

8—12 August—Book Week

9 August—Book Week Excursion

15—19 August —Science Week

14 August—Impro Drama Performance

19 August—Girls’ footy game against Sienna College at Western Bulldogs Oval

MITS Family Newsletter



MITS Leadership Awards were presented by Luke Murray (from KGI) and Liz Tudor (MITS Board Chair) to Edward (above) & Layla (below). They were class captains for Term 2.

MITS Term 2 Student Awards

At the final Term 2 assembly in June, students were awarded the MITS Student Awards (above). Students, including Jodie and Jayread (right) took responsibility for leading the assembly.



Guest Speaker

Michael Lacy (KGI) was the guest speaker at the final assembly. He spoke about the many aspects of his life and work, and described what keeps him focussed and motivated. He suggested that the students consider Term 3 as their 3rd quarter, as in a footy game – the Premiership quarter. This quarter is the build-up quarter to the finals, our Term 4.





MITS **Courage** Awards presented by Aaron Clark (KGI) to Trevor and Fiona

MITS **Respect** Awards presented by Rick Tudor (MITS Director) and Kyeema (KGI) to Troy and Jordan



MITS **Kindness** Awards presented by Michael (KGI) to Tammy and Chelsea

MITS **Care** Awards presented by Marlo (KGI) to Jody and Charmaine



Class of 2016



Row 3: Joel Roberts McAdam, Tatiana Green, Edward Puruntatameri, Charmaine Hayes, Transtian Heenan, Niomi Gorham, Jordan Bourke
 Row 2: Anthony Wilson, Jodie Wbodjij, Alayla Parry, Trevor Wagilak
 Row 1: Junior Dirdi, Troy Cook, Fiona Harrison, Tammy Warloo, Chelsea Durn-Tilmouth, Keeran Olsen, Chantel Ariu, Penelope Yibaruk, Jayread Ariu
 Staff: Mr Edward Tudor, Mr Brady Cooper, Ms Sally Cunningham, Ms Kathryn Gale, Ms Rhiannan Parker, Mr Bradley Carmody
 Absent: Jasmine Harrison, Rex Dhamarrandi

MITS Volunteers



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MITS students and staff are very grateful for the hard work of our volunteers, who regularly support the MITS community in the school, the boarding house and in the office.

They help students with classroom activities, homework, and taking them to and from sports matches.

Jackie volunteers in the classroom and at weekends with girls' basketball. She is (top left) assisting Jay-read with a Maths task.

Leonie, Deb and Jane (above left) are enthusiastic Events Committee volunteers who are currently working hard to organise the MITS Gala Dinner on October 13.

Terri volunteers in the classroom. She is (middle left) working with the students on a measuring activity for Maths.

Charmaine is modelling the new AIME jumper with Adam from AIME, and Terry and Sophie (left).

Volunteers Sarah, Jackie and Terri (below left)

They also assist staff with administration jobs and fundraising activities. All their hard work is greatly appreciated.



Miranda volunteers in the MITS classroom. She is (above) assisting Penny with her work.

Thank You Dinner for MITS Volunteers

In the last week of Term 2, MITS hosted a dinner at Lockington for our volunteers, to thank them for all of their help. We showed a video of all the students saying 'thank you'. Rhiannan was the cook for the night and she cooked amazing food. Phillipa made the salads and cakes. Every-one enjoyed themselves.

By Jasmine

Rhiannan and Trevor (right) look after the BBQ at the volunteers' thank you dinner

Marlo (KGI), Christine (Well-being support) and with Penny, Troy and friends (above left)

Jodie and Rhiannon with Sarah's son (left)





The students created a MITS pyramid.

Circus Oz Workshop

MITS students had the privilege of participating in a Circus Oz workshop in June. They learned many new skills and were very brave, using unfamiliar equipment including the trapeze and the pole vault.



In the Classroom



Home for the Holidays



MITS students traveling home for the holidays by plane, were farewelled at 6am when they left Lockington by bus for the airport. Fiona and Jasmine travelled by car to Bairnsdale.



Fiona and Jasmine visited their old primary school – Bairnsdale West Primary. They were warmly greeted by Doug and Kieran, the Principal and Well-being co-ordinator (above).



