

ARA WILTJANYATJARA

Wiltja Anangu Secondary College Newsletter

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Principal's report

Half the year has already gone, but we still have half a year of great learning to come!

Puḷkaṛa warkarima! Uwankara aṭunymanama!

At Wiltja, we try and encourage all students to do these 2 things:

Work hard - Puḷkaṛa warkarima!

- ✓ Getting to class on time
- ✓ Staying in class all lesson
- ✓ Listening to the teacher
- ✓ Focusing on learning
- ✓ Trying your best
- ✓ Letting other people learn

Be kind - Uwankara aṭunymanama!

- ✓ Being friendly
- ✓ Using manners
 - please, thank you
- ✓ Looking after other people
- ✓ Making people feel safe and happy
- ✓ Helping others

These things help everyone to be happy and successful learners.

Short Term Visits

Aṅangu students can have their first 'Taste of Wiltja' by coming on a 1-week visit with their teacher and an Aṅangu Educator from their school. These visits start from around year 6. So far this year, we have had 7 schools and 49 Short Term students visit Wiltja.

Term 1 - Indulkana, Yalata, Murputja, Amata

Term 2 - Mimili, Ernabella, Fregon

Amata, Yalata and Ernabella have all booked another Short Term visit in term 3 or 4.

We thank the Aṅangu Lands schools for their commitment to this program and hope that many of these students will end up attending as long-term enrolments at Wiltja.



Aboriginal Power Cup

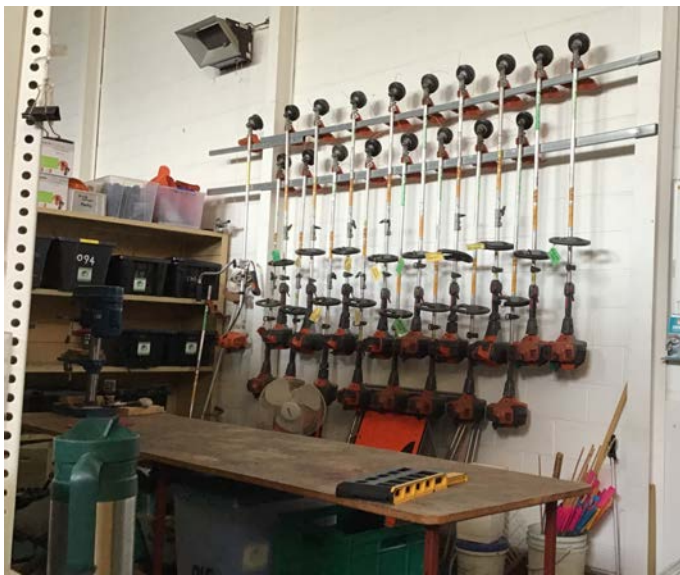
The Year 10 Wiltja students worked hard in class with other Aboriginal students from Woodville High School to complete their assessment tasks for SACE Stage 1 Aboriginal Studies in Term 1 and 2. At the beginning of the year, each student created artwork that was meaningful to them. The class voted on which one they wanted as the artwork to be on their football guernsey and Tyrell Martin, a Wiltja student from Engawala, was the winner, so the whole class got to wear his guernsey design!

At the end of Term 2, the Wiltja students played in the Aboriginal Power Cup football carnival in both the girls' and fellas' teams over 2 days. Both teams won most of their games. Their teammates were from Woodville High and from schools in the South East of South Australia. It was a great chance to play footy and meet new people.



Year 10 Conservation and Land Management Program

In Term 1, students worked with staff and volunteers at Trees for Life to learn about Workplace Health and Safety for the SACE Stage 1 subject Workplace Practices. Working at their nursery over the term, we also learned a lot about how the nursery operates. We had the opportunity to learn how to propagate plants from seed and cuttings, divide and transplant potted plants, and also learned how to service their brush-cutters.



Wiltja Anangu Secondary College continued their partnership with Cleland Wildlife Park in Term 1. This year we used our observation and GPS skills to find and map all nest boxes in the park. This will help Cleland staff to better manage the nest box use and maintenance in the future.

