



"Nunga News"

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Congratulations to our Avenues College Aboriginal Graduates for 2023!



Courage
Creativity
Resilience
Respect

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Congratulations to all our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students who graduated from Avenues College B-12 Preschool, Year 6 & Year 12. We are all very proud of the learning and achievements you have made over your schooling journey.



Cooper's SAASTA Success Story:

My name is Cooper Williams-Courtney and I am an Aboriginal student in Year 10. I was successful in gaining a spot in the South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy (SAASTA) in the Elite Soccer Academy in 2023.

I had a lot of fun in my first year at SAASTA because I made progress in my skills as a soccer player. The most important thing is that I have made friends in the academy. I have also been to a couple of United soccer games outside of the SAASTA program.

The biggest highlight for me this year was going up to Brisbane to play in the First Nations Indigenous Soccer Tournament. The greatest thing happened up there, and that was our Soccer team coming away as winners of the tournament. I was so proud of this achievement because it made me feel really excited and pumped. While we were in Brisbane we went to Movie world and did a few more deadly things and went to other places as well.

In 2023, I studied various subjects such as PE both theory and practical lessons. This has enabled me to keep fit and healthy. We did a lot around basic fitness such as gaining a lot of understanding and an awareness of what it takes to get to the top level as a professional soccer athlete.

During the Soccer SAASTA sessions we did a mixture of things ranging from both playing soccer scratch matches and practicing skills and drills weekly. In the classroom component of the program is where we did a lot of Aboriginal cultural learning. This included me having the opportunity to learn more about my Aboriginal culture. Through this it has given me more of an understanding of culture. This is something I would like to further learn in 2024.

I am definitely going back next year for what will hopefully be another fun year, filled with a lot of Soccer, as well as more cultural experiences and opportunities.

I am looking forward to continuing my journey with the SAASTA Elite Soccer Academy through SAASTA.



Torrens Partnership Nunga Graduation at Wiltja!

On Wednesday 8th of November we held our annual Torrens Partnership Nunga Graduation Ceremony at Wiltja Boarding Residence. In attendance there were students & families from schools & preschools in the Torrens Partnership such as Avenues College B-12, Blair Athol North B-6 School, Café Enfield Preschool, Enfield Folland Park Preschool, Northfield Preschool, Wandana Preschool—Year 6, Klemzig Primary School, Enfield Primary School, Hamsptead Primary, Hillcrest Primary and Northfield Primary School.

We saw across 26 Preschool students, 36 primary students and 4 students from who participated in the Nunga graduation for 2023.

This was a wonderful experience and opportunity for our mob to celebrate altogether on their achievements at a deadly Nunga ceremony held at Wiltja. It was a deadly way for our mobs to come together as a community to support our next generation of future leaders.

Thank you to all of the ACEOs & ASETOS who organised and planned this deadly event for our students, their families and community to come along to. A huge big thank you to Robin, Cheryl from Wiltja Boarding & their staff for helping and supporting our special event as well.

We are also so grateful, thankful and appreciative to all our sponsors who made this event happen. Thank you to University of South Australia, Dental SA, KKY Aboriginal Corporation, Nunukuwarrin Yunti, Wiltja Boarding, Big W & Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council (SA) Aboriginal Corporation.

Thank you to everyone who attended this years deadly event from our students, parents, families, community members and our working party of course as well as our AETs, teachers and our leaders.

Once again, congratulations to all our Nunga students who graduated at the Torrens Partnership Nunga Graduation Ceremony for 2023.



Transition Class Cooking:

We have welcomed 17 new Anangu students into the Transition Class this term!

These students are attending Avenues College on a full-time basis, previously referred to as Stage 2 or unsupported visit.

They have been actively engaging in activities to develop essential skills and behaviours needed for success in mainstream Avenues classes.

One highlight for our new students has been their time spent in the kitchen with their teacher, Alana, cooking up a storm!



Hunting

Spear:

First, take me off the tree.
Burn me in the fire.
Use your knee to straighten me up.
Then I'm ready to get you your dinner.

Malu:

In the red dirt, you can see his foot prints.
The bush hides malu ready to run.
Getting ready with our spears To chase the malu and spear.

