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NEWSLETTER

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COORDINATORS REPORT

Kaya,

What a fantastic year 2018 has been at Fremantle College and in Follow The Dream (FTD). Looking back on our very first day as a school in January this year, no one could have predicted how successful the school would go on to be. We can now look forward to the bright future ahead for Fremantle College, FTD and all of our students and the community.

FTD has enjoyed steady growth throughout the year as relationships with students, families, myself and our wonderful tutors have flourished and a rigorous tutoring program has been established. Just some of the great things our students have achieved and been apart of this term have been included in this newsletter.

Thankyou for supporting FTD at Fremantle College this year and I look forward to sharing with you many more of our student's great achievements in 2019 and beyond.

Kind regards,

Nathan Dines



We are currently in... **Birak** - The season of the young



FTD students at Notre Dame University's Walyalup Day event.



FTD's FIRST GRADUATE — JI OXENHAM

A significant highlight of this year has been the success of our first graduating Follow The Dream student, Ji Oxenham. Ji undertook an ATAR pathway over the last two years as well as completing a number of Certificate courses. At the Year 12 graduation ceremony he received the inaugural Aboriginal Leadership Award for setting a positive example for all students and consistently demonstrating dedication to his studies and kindness to all members of the school community. Ji participated in Follow The Dream and CLONTARF Academies representing the school with pride at numerous community events. With a dream of one day becoming an officer of the Western Australia Police Force, Ji is looking to spend the next year working and saving his money before enrolling with the Police force. From everyone at Fremantle College and FTD we wish him all the very best for his future pursuits where ever they take him.



TUTOR PROFILE

Harriet Pugh: English Teacher

About Me: While I have the pleasure of teaching many students at this school, many people know me because of my therapy dog Henry.

Favourite food: Potatoes and coffee (but not together)

Favourite movie: Harry Potter

Three random facts about me:

1. I do weightlifting!
2. I used to run an adventure camp!
3. I've been to five different continents!



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EAST HAMILTON HILL P.S.— COMMUNITY FETE

On Saturday the 3rd of November Fremantle College's Aboriginal Education Team along with a number of Follow The Dream students ran a free face painting stall at the East Hamilton Hill Primary School Community fete. As the primary school is one of Fremantle Colleges local intake schools, it was a fantastic way for our staff and students to build positive relationships with the primary school students who will one day be attending our school. Well done to Annali Mippy-Smith and Shalorna Dykman-Smith for your hard work painting the hundreds of children's faces and representing Fremantle College so well. What a great contribution to our community!



NORTE DAME—WALYALUP DAY

Eleven of our Year 9 and 10 Follow The Dream students were lucky enough to attend Notre Dame's Walyalup day along with hundreds of other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from across Perth.

The day included panel discussions from Aboriginal University students studying Law and Medicine as well as Science, Theatre, Nursing, Outdoor Recreation, Health Promotion and Education workshops. These experiences gave everyone a chance to hear from the lecturers and students about just how different



University is to high school as well as the amazing opportunities that are on offer for them.



While the educational element of the day was outstanding, an added bonus for students was the sensational food on offer as well as the social experience of the day. With so many fellow students from schools all around the south metropolitan area in attendance, everyone had a great time catching up with friends and family over morning tea and lunch.



ULURU STATEMENT—WEEK OF ACTION

During Term 4, Fremantle College was lucky enough to have Noongar leader Dave Collard speak to our Humanities and Social Science (HASS) classes about the *Uluru Statement From The Heart*. With HASS classes focusing on Australian politics and the constitution, it was perfect timing for Mr Collard to share about how Aboriginal people have been involved in politics and activism over the years and, in particular, more recently with the Uluru Statement. Students from all backgrounds heard stories from Mr Collard's personal life growing up as an Aboriginal man and the challenges his people still face today. Students enjoyed hearing from Mr Collard and asking questions about his life, Australian politics and the Uluru Statement.