On the holidays I worked at my old school for two weeks in one of the prep grades. I really enjoyed it because it was fun and interactive.

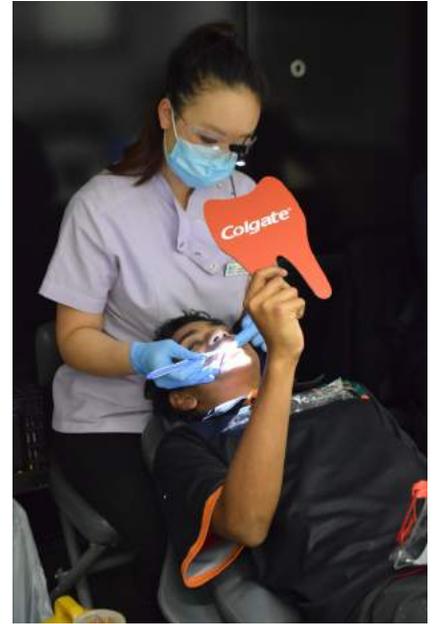
By Jasmine

School Dentist Visit

Three dental technicians conducted a dental clinic at the school in June. All students' teeth were checked, they were given oral hygiene advice and then referred for further treatment if necessary.



The technicians check students' teeth (above), and Edward watches in the mirror as he is given advice about oral hygiene (above right)



A Visit to Crown Entertainment Complex



At the invitation of Sean Armistead (centre), MITS students visited the Crown Entertainment Complex in South Bank. They learned that Crown employs almost 200 Indigenous employees across the organisation.



Family Members Travel to Melbourne



Several family members accompanied students back to Melbourne after the holidays.

They enjoyed a day's shopping and the chance to go to the movies at Victoria Gardens.



Tammy and her aunt Melanie Mullins (top left), Edward & Troy with Edward's mum Justina Puruntatameri (above left), Layla and her grandmother Lucia Carlingung Marritheyel (above middle), and Tatiana and her mum Therese Parry (above right).

Richmond Football Players spend time with MITS students

MITS students have enjoyed the chance to spend time with Richmond footy players over the past week. Shane Edwards and Nathan Drummond, under the guidance of Chocco Williams, conducted a games session in the Richmond gym. The students enjoyed a very active session.



The next day, Michael Lacy brought Dustin Martin, Chris Yarran and Shane Edwards into the classroom to speak with the students about themselves; where they grew up, how they became involved in football, how they keep fit, what being resilient means to them, and how they keep going when they are faced with challenges. The students appreciated the players spending time with them.



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Ilbidjeri and Melbourne Improv Workshops

Ilbidjeri Theatre Company is Australia's leading and longest running Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander theatre company. MITS students have enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in a series of improvisation drama workshops conducted by Melbourne Improv, assisted by Kamarra Bell-Wykes from Ilbidjeri. At the conclusion of the workshops, six students will be selected to take part in a performance in South Yarra, along with students from other schools.

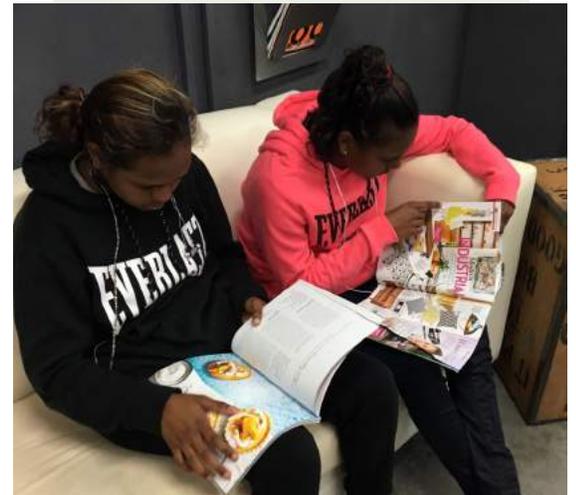
Drama Workshops



A Visit to the Hairdresser

On Saturday, Tatiana and Chelsea went to "Urchin Studio 1" in Richmond for their first hairdressing experience. They began by looking at the magazines and deciding which hairdo they wanted to have. "First we got our hair washed, it was really good

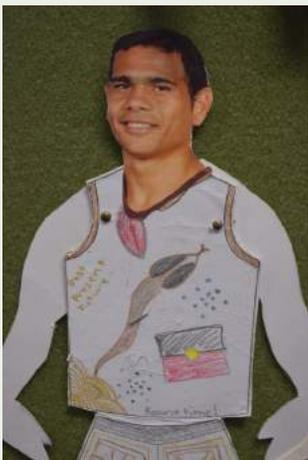
and relaxing. Then they cut our hair and blow-dried it straight," says Chelsea of her day at the salon. The girls felt very glamorous and were welcomed back to the boarding house with cheers and applause.



