

# LINK NEWS



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# **NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION: WESTERN NETWORK COMING TOGETHER!**



**The Department of Education Western Network proudly came together with Young Mob students and Aboriginal community organisations to celebrate NAIDOC Week – honouring culture, connection, and Country.**

**We were privileged to receive a Welcome to Country from Bunurong Land Council Traditional Owners Jengala and Eric, which set a strong foundation of respect and cultural pride for the day.**

**A true highlight was the Elder Yarns session, where student cultural leaders Chloe and Tanika joined Aunty Judy and Aunty Julianne in powerful conversation- sharing wisdom, identity, and strength across generations.**

**We extended our deepest thanks to our incredible partners who made the day possible:**

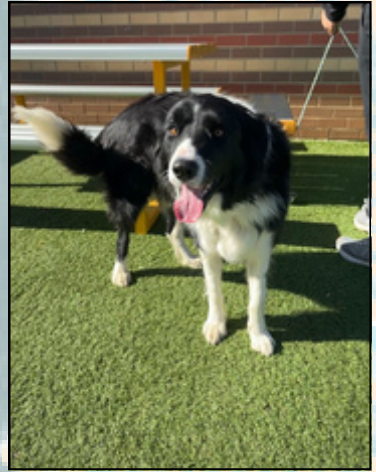
- **Aboriginal Wellness Foundation**
- **The Long Walk**
- **VACCA**
- **Headspace**
- **Victoria First People's Assembly**
- **Koori Education Support Team**
- **Youth Services**
- **Wyndham City Council First Nations Team**
- **Victoria Police**
- **Alumni Sophie and Zoe**
- **And the amazing Young Mob students and their dedicated teachers across our schools**

**Together, we walked proudly, listened deeply, and celebrated the voices of our future leaders.**



## FROM BUNURONG LAND

We respect, acknowledge, value, and celebrate the First Nations people, our heritage, cultural diversity, and multicultural strengths. We will provide an environment in which we aim to support every student to engage with truth, justice, and healing through reconciliation via the curriculum and listening to our elders and our family stories. An environment in which every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student has the opportunity to achieve their potential and feel strong and connected in their cultural identity.





# MULTICULTURAL WEEK

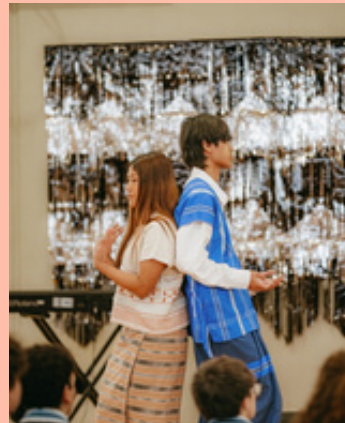
## DAY 1

### LEARN ABOUT ...

Multicultural Week was launched with an inspiring and vibrant Day 1, setting the tone for a week of celebration, learning, and unity.

The day began with a special assembly hosted by our school captains, where we were honoured to welcome Multicultural Youth Commissioner Kano, also CEO of Third Culture, as our guest speaker. Kano shared powerful insights about cultural diversity, fostering inclusion, and the importance of amplifying the voices of young people. He also led a thought-provoking workshop with our student panel and Year 8 students. The assembly opened with a heartfelt Acknowledgment of Country by Aunty Judy Dalton Walsh, grounding the event in deep respect for First Nations culture.

A highlight of the day was a moving performance by our Filipino group band, who performed alongside Mr. Walter, singing beautifully in language, a powerful celebration of culture through music. Our talented senior students also took the stage with a dynamic cultural performance that had the whole school cheering. During break times, students embraced the spirit of the week with face painting of country flags, proudly representing their heritage and celebrating the rich diversity of our community. And this was only the beginning – with more performances and celebrations continuing throughout the week.



**Happy Multicultural Week!**



## DAY 2 - FASHION SHOW, LATIN, AND KAREN



Students and staff came together in their cultural attire, proudly representing their roots, heritage, and identity. Cultural Dress Day highlighted the power of representation, showing that when cultures are honoured, people feel seen, valued, and celebrated. The celebrations continued with lively Latin and Karen dance performances, bringing energy, joy, and pride to the day while showcasing the richness of our diverse community.