Tinka:

Clever Mr tinka hiding under the tree.
His deep black eyes looking at me.
He tries to make a getaway.
Rock in my hand, I got him.

Tjala:

There it is, the workers are working.
The workers are yellow and black.
AKA the tjala ant.
Dig him up , eat him quick.

Emu:

Emus are black, they're hard to see.
Their necks are long and beaks are black.
They run like the wind.
They are hard to catch.

Nguru:

Nguru hides in the trees.
Waiting for me to find them at sunset.
When I have it in my hand.
This makes a beautiful sweet drink.

Ngintaka:

In the rocks he sleeps for months.
As he wakes, he peeks out of his cave.
You see his footprints on the ground.
Slowly he goes to catch his rabbit.

By — Christopher Stewart

Vailo 500 Excursion:

During Week 5 of Term 4, our Year 10 Maths students (Cassius, Nicole and Chantelle) attended the Vailo 500 with Wiltja staff members Scott and Louise.

We had a full access to the Pit Lane and grandstand seating, so we had an all round excellent experience.

Despite the rain, we were able to see some amazing cars, exciting racing moments, and spend some fun times together in the community.



Year 6/7 Aquatics Excursion:



On the 30th of October the year 6-7 classes travelled to Westlakes for a day of aquatic activities. Several of our school's First nations students participated in surfing at Tennyson beach and canoeing and kayaking in the lake of Westlakes. Students were kept busy all day with short break times on the grass together in between.

The instructors were very helpful calming the nerves of some of our students who had not been on the water before. For several of our students, the sailing was the highlight. The wind picked up at the end of the day which made for some exciting sailing. Each student took turns in holding the tiller to steer us home on the way back.

For some of our students, they spent more time in the water than in the canoe. They got very good at draining the water and climbing back in. Based on the photos of the bus ride home, they had a lot of fun being active all day and working together in groups.

From,
Glenn Clarke – Middle Years Science Teacher



Preschool Transition Visits:

This week in preschool transition class with Miss Claire we have been learning about how to count from 0 to 10. During our numeracy & craft activity we made a number dog that helped us to learn how to count.

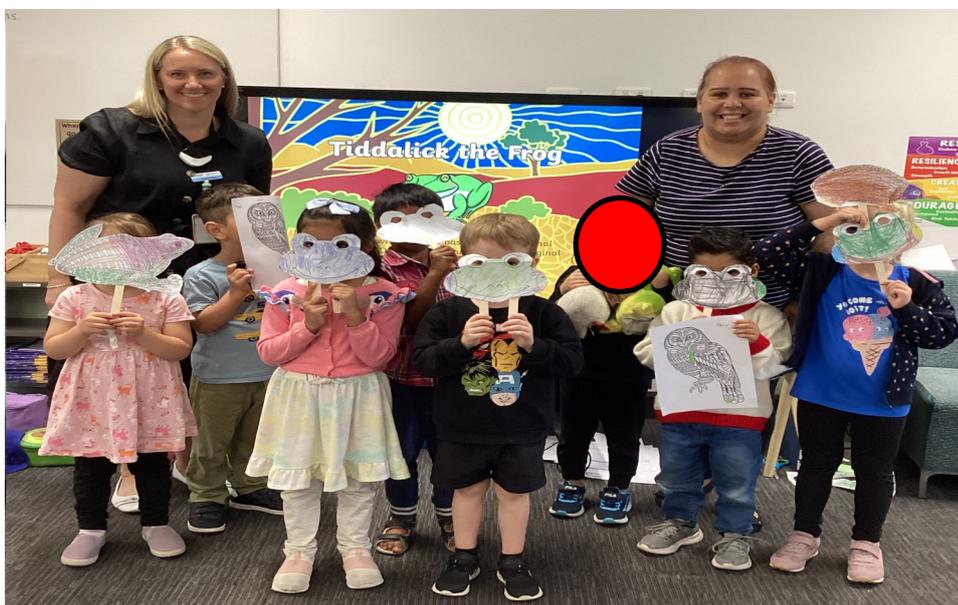
With both groups we also have been learning about class routine. Over the week we did lots of cool activities such as play based learning such as building and construction, reading, dancing, home corner, drawing & painting and outside play. We also went for a big walk around the school to see where everything is situated.