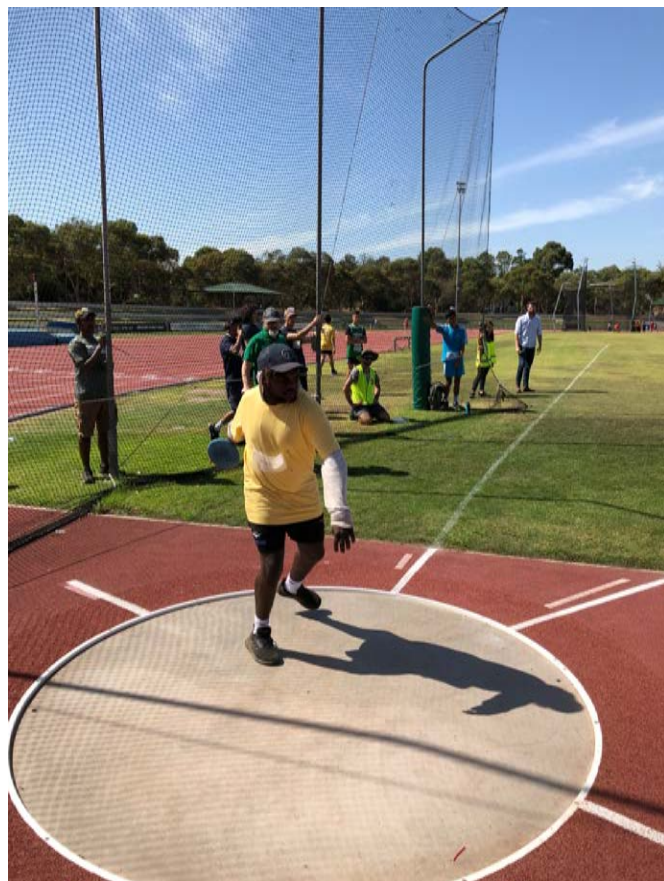


In Term 2, students researched and completed a community activity on a topic of their choice related to Conservation and Land Management for a SACE Stage 1 Community Studies subject. Some of the places we went to research information included the SA Museum, Marine Discovery Centre, Patawalonga Conservation Zone and the beach. We also learned new skills in scientific drawing and watercolour workshops.



Sports Day

On Monday 4th March, all Wiltja and Woodville students participated in Sports Day at Santos Stadium. It was a fun and jammed-packed day, with lots of enthusiasm and energy shared by students and staff. Wiltja students were involved in all events, with Wally Kunoth-Hampton receiving first place in the under 14s Shot Put, which was a fantastic achievement.



Parliament House and the Courts

On Thursday 28th of March, the Year 9 & 10 Wiltja students went on an excursion to the Law Courts and Parliament House in the city. At the Law Courts, we were able to access our own courtroom and dress up as lawyers, QC's and judges while learning about their positions in the courts. We then experienced some real court cases while sitting in on some courtrooms in the Magistrates court.

In the afternoon we visited Parliament House and we met our new local member of State Parliament, Joe Szakacs. He showed us around Parliament House and explained the symbolism of certain items in the Upper and Lower Houses. Students were able to sit in the seats of Members of Parliament and engage in a debate.

Students learnt a great deal about how our laws are made and passed through Parliament as well as how laws are enforced and processed through the courts.



AFL Indigenous All Stars Kick to Kick

In term 1, the Year 8 and 8W classes, as well as the Short Term visitors from Indulkana were lucky to attend the Indigenous All Stars Kick to Kick at the University of Adelaide's sporting ground. First, students watched an open training session by the players. Afterwards, Wiltja students got to kick with the All Stars players, including Eddie Betts and Chad Wingard. Wiltja students had lots of fun kicking the footy and meeting their favourite players.



Nunga Tag

On Wednesday 6th March, Year 8 and 9 Wiltja students were lucky enough to be invited to participate in Nunga Tag at Christies Beach High School. Students learnt new skills playing tag rugby and were able to socialise with other Indigenous students from around Adelaide.

The highlight of the day was when Tamara was awarded an iPad for designing the top that was worn on the day.



Staff versus students sport

In term 1, Wiltja staff took on the students at T-ball. The students won...



Reconciliation Lunch

On Tuesday the 28th of May, during Reconciliation Week, the Wiltja Year 9 students worked with the Woodville High School Nunga students to put on a lunch for the rest of the school. There was a choice of kangaroo or beef sausages in bread, or a veggie patty. This was accompanied by damper made in the pizza oven in the school garden. The students made two types of damper: plain, which was served with jam, or saltbush and Warrigal greens. It must've been good, because 180 sausages were sold and ravenously eaten by hungry students and there was only a tiny bit of damper left over!

Other Wiltja students were involved by making posters to display, which had Pitjantjatjara and English words on them. They were displayed on boards under the shelter area, where the lunch was served.

