

May 25 2018

Birrarung Wilam Walk with Koorie Heritage Trust



Executive Director's Message by *Edward Tudor*

MITs students: role models to their peers

Last week I was fortunate to join our Community Engagement Manager Patrick Bowden as we visited communities, schools and families in the region to the east of Katherine (Beswick, Barunga, Manyallaluk and Ngukurr). It was wonderful to meet so many families and students who are keen to pursue education in Melbourne, and exciting to hear of their aspirations for the future.

The visits also highlighted that our current and past MITs students are true role models in their own communities. They are inspiring other students, and demonstrating courage and ambition as they take on the challenges of schooling away from home.

Receiving a position at MITs is a great endorsement of each of our students. It demonstrates that they are committed to their education, with a strong attendance record at home and consistently great attitude and effort at school. They are recognised as having the commitment and resilience necessary to attend school away from home, and the support of their whole family as they take on that challenge.

Applications for our MITs Class of 2019 are now open and will close on 1 July. We encourage interested families, students and principals from the Top End of the Northern Territory and regional Victoria to contact us if you are interested in applying to MITs.

Important Dates:

26 May: National SORRY Day

26 May—June 3 :
Reconciliation Week

31 May: RFC Players' Lunch at Lockington

1 June: ADF
Reconciliation Week
Football Carnival at
Simpson Barracks

2 June: Dreamtime at the
'G' - Richmond vs
Essendon

3 June: Mabo Day—
Volunteers' BBQ at
Lockington

7 June: Final Term 2
School Assembly

7 June: Barring-bul—
Art Exhibition

Up-Coming Birthday



Gigi (June 6)



Richmond's Dreamtime Match Jumper *By Tarkyn & Leo*

Two weeks ago, Robert Young came in to our classroom to show us his design for the jumper for all the Richmond players to wear for the Dreamtime match. He told us that he copied the tattoo design on his arm, which he designed himself. He also wrote a story on the back of the jumper and the story was really interesting. Robbie was very funny.



Robert Young with his jumper design.

Robert says —

“The design symbolises the intricacies of our Indigenous culture, and how we use our artwork, song and dance to be powerful, strong and bold”,



Robert Young speaking to the students about his Richmond jumper design for 2018



Mr Brad & Mr Brady love the jumper!



Jason Constagna and Jason Butler came in to the classroom to present all the MITS students with their new PUMA footy boots. Thanks PUMA, and thanks Jason & Dan!



Melbourne Football Club players visit MITS

By Adam & Cecil

Last week the Melbourne Football Club player, Dion & Jay came to MITS to do some drills with us. We did a hand-ball zig-zag, where the team who dropped the ball had to do 10 push-ups. Then we did kicking zig-zag. After that we did another modified drill. To finish up, we played a short scratch match with modified rules. It was great to learn from Dion and Jay.



Running the water for players at the RFC training sessions

By Kayden & Georgie

Kayden and I ran water for the RFC training. It was awesome because we got to play footy with the players and kick the ball with them. Every 10 minutes, we run out and give them water. On the way back to the classroom, we got a little tour of the RFC and it was fun. Number 11 gave me and Kayden a nickname: G Georgie and KK. It was a great experience with them. The players train on Tuesdays and Fridays and all the MITS kids will have a turn to run water for them each week.



MITS AWARDS

MITS COURAGE AWARD

Presented by
Sally Cunningham
to **Sherilyn O'Ryan**



MITS RESPECT AWARD

Presented by
Brady Cooper
to **Savario Minor**



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY May 18



Congratulations to all the MITS students for completing all their NAPLAN tests for 2018!



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY



Timikar & Kaleb conducted their first School Assembly as MITS Captains

MITS CARE AWARD

Presented by
Brad Carmody
to **Marlene Lee**



The MITS BOARDING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Presented by
Amanda
Haggie
to **Elaine
Koimala-Brown**



Mathletics Awards were presented by Brad Carmody to a big group of students

MITS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & EFFORT AWARD

Presented by
Kathryn Gale
to **Levi Christopherson**



Book Club by Sharde Wilson



Last week we started Book Club in different groups. I was in Mr. Brad's group and we are reading *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. It is about a family that is living in a controlled world where everyone is only allowed to have two kids — one boy and one girl.

The other books that the groups are reading, are: *Rowan of Rin* by Emily Rodda, *The Gizmo* by Paul Jennings, and *Sadako* by Eleanor Coerr. In Book Club, we have different jobs. They are called the *Discussion Director*, *Word Master*, *Summariser*, *Illustrator*, *Connector* and *Passage Picker*. It is fun.



Boarding News *by Amanda Haggie*



Lockington continues to run very smoothly and both staff and volunteers often comment on how well-mannered our students are. Our theme for this term is 'Looking after Ourselves'. Our focus has been to concentrate on hygiene, washing, keeping our surroundings tidy and making sure we are making good food choices. Some of the students have also been helping our Chef Ryan, plan and cook some meals.

Our weekends continue to be full of Football on a Sunday and a mixture of exciting activities on a Saturday.

