

“Kicking Goals”

After an exciting Term 1, during which our students got to know Melbourne, our wonderful MITS staff and each other, all of our Class of 2017 are ready to start kicking goals this term in many different ways.

In the classroom, our students are setting their goals for the term, and pushing themselves to achieve them. This includes NAPLAN assessments which will take place next week: please make sure you encourage your child to try their hardest all the way through these challenging and sometimes tiring days.

The students are also kicking goals in the boarding house: they're keeping their rooms and common areas beautifully clean, helping out in the kitchen and garden, and looking out for each other.

And of course, with the arrival of the footy season, the kids are kicking goals on-field every weekend with Richmond Junior Football Club. RJFC has once again welcomed our students into their community, and all of the MITS mob are thrilled to be having a kick and meeting new friends from their neighbourhood.



As with all goals, sometimes we hit them, and sometimes we miss. Every missed goal is an opportunity to learn, and an opportunity for us to support each other. I encourage all of you who support our MITS students to encourage them to keep their eyes on the goalposts throughout Term 2.



Important Dates

May 9

NAPLAN Exams Begin

May 10

Banner Making at RFC

May 25

BBQ with RFC players & officials

May 27

Dreamtime at the 'G match

Congratulations New Captains



Term 1 Captain Kydan Atkinson
and Term 2 Captain Chris Farnham



Term 1 Captain Kenita Bush and
Term 2 Captain Latoya Tipiloura

School Report *by Kathryn Gale*

It was wonderful to see our students excitedly running down the path from Punt Rd. on the first day back at school this term. It was also a pleasure to have Isabel, Mary, Kendrick and Rosina here with the students for a day after accompanying them on the flight from Darwin. The students have continued to work hard in the classroom over the past few weeks, completing work and reflecting upon their learning, their achievements and their experiences in their first term at MITS. It has been a wonderful term – beginning with huge hopes and expectations that the students of 2017 would embrace the experiences and opportunities offered to them. Which they have.



Attending school at a football club, is not a common experience for Year 7 students across Australia. But our MITS students are very fortunate to be able to take advantage of both their presence in the RFC headquarters, and our near proximity to the Melbourne city centre. At recess and lunchtimes, they sometimes have the chance to interact with the Richmond players or to watch them train on the Punt Rd oval. The players are very accommodating and welcoming of our students whenever they see each other.



MITS Awards

Presented at the
School Assembly on May 4th

Academic Excellence Award

Presented by Kathryn Gale



Chris Farnham

Boarding Excellence Award

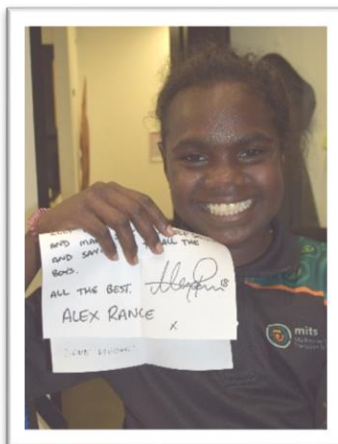
Presented by Amanda Haggie



Shania Marrakuy

School Report cont.

Last week, two students received a very exciting surprise. They had written and sent cards to Alex Rance, which he then acknowledged on his personal Instagram account. This was a lovely surprise in itself, but then he sent them each a personal letter, thanking them for their cards. What champions, both Trent and Alex are. Not to ignore the fact that the Richmond players are actually enjoying a very good season thus far this year, in our students' eyes, all the Richmond players are true champions and wonderful role models, not matter what the result of their weekly AFL games might be.



Big smiles from Latoya and Naomi as they open their letters from Alex Rance



Being next door to the Korin Gamadji office, we are very lucky to have many interesting visitors pop into the classroom. One of those last week, was Aunty Pam. She treated the students to a demonstration of her surfing skills. She gave them an inspirational talk about her very active life and her intention to run in the Mother's Day run on May 14th.

Respect Award

Presented By Brad Carmody



Paul Babui

Courage Award

Presented By Christine Farmer



Latoya Tipiloura

Care Award

Presented By Sally Cunningham



Albert Hood

School Report cont.