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UWA YEAR 8 DISCOVERY DAY

This term, five of our FTD students were lucky enough to be invited to the University of Western Australia's Year 8 Discovery Day ran by The School of Indigenous Studies.

The Year 8 Discovery Days are aimed at 13 and 14 year old students from across the Perth metropolitan area. As a part of the day our students along with 30 others toured various parts of the UWA campus and participated in a range of hands-on activities that showcased a variety of study areas across the University. Students enjoyed working in teams to learning how to write code that they used to program robotic vehicles to battle other team's robots, discover microscopic creatures in soil with high powered microscopes and test their fitness and skills with the school of Sports Science, Exercise and Health.

Students also met current Indigenous university students and staff from The School of Indigenous Studies, who shared their experiences and stories of university life. Students had a great lunch and left with a free t-shirt, some giveaways and a better idea of what's on offer when they study at University.



CHEVRON SCHOLARSHIP

As a part of the Chevron *Aboriginal School Scholarship Program* four of our Follow The Dream students completed their third visit for the year to the Chevron offices in week 9 this term. The day was set aside for students to 'work shadow' with their Chevron mentors to get a sense of what's involved in their job. For some this included getting a health check-up from Chevron's dedicated medical team, sitting in on finance meetings and some even ventured out to a work site to see how Chevron's gas processing works. At the end of the day scholarships participants were awarded certificates for their involvement in the program and had to say goodbye to the mentors who had been with them over the year.

The Chevron scholarship will be open for applications for 2019 in early February.



END OF YEAR PARTY

In the last week of school for the year, our Follow The Dream students spent the day celebrating their achievements and the end of the school year by participating in a couple of hours of Laser Tag at Lazer Blaze in Willetton. Students and some of their tutors were suited up with electronic vests that registered 'tags' from other player's lasers and had a blast working in teams to score as many points as possible by tagging their opponents using their laser. We finished the celebrations with a special treat at a much loved fast food outlet. It was a great way to celebrate what was a fantastic first year as Follow The Dream students and a well-earned reward for everyone's hard work.

PRIMO LUX POETRY PRIZE WINNER

Primo Lux is an annual anthology of the best poetry written by students in Years 10 – 12 from across Western Australia.

This year, Shalorna Dykman-Mippy in Year 10, has not only had her poem "The Lost Girl" published in Primo Lux, but she also won 3rd prize.

Shalorna gave a sensitive reading of her poem in front of an audience of contributors, families and teachers at Clancy's Fish Pub, before being awarded her prize by Perth-based poet, Chris Arnold. Well done Shalorna!

- Written by Joan Armstrong English Teacher.



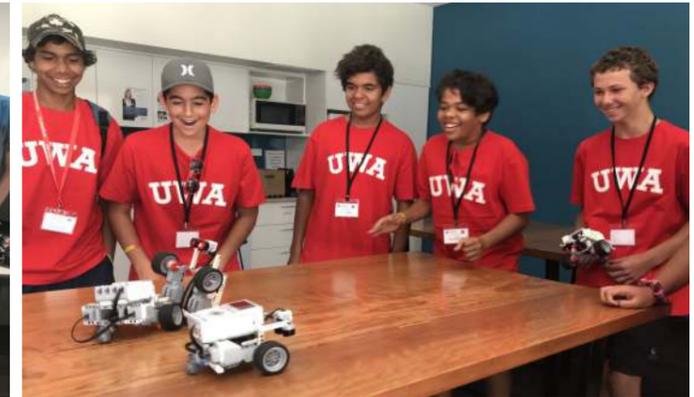
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OUT AND ABOUT



Aboriginal artist T.J. Worrigal and students with their FTD Logo designs



Students cheer on their robots in the sumo battle at UWA.



Chevron Scholarship recipients.



Photo from the Fremantle Gazette's story on Fremantle College's FTD program.



FTD students enjoying a game of table tennis during their lunch break.



Notre Dame University Walyalup Day 2018.