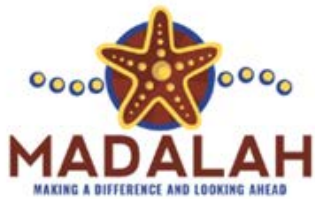
Mazenod College recently held their NAIDOC assembly which started off with a smoking ceremony outside the doors of the gym for students, staff, and guests to walk through as they entered. After the students introduced the assembly, it was followed by a beautiful speech by Elder Carol Martin.

Aunty Carol spoke about her upbringing and what life was like growing up in the hills of Kalamunda; she told stories of how her and her siblings would go into the bush to catch Goanna for fun and for food. Aunty Carol then spoke about her life in Broome where she moved to when she was 16. She then touched on her many achievements such as graduating University in 1993, to then being elected to the Thirty-Sixth Parliament for Kimberley in 2001, 2005 and 2008. Aunty Carol became the first Indigenous woman to be elected as a member of the Australian Parliament which is an incredible achievement. She also touched on some other achievements, but mainly the Order of Australia Medal for her tireless work in the Kimberley region. After a political career spanning over a decade, Aunty Carol is now an accomplished artist and CEO at Gooljak Boodja Pty Ltd.

Following Aunty Carol's speech, a video of the Indigenous Mazenod students speaking about what NAIDOC and the theme "For Our Elders" meant to them was played. After the assembly, the Mazenod Indigenous students and Aunty Carol then went into the boarding house to create a special piece of artwork to celebrate Mazenod's 2023 NAIDOC Week Celebrations.

From the team at MADALAH, thank you to Mazenod College and Aunty Carol Martin for the amazing NAIDOC assembly!





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