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David Urges Young Aussies to Aim High



In his capacity as Young Australian in of the Year David attended the Gwynne Park Primary School in Armadale to present the winners of the "Aussie of the Month Awards".

These fantastic young students are being recognised for their outstanding contribution to the school and community. The "Aussie of the Month Award" is a West Australian school based award program encouraging Australian pride and spirit amongst primary school children. It also reflects some of the values we share as Australians, a sense of fair play, generosity of spirit, commitment to community participation and a real concern for the environment. Gwynne Park Primary School has been involved in the awards for many years and Principle Lee Bates was delighted to have David address the assembly. 'The school endeavours to reward students who are friendly, helpful, well mannered, polite and hard working and the program fits in well with our 'Choose Respect' program, Mr Bates remarked. The Australia Day Council of WA said that the support of teachers and students throughout WA for this initiative is fantastic. They said it is great to hear from teachers that students regard this award so highly and would love to encourage all WA schools to participate in this outstanding program. If you would like further information about the Aussie of the Month Program it can be obtained from the Australia Day Council of WA at www.ausdaywa.com.au

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Plan 2day 4 2morrow

After a two week break we have just commenced week 12 of the current Plan 2day 4 2morrow program.

So far the participants have enjoyed the delivery of the Certificate II training. Their new learnt skills will now be put into practise with some "hands on" projects. Already they have designed their own logo for their T-shirts using the Illustrator computer program which they will wear to their work experience placements starting on the 26th of August.



They have attended the Midland Indigenous Youth Forum where they got to meet a number of employers from various industries. Careers workshops, Relationships Australia and a Grief and Loss Program have been completed. The participants have also been enjoying sport once a week with Troy Cook. Special events have included a game of wheelchair basketball, a visit the Australia Post Mail sorting centre and an outing to see the movie "Samson and Delilah. It has been a fantastic start to the program.

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Wirra Club - Holiday Program

Following the success with Hip Hop dancing in the Wirra Club and the Dare 2 Dream program, the Foundation held a two day school holiday program for all girls that had participated throughout term 2 from Yule Brook, Balga Senior High School and Rockingham Senior High School.



The girls found their own way to the Foundation in their school holidays to spend many hours rehearsing.

Our talented Hip Hop group will continue to rehearse each Tuesday after school and will perform at the Cannington Greyhounds Fundraising Night for the David Wirrpanda Foundation and at the annual David Wirrpanda Foundation Dinner. We look forward to their performance.

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Narrogin Students Day

We had the pleasure of 21 students from Narrogin visit the Foundation in Subiaco during the school holidays. It was a part of their Leadership Camp which was held over 3 days at Woodman Point Camp School. The camp was



hosted by our partners, Nyoongar Sports Association and was a wonderful success. The children, aged between 6 and 12 years spent time enjoying a number excursions around Perth. At the Foundation for a chance to meet and yarn with some of our role

models. The students had the chance to meet and yarn with our role models, enjoyed a tour of Subiaco Oval and a great game of footy-baseball – before rain interrupted play and we had to run for cover! The rain did not dampen spirits – or the BBQ so we finished off with a delicious lunch before the group departed for home in Narrogin.

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