Above: Aunty Pam gives the students a demonstration in her deadly surfing skills

Another significant experience that the students have enjoyed this term, has been our visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens. On our first visit last term, Ben performed a smoking ceremony and welcome, followed by a heritage walk. This time, the students were helped by Emily and Ben to undertake experiments in two water storage localities. They also learned about the Gardens' water catchment and recycling systems which allow for the healthy growth of all the local and exotic trees and plants. All this, within walking distance to our school.



Mathletics Awards

Presented by Brad Carmody



Latoya Tipiloura and Chris Farnham

MITS Leadership Awards

Presented by Ed Tudor



Kenita Bush and Kydan Atkinson

Guest Speaker Thalia from KGI



News from Lockington by Amanda Haggie

Some exciting news here at Lockington, is that we have two new staff members who have joined our team; Amy Walker from Heywood in SW Victoria, and Samantha (Sammi) Rioli from Darwin. Both Sammi and Amy have begun work full of enthusiasm, energy and passion. They have already made great connections with the students.

The beginning of the Term saw all students kitted out with footy uniforms for Richmond Junior Football Club. The kids could not wait for their first official game and were up by 7.30am on the first Sunday, ready and eager for an 11.30 kick off! It is also great to see some lovely friendships forming with the local kids in their team.



Team MITS have their new jerseys on and are ready to hit the field!



News from Lockington cont.

This Term, once again we have some fantastic volunteers offering to help at the Boarding House. We totally appreciate this support with either general 'house upkeep' or bonding with the kids. Kenita Bush finally managed to finish the 300-piece puzzle with Adrienne.

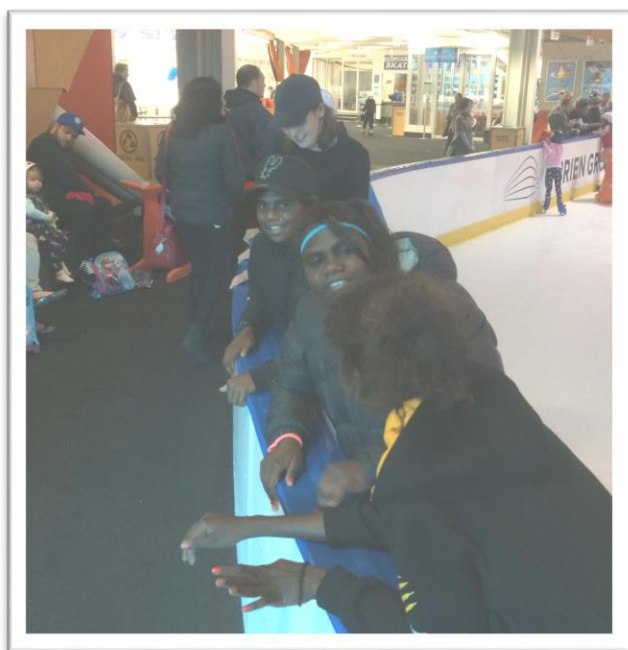
Last weekend Patrick, Sammi and Michelle took the whole group for an ice skating session which they loved. Apparently our very own Sammi is quite the 'pro' on the ice! There has already been the request to do this again.

All the staff here at Lockington have been super proud of the way the students have settled back into our routines. Our focus has been to appreciate, respect and look after our beautiful surroundings here at Lockington.



Above: Kenita found the last piece of the puzzle with Adrienne, what an achievement!

Below: Our seal sleds helped us find our feet on the ice as we started carving it up in our skates!



Above: Holding on to the side line to give those wobbly skating legs a rest.



Botanical Gardens *By Shannon Tipuamantumerri and Marie Dumoo*

On Monday the 1st of May, we walked to the Botanical Gardens for a Science excursion. We walked passed Collingwood FC and then met Ben and Emily from the Botanical Gardens at the Observatory.

First they took us to a water catchment area in the gardens. In groups, we tested the water for things like pH, temperature and nitrates. Some of us checked how clean the water was. Then we went to the Volcano part of the gardens and looked at the floating gardens and saw a long neck turtle.

We walked to another water area to do the same tests, but in different water. The water had been filtered in this area. Then we compared the results to our first sample.

After we finished the testing, we had some time to look through the binoculars at the birds and trees in the gardens, and at people on the boats.