## DAY 3 - KARENNII, THAI, CHIN, AND KPOP

Day 3 of Multicultural Week was filled with energy, colour, and cultural pride. Students took to the stage with vibrant performances that celebrated the diversity of our school community.

The Karenni and Thai groups showcased traditional dance, sharing stories of culture and heritage through movement. The Chin students brought their community spirit and rhythm to the stage, while the K-pop performance had the crowd cheering, highlighting the global influence of contemporary culture.

Together, these performances created a powerful celebration of identity, unity, and creativity.





# MULTICULTURAL WEEK FAMILY NIGHT

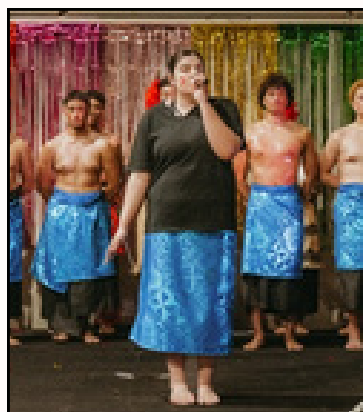
Multicultural Week Family Night was a huge success, with around 600 people coming through the doors to celebrate together. The evening was filled with energy, shared stories, and genuine connection.

Families enjoyed a range of performances and activities, creating an atmosphere of joy and pride in our community's diversity. Mr. Walter ensured the moments were covered with a full photo album

<https://chriswalterphotography.pixieset.com/wccmulticulturalweek2025/wednesdayday/>

It was wonderful to see so many families involved, whether by helping out or simply showing up and being part of the celebration. The level of participation and support highlighted the strength of our connected community.

Special thanks to our MCs - Tanika, Chloe, and Tala for leading the night with confidence and spirit.

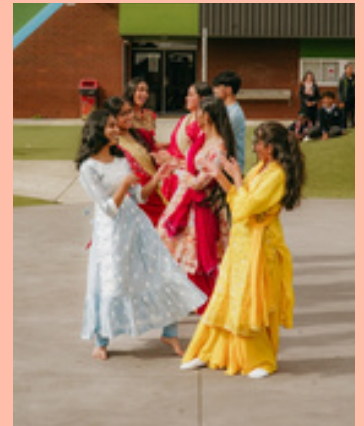
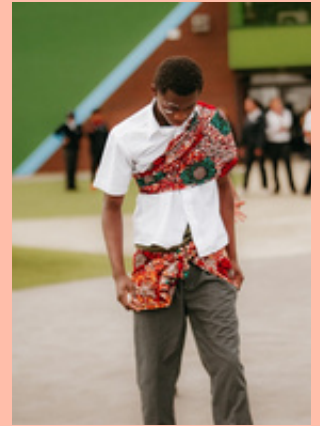




# DAY 4 - AFRICAN, AND INDIAN

Day 4 of Multicultural Week continued to showcase the rich cultural diversity of our school community. Students captivated the audience with vibrant African and Indian performances, celebrating heritage, music, and dance.

The African group brought energy and rhythm to the stage with traditional drumming and dance, sharing stories of culture and community through movement. The Indian group presented graceful and colourful dance performances, highlighting the beauty and richness of their cultural traditions. Together, these performances celebrated identity, creativity, and the connections that make our school community so unique.



# DAY 5 - PASIFIKA AND FILIPINO



The final day of Multicultural Week was a vibrant celebration of culture, community, and creativity. Students took the stage with inspiring Pasifika and Filipino performances, showcasing the diversity and talent within our school.

The Pasifika group filled the stage with traditional dance and music, bringing energy, pride, and storytelling through movement. The Filipino group followed with dynamic performances, celebrating heritage, language, and cultural traditions that unite and inspire the community.

Together, these performances brought Multicultural Week to a joyful close, highlighting identity, connection, and the richness of our diverse school community.





# SCIENCE WEEK - EXCURSION

During Science Week, the Community Hub team had the joy of taking families from refugee backgrounds and those who speak English as a second language to Scienceworks. For many of these families, it was their first time experiencing a hands-on science museum. Watching children and parents light up while exploring space, engineering, and technology highlighted just how universal curiosity is.