Thanks to all the students and teachers who worked hard to make the lunch such a success!



DreamBIG Children's Festival

The DreamBIG Festival is an art, music and drama festival for school children in Adelaide and other country towns in South Australia, and it happens every 2 years. This year, the Wiltja Year 8, 9 and 10s and Mimili Short Term students were lucky enough to spend a whole day watching different performances at the Adelaide Festival Centre and Art Gallery of South Australia.

The first performance was by Adam Page, a musician who made his own music using different instruments and a looping pedals to record his songs. School students in the audience were asked to come up to the stage to make funny noises or say cheeky words into the microphone and he would use their voices in the piece of music he created on stage. This was a lot of fun to watch and it was really interesting to see how he made and recorded his music.

We also watched a great animation installation about an Adnyamathanha women's story set in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia. Local students and older people from Leigh Creek in South Australia created the installation and their voices were recorded telling the story.

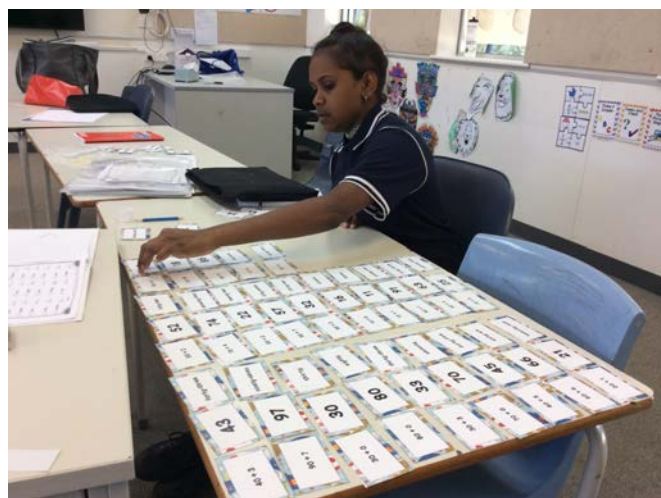


Federal politicians visit Wiltja

In term 1, Pat Dodson (a Senator from WA) and Mark Butler (the Member of Parliament for Hindmarsh in SA) came to visit us at Woodville. Senator Dodson spoke to Wiltja and Amata Short Term students about his life and being a politician, trying to make a difference for Aboriginal people in Australia.



Maths learning at Wiltja



Uenohara Student Visit

During term 1, the year 9 class had a visit from some Japanese students who were here on study visit from our sister school in Uenohara. Our students were able to share some walka art from Ernabella, while the Japanese students taught Wiltja students to make some origami cranes.



Fitness



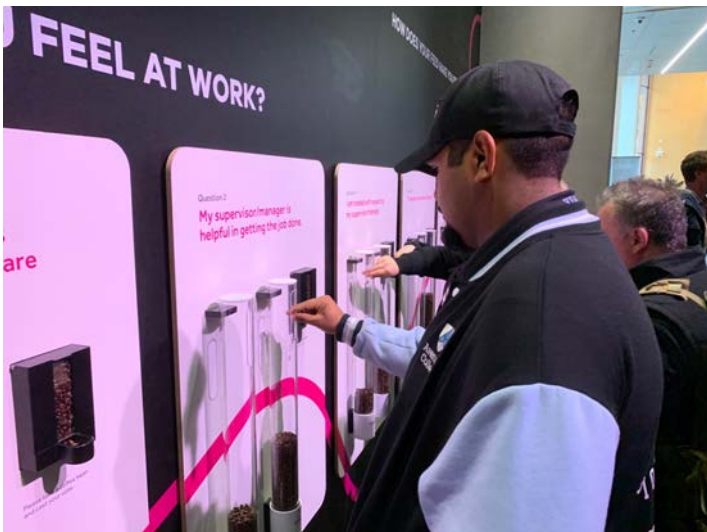
Making pizzas



Senior School

The Wiltja senior school students had a thought-provoking day at Footy Park for an anti-smoking session. The students were encouraged to consider factors to improve their health, such as healthy eating and the effects of smoking over time.

We also had an interesting day at the University of South Australia (UniSA) for the Aboriginal Pathways Program, listening to keynote speakers and attending information sessions. We visited MOD (the Museum of Discovery) and explored various installations and exhibitions.



Driver Education



APY Gallery Visit



Wellbeing Days



AFL Academy



Wiltja Boarding - Term 2 Recreation