Chelsea and Tatiana BEFORE (above and below left) and AFTER (below)



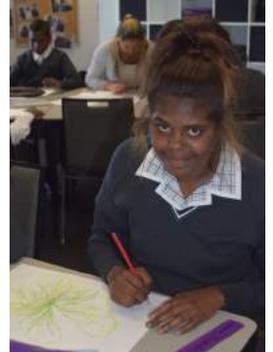
Student Artwork



ART at MITS



Each week, Lorraine and Sarah, along with volunteers Ruby and Maddie, conduct Art classes with the students. The focus of the Art program this term, has been 'myself', as expressed through portraiture, and 'home', as expressed through collage and cardboard construction.



Students are also working on individual paintings to be produced as cards for sale for the MITS community.

Maddie (volunteer) working with Fiona (top left), Lorraine working with Trevor (top middle), Layla at work (top right), Ruby (volunteer) working with Charmaine (above left), and Sarah working with Edward and Anthony (above right).

Lockington Report

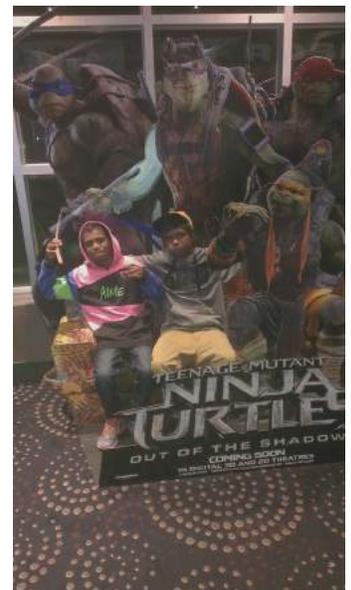
Welcome back to the Premiership Term. It has been a great start, especially having some students' family members visit us in Melbourne. We hope you have warmed up again.

Richmond Junior Football Club footy has started again with both the boys' and girls' teams playing in the chilly Melbourne winter. The boys have continued their winning ways and remain on top of the ladder. Trevor has recently started playing and has made a significant impact, kicking 3 goals in the first half of the game last weekend. The girls had a hard first game back and tried their best all game. This week is the last round of the competition, with 3 weeks of finals to follow. Hopefully we will be cheering both sides on in the finals.

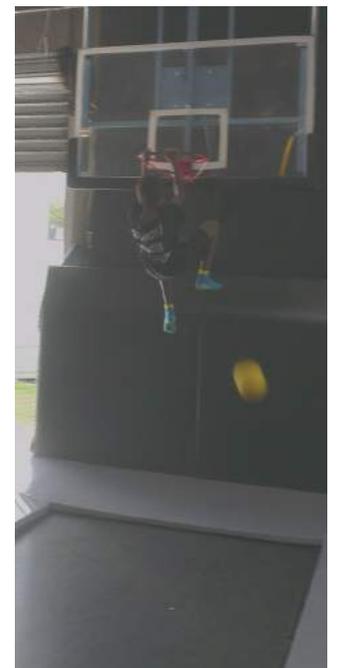
Last weekend the students enjoyed some ice-skating, painting and a fun night in at Lockington. This week we welcomed the AIME tutors back for the term, with a relaxed games night. We also welcomed John, who has recently joined us from Nganmariyanga. He is making many new friends and settling in well.

By Rhiannan

Weekend Fun



Students attend an AFL match at AAMI Stadium



Student Photos



Students make it up the 1,000 Steps at Upper Ferntree Gully



Mr. Brad and some of the students RAN up the 1,000 steps and back—in the rain. A huge effort.

