



Yirara

Message from the Principals



A long time ago the Hebrew people were slaves to the People of Egypt.

After many attempts from Moses, his requests for the Hebrews to leave Egypt were still not being heard.

One night, God told the Hebrew people to place the blood of a lamb on their door. It would protect everyone in the house from the danger to come. When the danger came the houses that did this were protected. The next day the Hebrew people were able to leave Egypt and journey to Freedom.

The above story is like getting the Coronavirus vaccine to protect us. When

we each take a little vaccine and it will help protect our whole community, this means that our community also lives in freedom.

I, and many other staff, have had the vaccine to do our bit in protecting those in the Yirara community and those in the communities of our students.

We have taken the vaccine to protect ourselves and your young men and young women here at Yirara, from the bad effects of Coronavirus.

Please see your clinic for more information

We hope you keep warm and well this winter and we look forward to next term.

Chris England
Principal

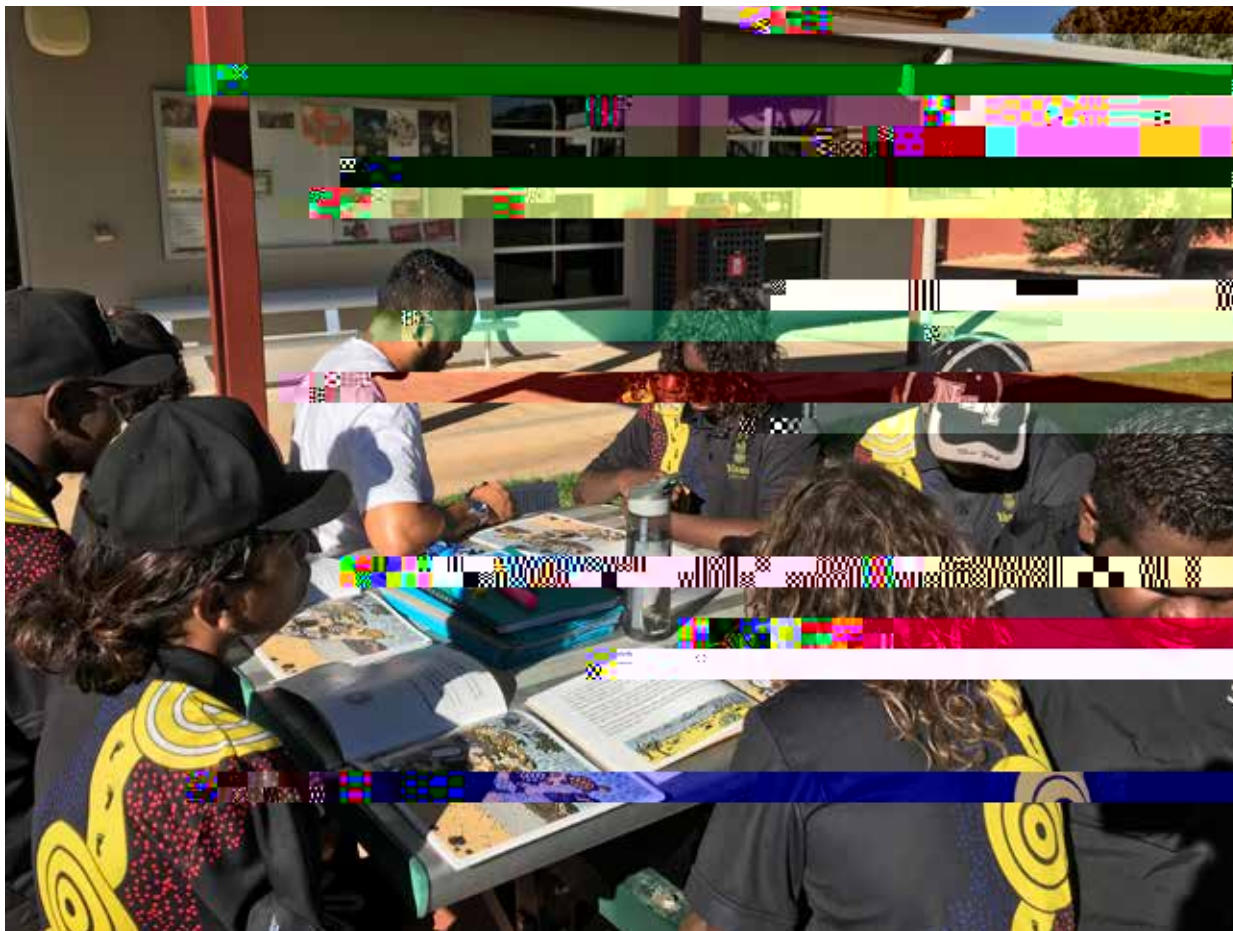
On Easter morning
Mary Magdalene
Wakes up in the dark
She walks through the city
goes outside the wall
To find the place
Where Jesus body is lying
But when she gets there
His body is gone
She is so upset
She runs back home