We had a great time and then walked back to school where Latoya almost got lost. We walked over 6 kilometres for the day!



The MITS scientists hard at work making sure our beautiful environment is clean and healthy.

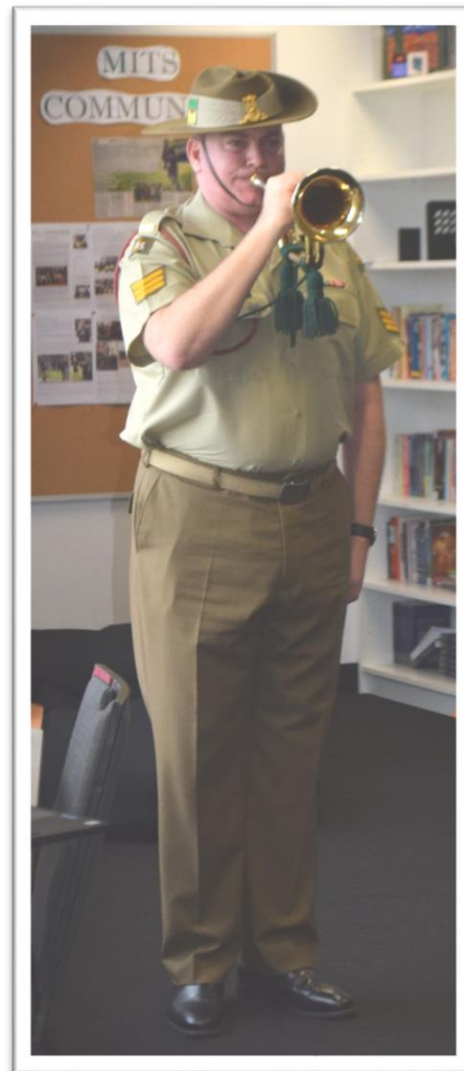


Defence Force *By Naomi Gaykamangu and Shaniya Cooper*

For the Defence Force Reconciliation Week football match this year we have been lucky to have the opportunity to design jumpers for their match. Shaniya Cooper, Naomi Gaykamangu, Chris Farnham and Calvin Doolan had their jumper designs chosen for the players to wear for their Reconciliation match.

Rachel, Steven and Christine from the Defence Force visited us on Friday 21st of April. Steve played the bugle for us and spoke about the significance of the Last Post and Rouse. Rachel spoke about Aboriginal soldier Private Miller, who had his body returned to his country and about the importance of ANZAC Day. Christine spoke about the opportunities for jobs in the Defence Force once you turn 15.

We will be going to visit them at the Simpsons Barracks in June for Reconciliation Week.



The bugle plays as the MITS squad assembles!



Kingswood College Visit *By Naomi Gaykamangu and Shaniya Cooper*

On Monday the 24th of April the Grade 5 & 6 students from Kingswood College visited us at MITS along with Penelope, Jody and Charmaine.

Some of the kids sat down and had lunch with us and we chatted with them. We then went into the Graeme Richmond room and showed them pictures of what we do at MITS and Mr Brad talked about the relationships we build with many different people and organisations, such as the Richmond Footy club.

We took a big group photo and then they left to catch the train home. We look forward to visiting Kingswood College later in the year.

Right: MITS and Kingswood students having lunch and a yarn in the sunshine.

Below: All the MITS and Kingswood kids get together for a big group photo.