One of our very generous volunteers, Nicky Harle organised an African drumming session for everyone here at Lockington to enjoy. Although some of the students were initially a little apprehensive, by the end of the session they were all jamming out. Lorraine managed to take some fantastic videos.

Last Saturday the students took part in a kayaking lesson on the Yarra with Tom Dunn. Tom is a Stand-Up Paddle Board and Surf Instructor who has created an event called 'Australia's Longest Triathlon'. He has decided to raise awareness and money for MITS and is embarking upon a cross-country journey in approximately three months. Hopefully, on his arrival back in Melbourne, we will all be there to greet him at the finish line.



Drumming Workshop



Lunch with the RFC Staff *by Brayden & Levi*

When we were invited to have lunch with the RFC staff, we were told that they have good food, so we were all excited. It was delicious food. We had hamburgers with hot chips — it all looked so yum, and it was the best. After lining up and getting our food from the kitchen, we went to sit next to a RFC staff and had a chat with them.

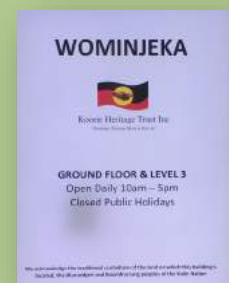


Koorie Heritage Trust visit and walk *by Shontanay*



It was a cold and windy day and the MITS kids went to the Koorie Heritage Trust for a visit and a walk last Thursday. The Trust building is in Federation Square and it is big. The guide was a Gunnai man called Uncle Rocky. He is related to me and he knows all of my family.

He told us about the Yarra River and what it looked like before all the buildings were made. We walked along the river and did the Birrarung Wilam Walk. Then we went to a little room inside the Koorie Heritage Trust and he showed us all the different Victorian hunting tools and artefacts.





Trinity Grammar

Trinity Grammar School, is an independent Anglican day and boarding school for boys, located in Kew, Melbourne. The school opened in 1903 and was a founding member of the Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria (AGSV). It has just over 1300 students and around 20 boarders.



MITs Alumni —Trinity Grammar School

There are currently 4 MITs Graduates at Trinity Grammar School and in Term 1 they were involved in the creation of a beautiful art piece for National *Close the Gap Day* in February. The day began with a Smoking Ceremony by Uncle Bill Nicholson, followed by a guest speaker, Shawn Andrews. Some dancers from Yorta-Yorta Country also performed. The boys were lucky enough to receive a headwear gift made of emu feathers and an emu shell, from Aunty Neva Atkinson, a Wallithica elder. The boys' painting can now be seen hanging in the reception area at Trinity Grammar School.

The visitors and Trinity staff members (below) at the Close the Gap Day in February



The Indigenous Program at Trinity is called the Didiri Program and it is headed up by Tom Purcell. Corey Atkinson and Michael Naawi (at right) work to support the 6 boys in the program. Chris and Vanessa Johnson support the boys in the Boarding House. The MITs Alumni students are; Anthony & Junior (2016) and Albert & Bhodi (2017).



Lunch at Macquarie Bank *by Jenae*

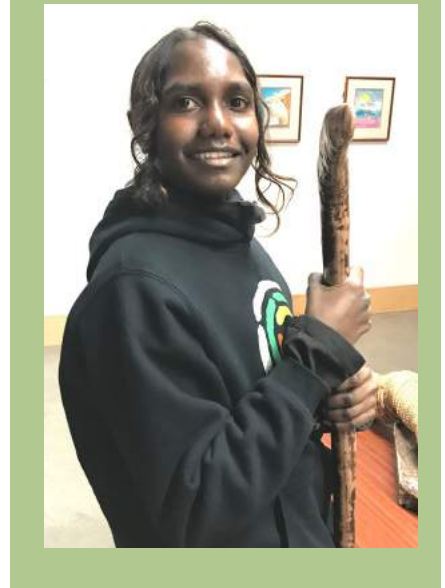
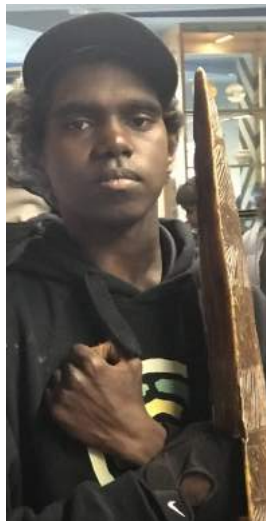
After we finished with NAPLAN last week, we went for lunch at the Macquarie Bank at 101 Collins Street in the city. When we got there, we had a little chat with some of the staff and then we picked one staff member to go to for a bigger chat. They gave us a yummy lunch that we ate while we played a game in our groups. It is called '2 truths and a lie'. One of the staff told me, Sharde, Shontanay and Jodie, that he went on a vacation on a boat for 7 months. Then I told him 2 truths and one lie, but then I made a mistake, so I had to think of another one while one of the other girls told one. It was fun. Then we took some photos of everyone and caught the tram home. We went home feeling very full.



Friday's Spelling Test









Fun in Yarra Park