She tells the disciples
And two of them come
They look inside
But don't see anything
So they go back
But Mary Magdalene
Stays there
Crying
She stays there
So upset
But then she looks again
And this time she sees two angels
It's like she's got Night vision

And they say to her
Woman why are you crying?

So she tells them why
And then soon she sees
What the disciples did not see

Teaching and Learning



This term has been a very productive one. Students have been working very hard on improving their basic literacy skills with most of them moving up a level in our MacqLit program. In this program students are taught essential skills such as reading, spelling and comprehension. Our senior classes have been focusing on getting their skills ready for the work place, and all seniors participated in work experience in week 8. Our elective program saw many new opportunities for our students this term including mechanics, origami, horse riding and gardening. We were fortunate enough to have many guests speak to our students throughout the term including staff from The Heart Foundation, NT Road Safety, Keep Australia Beautiful and the NT Police Force. The sessions allowed the students to hear from people outside of the school in regards to their health, safety and wellbeing.



Work Experience

Every term all our senior students participate in work experience. This term we had a number of new host placements that offered them new and fresh opportunities. These placements reinforced learning from VET training and are also linked to our student's career goals.

Vocational and Educational Training

As our term draws to an end, most students are showing their resilience to finish the term strongly, finishing up assessment commitments in their VET training.

Certificate I in Retail Intensive



Many thanks to Lil Antz childcare, IGA, Coles, 8CCC, CAAMA, Parks and Wildlife, GAPS Kitchen, Salvos Thrift shop and the Reptile Centre for their support for our students.

We received positive feedback and some students may be offered casual positions. Congratulations to all our students for an excellent week, and to our staff for their ongoing help.

Our week of retail training finished with nine young ladies participating in some units of competency as part of their retail training package. They worked with our school's CaterCare and helped prepare meals in the Yirara kitchen. They created displays and worked together in retail role plays. We are very proud of the achievements of these young ladies.

Civil Train Intensive. Certificate I Resources Infrastructure



A group of young men participated in a 2-week intensive training with Civil Train. They have some additional tasks to complete and will then receive their certificates. Some of the learning can be challenging but many of our students were very successful with the practical hands-on learning.

Music Achievements

Tyrone Charlie and Shade Evans, through their Music VET 2020, and 2021 course, and as winners at the Territory finals Battle of the School Bands, performed at 'Bass in the Grass' in Darwin Saturday May 15.



These young men have worked hard at practice and other events leading up to this major, nationally known, Territory music event. They have been invited to perform at the Darwin BEATS Festival in September. Tyrone and Shade are continuing to write new songs with good, strong messages for their generation.

Congratulations to these two young men for working hard at following their dream.

NTPFES Visit

Our local police visited the whole school with an information session, bringing in one of their dogs. The seniors followed up with activities to learn more about the effect of alcohol and drugs by using the 'drunk goggles' and how it can impair you. They enjoyed the session, learning about a very serious topic in a fun way.

