Term One Overview

Welcome to our first Aboriginal Education Newsletter for 2014! The year has got off to a busy start with our Aboriginal students involved in a wide range of activities and programs across the school and in the community.

As well as the ever popular sports carnivals, our students have already participated in a range of academic, school to work, social and cultural programs this term.

These initiatives include; The Year 7 Camp, Bro Speak, Norta Norta Tutoring Program and the Girri Girri Sports Academy.

Our students have also taken advantage of the support and opportunities offered to them through the School Based Traineehip Program, Literacy Roll Call, the Learning Hub, and the Western Region Eye Clinic.

The Girri Girri Sports Academy

Girri Girri has started up again this term with students in years 8, 9 and 10 meeting with Mr. Fox for 2 Periods a week. The academic focus this term has been Numeracy, with particular emphasis on multiplication, division and fractions. In practical sessions students have been learning different AFL skills throughout the term. Last week we headed down to George Park to participate in an AFL competition with Kelso High Girri Girri. Despite the rain the day was a success with a fun 10-a-side competition. The day was run with the help of AFL Central West.

If any students are interested in participating in weekend AFL, junior training is at 5pm at George Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
Bro Speak

Bro Speak is a 10 week, small group, program for Aboriginal boys attending secondary school. The BHC program is run by Kris Kennedy, Michael Fox and Des Crawford and is designed to help the boys be strong in their Aboriginal identity and smart in their approach to achieving their life goals.

Our Year 7 and 8 students have completed the first 5 weeks of program in which they have been focusing on Goal Setting, Time Management, Self Esteem and Connecting to Country.

The students have also been involved in the Dream, Believe, Achieve Program delivered by Wade Judd (Games Development Officer, NRL).

Next term we will be focusing on Leadership,

Building Better Relationships, Career Aspirations and finish with a celebration day.

Tyrone Murray and Jeremy Morgan at Bathurst Sorry Day Event, Sat, March 15.

Help Us To Keep in Touch With You

Please complete and return the attached form with current contact details for your student.

Thank you

Learning Hub

Our Learning Hub is open in the school library every Wednesday afternoon from 2:50 pm - 4:30 pm. The library is staffed with a teacher and Norta Norta tutor at this time to provide students with the support they need to get their homework and assignments complete. All welcome.

The Eye Clinic

Every second year Wellington Aboriginal Health Service visits Bathurst High Campus to assess students' vision. Recently around half of our students had their eyes tested. Those prescribed glasses should receive them half way through next term. If your child missed out for any reason could you please fill out the attached note and return it ASAP. The eye clinic will return on the 8th of May 2014.

Nanga Mai Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tyrone Murray who is the recipient of a 2014 Nanga Mai Award for Public Speaking. Tyrone was a last minute addition to the BHC NAIDOC Debating Challenge Team last year and his efforts helped the team into third place. Only 2 students in the state have been recognised with this achievement this year. Well done Tyrone!!!