Richmond Junior Football Club *By Shania Marrakuy and Calvin Doolan*

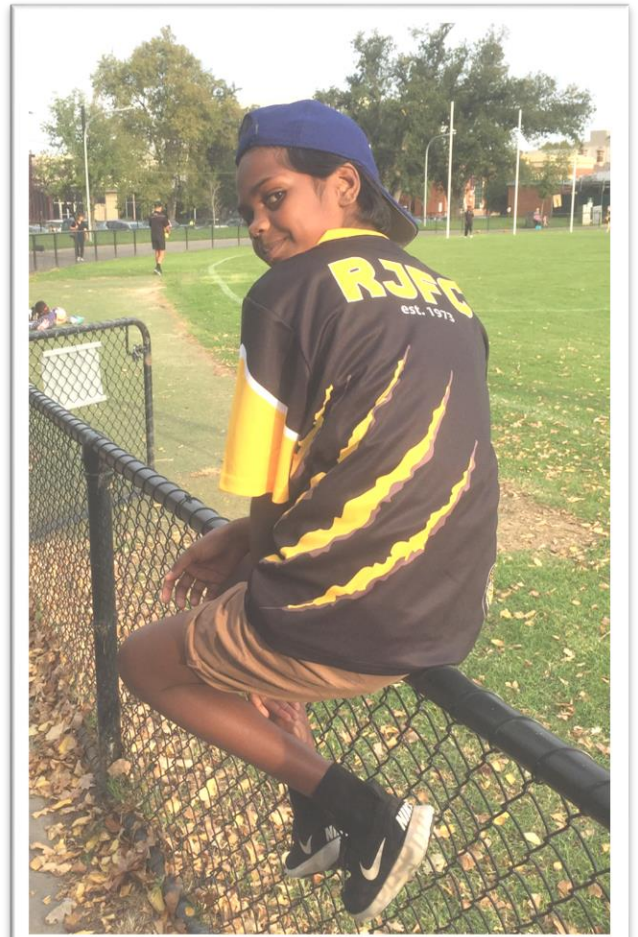
All of the MITS students play football for the Richmond Junior Football Club and we train at Citizens Park. It is hard training. The girls go to training on Tuesdays and the boys train on Wednesdays. We practise handballing left and right and practise kicking on both feet too. We learn how to kick a drop punt and practise kicking fancy goals. We do our best to kick straight and we tackle each other. Sometimes we do push ups if we don't listen to the coach or miss our targets.

The MITS girls are split across three teams and the boys are divided into three teams as well. We have played two games already, and everyone is enjoying playing football for RJFC. We all have footy boots, socks, 2 x shorts, hoodies, a training top and a mouthguard.

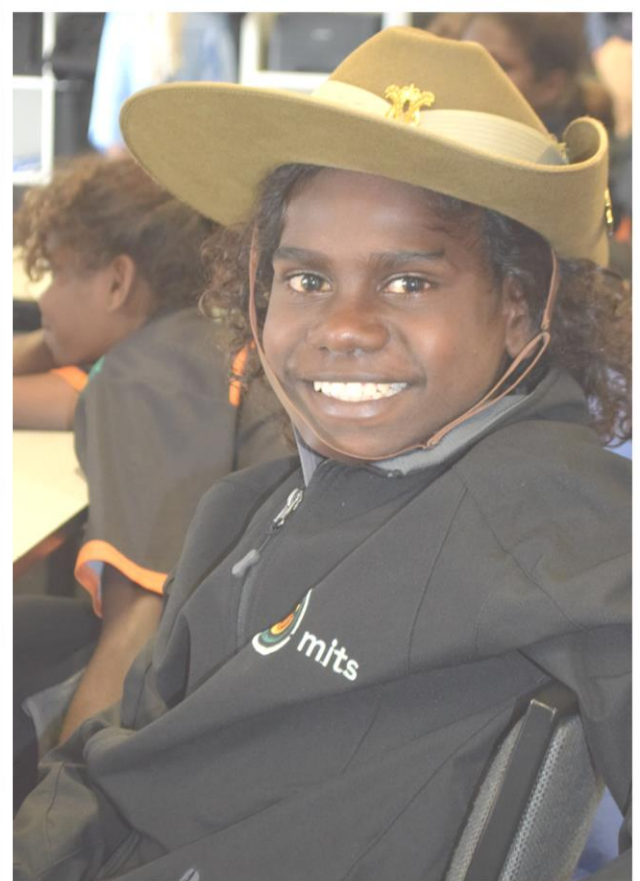
The Under 12 girls' team has won both games so far and Shania has kicked 9 goals. Kenita has been kicking really well too and Naomi is great at handballing.

The Under 14 boys' team has lost both games but they are trying their best. Calvin D has been tackling hard and running fast in the games. Ronnell almost took a great mark last week and RJ defended really well.

We love playing at RJFC!!









Above and Right: The girls were lucky enough to meet Richmond Captain Trent Cotchin at lunch time!

Below: kicking back at movie night.