Casual employment

A couple of students have commenced casual employment, one student started with Riding for Disabled, caring for the horses and supporting clients. Another student has commenced with the Alice Springs Town Council in a pilot program. Other students have applications being processed. In Term 3 we will be following up employment opportunities that have evolved from work experience.

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In week two, Faye Ratara (Year 7) and Manacjia Karkadoo (Year 9), travelled up to Darwin to participate in the Michael Long Cup. They had to compete against so many talented ladies from the northern regions, but their talents clearly stood out, as they were selected to be a part of the N.T. Representative team. Well done ladies.

The Year 7/8 ladies enjoyed a sleepover, with fun Minute to Win It games, followed by hamburgers for dinner. The ladies ended the night with movies, popcorn and snacks. All ladies at Yirara College enjoy sleepover nights as it is a time where they can have so much fun with each other outside of the Academic and Boarding spaces.

Once a week, Miss Moesha and I have all the ladies for Health classes, so that they can learn about relationships in a culturally sensitive way. They have looked at the differences between good vs bad relationships.

Just recently, the Year 9 ladies attended a Leadership camp at the Big 4 Holiday Park. The

Jessie Bartlett from Red Dust Role Models has continued her Strong Young Women's Program with Year 7/8, and senior ladies. This term Jessie spoke to the seniors about Domestic Violence.

Welcome to Female Boarding

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Term 2 has been another busy one down at the Clontarf Academy, with our two major football carnival trips among the highlights of the term. These carnivals bring together all the Clontarf High School academies from across the NT.

In Week 6 the senior fellas travelled to Darwin for the Territory Cup and returned with the silverware for the first time since the inaugural cup in 2008, marching through the carnival undefeated. Captain Vijay Doctor led from the front, winning the team's Most Valuable Player Award, while Hazron Paddy was rewarded for his efforts on and off the field by winning the Clontarf Spirit Award.

A Week 3 Tri-series against CSC and Tennant Creek, and Sully's Elite AFL Training after school activity sessions were important factors in helping the team prepare.

The middle school fellas headed to Katherine in Week 8 to play in the Top End Cup. While

results were not available at the time of writing, the team was hopeful of going one step further than the 2019 edition, when they were runners-up. They have prepared during the term with after school games against CMS in Weeks 2, 4 and 7.

"Cyril's Speedsters" has been a popular after school activity in Term 2, with the fellas getting the Yirara go-karts out onto the track for

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Early in the term some of our senior students gained volunteering experience at a major local event, when they took on the car park marshalling duties at the Alice Springs Turf Club on Cup Day. The fellas were highly praised for their professional efforts throughout the day.

Dwayne's After School Arts Project, and the Year 9 Contact Time mountain bike riding, have also been popular activities that the fellas have engaged in, along with Contact Time visits to the YMCA rock climbing wall, the Dust Bowl 10-pin bowling centre, and Alice Springs Golf Club driving range.



In amongst all that there have also been lifestyle and employment related sessions with guests from Congress Health and the NT Police.



The Remote Schools program, working with Year 5 and 6 students from Ntaria and Yuendumu Schools has also maintained its regular visiting schedule, building up to the Week 9 Central Region Primary School Carnival in which the bush fellas will be able to test themselves against the Tennant Creek Primary Clontarf Academy and local Alice Springs primary schools.



Academy staff are extremely grateful for the support from all Yirara College departments that allows us to deliver such a diverse program. We look forward to another big one in Term 3, with the Employment Forum and Alumni v Seniors Allstars game among the highlights.