This week we also had Aunty Lisa come into our class to read Tiddalick the Frog, which is a traditional Aboriginal dreaming story from the Aboriginal people of the Gippsland area.

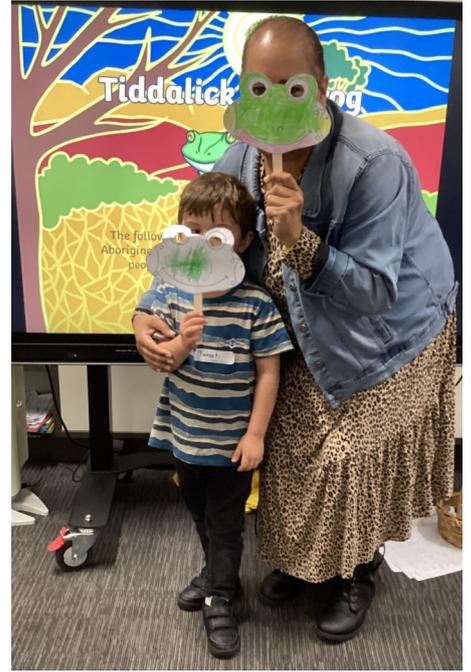
We would like to acknowledge and recognise Aunty Brenda for helping Aunty Lisa to organise and plan our deadly lessons. A big thank you to her also helping Aunty Lisa to get our learning resources together as well.

We would like to acknowledge and recognise all teachers and leaders who have organised and planned the transition visits between preschool and reception (big school). Thank you to all support staff for helping and supporting both teachers and students throughout the visits as well.

Here is to 'BIG SCHOOL' coming up in January 2024.



Preschool Transition Learning:



SAASTA Academy at Avenues College in 2024:

In 2024, our school has been selected to be a school-based Academy. Our Ab-Ed staff and Leaders have been busy organizing and inviting students to apply to be part of this awesome program.

Selections will be based on SAASTA's expectations and KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) such as academic performance, attendance, behaviour, team work, pride and Respect.

Selected students will meet once a week to complete set SACE curriculum learning. They will also be involved in two major events throughout the year being the Aboriginal Power Cup and SAASTA Shield.



Homework Club:

Tuesday 5th December was our last session for 2023.

We had yummy pizza and played games.

Thank you to all of the students for turning up week in and out. You all have did us proud.

Thank you to all of the teachers and the support staff who have helped and supported us each week as well, most appreciated!

See you mob in 2024.



Morning Teas:

A big thank you to the parents and carers who came along to our Nunga morning teas on Wednesday's this year.

We are so thankful and appreciative for your help and support.

We look forward to a whole new focus areas for our morning teas next year in 2024.

Exciting things to come!



Staff Farewells:

This term we have farewelled Rachel who was our AET for the Nunga High School students. We just would like to thank you for your support with our mob. It is also fitting to appreciate all your expertises and contributions throughout your time as our AET.

Sadly, we farewell our gorgeous Annelise Farrelly who has accepted a position at Oceanview College in 2024. We would like to thank you for all the strong relationships you have built with all the students and their families. Thank you Annelise for your deadly contributions to Aboriginal Education at Avenues College. All the very best at your new school. We will miss you, please comeback to visit us!

**Avenues College B-12 Preschool, all Primary,
Year 7 and Year 12 students &
new enrolments start Monday 29th January 2024.**

**Year 8 to Year 11 students start back
Tuesday 30th January 2024.**



Merry Christmas to all our students , families and community members.

We hope you all have a deadly Christmas with your mob and have a big feed and celebrate in style.

**Lots of love from all the Aboriginal Education Team
at Avenues College B-12 .**



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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect that this is the traditional lands of the Kurna people, and that we respect all elders and leaders past, present and future. We ask that all people that work, walk and live on Kurna land, to come together with us mob to learn more about our cultural values and beliefs and traditions and work with us.

We want to recognise and acknowledge other Aboriginal people who attend our school. We also would like to acknowledge other cultures and people who attend this school on Kurna Country.

Always Was, Always Will Be