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## TIN SHAKE THANKS



David Wirrpanda Foundation's "Tin Shake Day" was held on May 23rd, The Indigenous Players Round, West Coast

Eagles verses Collingwood. David Wirrpanda scarves, caps and lapel pins were sold on the day.

A big thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make this day such a huge success.

For those that missed out..... merchandise is still available [www.dwf.org.au](http://www.dwf.org.au)

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## NGALA

Ngala is a non-profit organisation for parents with young children. David Wirrpanda was recently invited to speak for them at a fundraising event at Christ Church Grammar School. A wide cross section of people attended the event. David spoke about his early years, his culture and his heritage.

Throughout his talk David stressed to the young boys present that education is the key to success. Gail Wells thanked David at the end of the evening with words that clearly recognised the strong connections between the wonderful community work done by Ngala and by the David Wirrpanda Foundation.

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## ONSHOW

A team of role model/ mentors from the David Wirrpanda Foundation went up to Onslow for a 3 day visit in May. The team consisted of Kirby Bentley and Jayne St Quinton who ran the netball program, Troy Cook and Lee Walker working in the football clinic, Shannon McGuire and Nelle Hokianga taking classes in Catwalk and dance, Jackie Neil ran the leadership course and Anthony Little organised the boxing little gloves program.



The entire school of approximately 107 students from preschool to year 12 participated in the program. Groups alternated each

period over the 3 days.

A community lunch was enjoyed on the last day with students, teachers and family members getting together for a healthy barbecue of mackerel and salad.

Onslow School Principle Julie Loader said “it was a sensational 3 days”!

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## Wirra Club

The Wirra Club recently had a visit from the Darwul /Jangdranung Remote Area School. Fifteen students and their teachers travelled by coach to Perth from the remote Kimberley community approximately 150km south east of Kununurra. The students spent a day at The David Wirrpanda Foundation in Subiaco.

The day was filled with a guided tour of Subiaco Oval, a morning of sport with mentors Gavin Mallard, Bianca Franklin and Anthony Little. A special surprise was a yarn with David and an impromptu autograph session. Everyone enjoyed a BBQ lunch before heading off to the West Coast Eagles for an “Eagles Rocks My School” activity where they get to meet the Eagles team mascot.

A lot of emphasis is placed on doing your best in school, making healthy choices in life, exhibiting good sportsmanship, conserving our precious resources and, of course, football and the West Coast Eagles.

Our Wirra Club Netball program has kicked off this term with Bianca, Josie and Kirby sharing their extensive knowledge and skills with children from Maddington and Brookman Primary Schools.

The program runs for 4 weeks and the students experience rotating drills that focus on attack, centre court and defence.

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