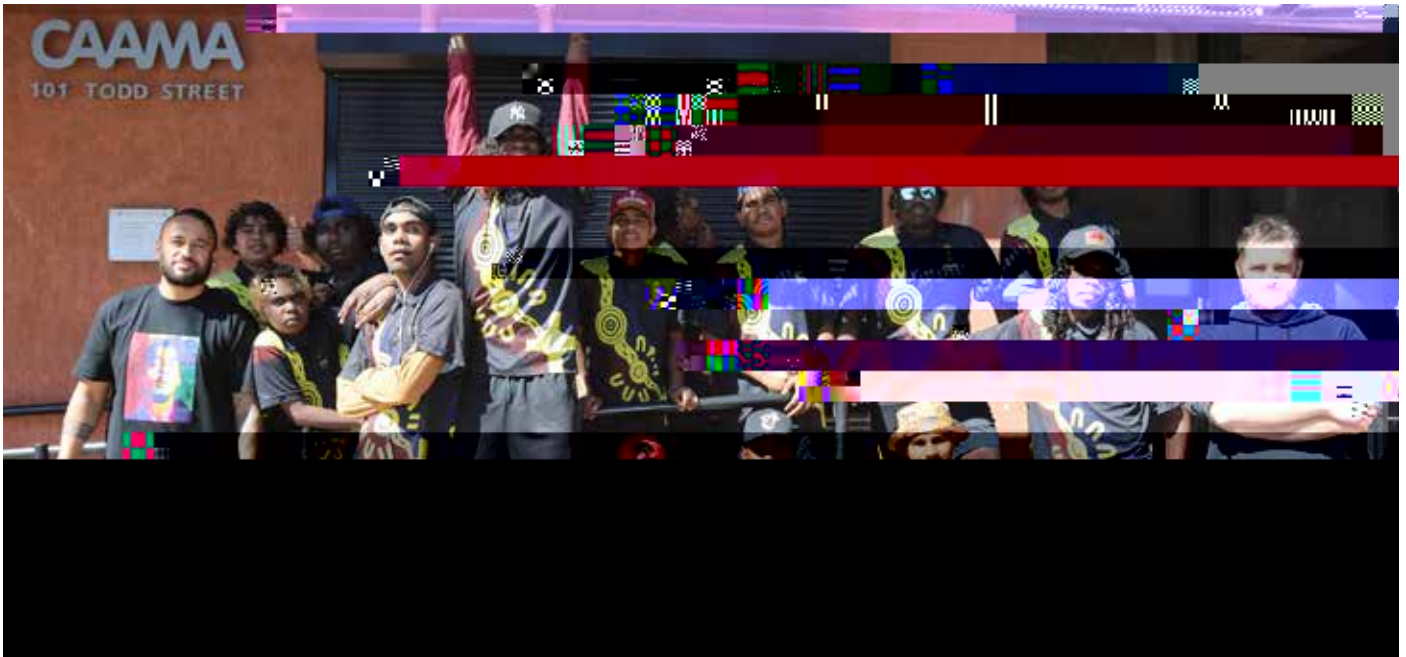


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Our term started off slowly, especially due to the rain we were having in late January.

Sure enough, it didn't take long for the students to turn up once we opened the campus. By the end of week 2 we had no less than 14 students

Garrwa/Yanyuwa Language Class Music Project



In Week 4 of this term, our Garrwa/Yanyuwa Language Class Fellas had the amazing opportunity to partake in a Music Project, working alongside renowned Indigenous Music Artist and Producer, Jimblah. An idea that started in our very own classroom, the Fellas were now able to showcase their music talents in a live recording studio at CAAMA Studios.

Throughout the week, the Fellas engaged in songwriting, song production, filmmaking, DJ'ing and reflection sessions. As a result, the Fellas wrote, produced and filmed two finished tracks after five days of hard work in the studio. These tracks are called "Barefoot Warriors" and "Brothers".

Writing their own lyrics was not an easy task for the Fellas. However, they drew inspiration from within, by reflecting on their own Aboriginal identities, showing cultural pride and discussing the deeper meaning behind the strong Brotherhood they have, as they all come from

neighbouring communities in Garrwa/Yanyuwa country. The Fellas represented not only their communities, but also Yirara College very proudly. For most of them, this was their first time working in a professional recording studio.

They are very excited about their music tracks being officially released to the public which is out very soon so WATCH THIS SPACE!