Experiences like this are more than educational – they are empowering. Families gained confidence navigating new environments, strengthened language skills through real-world learning, and inspired young minds to see themselves as future scientists, inventors, and problem-solvers.

We thank Scienceworks and Victoria Museums for providing this opportunity, and all the families who came along and made the day so special. Science Week celebrated every mind, from every background, bringing learning and connection to life.



## BOOK WEEK

During Book Week, with the theme "Book an Adventure", the Community Hub and other staff got involved to help students celebrate the joy of reading.

Throughout the week, during Break 1, a variety of activities took place in the Learning Resource Centre – from poetry and manga sessions to quiet moments with a book and a biscuit. The Community Hub team supported students, joined in the fun, and helped make reading an adventure for everyone.

The week was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy stories, explore new worlds, and celebrate reading together.





# WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

The school proudly came together in a sea of purple to celebrate Wear It Purple Day, a day dedicated to fostering safe, supportive, and inclusive environments for LGBTQIA+ young people.

Staff and students showed their support by wearing purple, and the school was alive with colour, pride, and positivity. A special highlight of the day was a powerful artwork by student artist Max, which became a key feature of the celebrations, a bold and beautiful expression of identity and pride.

The parent sewing class created handmade purple scrunchies, Rainbow Group students made stunning jewellery pieces, and the fundraising booth offered purple hairspray, ribbons, nails, pride tattoos, and rainbow face paint. Together, the school community raised over \$300 for the Wear It Purple charity, supporting their mission to empower LGBTQIA+ youth across Australia.

Days like this served as more than just a celebration; they were a reminder of the power of visibility, acceptance, and representation. For many young people in the LGBTQIA+ community, seeing their school and peers stand proudly beside them sent a clear message: they are seen, valued, and belong.



## From the Artist, Max Borhillo:

"My intention for this artwork is to spread awareness on the queer beauties, challenges and history that my community has lived through. As a gay and transman myself, I see the importance of constantly educating people on matters like these to ensure our history is not erased."

"All of the imagery referencing queer media and history have included holds significant meanings that must be highlighted and not forgotten. I hope that you take your time to acknowledge queer history and respect any queer member in your society during Wear It Purple Day or any day during the year."







# LEARNING FESTIVAL

The Community Hub team hosted a community gathering for the Wyndham Learning Festival, bringing together local leaders, educators, service providers, and community members to highlight the meaningful work happening across our school and the broader Wyndham community.

The morning included keynote presentations from Equity Alliance and Target 100, sharing their work on systemic approaches to educational inclusion, closing the achievement gap, and addressing the over-representation of young people in Melbourne's west within the justice system. Guests also participated in a walkthrough of the Community Hub, exploring programs, partnerships, and student-led initiatives, and spent time networking and sharing ideas with others committed to improving outcomes for young people.

The event was a great opportunity to see what's possible when schools and communities work in genuine partnership. Special congratulations to Kristy, our Community Engagement Leader, who was accepted into the Equity Education Alliance Leadership Council. Kristy's dedication to building strong, inclusive communities makes her a valuable voice in this important work, and her contributions to the Council will be inspiring.

Thanks were extended to everyone who attended, shared, and supported the event, with anticipation of continuing these conversations and collaborations into the future.





# NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

The annual Night at the Museum was brought to life by our Humanities team and Year 7 students, with wonderful support from the Community Hub. The Hub helped enhance the evening, including setting up spaces for families to explore and capturing moments throughout the event.

The evening was an incredible opportunity to celebrate students' curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Showcasing student work allowed young people to take pride in their learning while giving families insight into the depth and effort behind it. These experiences help students understand the world around them—from history and culture to geography and society.



## RU OK? DAY



RU OK? Day is a national day dedicated to reminding everyone to check in with friends, family, and colleagues – encouraging open conversations about mental health, wellbeing, and support. It's a day to ask "Are you okay?" and to listen with care, creating a culture of connection and understanding.

At our school, student cultural leaders Chloe and Tanika joined Community Engagement Leader Kristy in celebrating RU OK? Day alongside the school community. Their presence highlighted the importance of community, empathy, and looking out for one another.

RU OK? Day is a powerful reminder that small gestures of care and checking in with others can make a meaningful difference in building a supportive and connected community.



# PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our annual Parent Opinion Survey is now open, providing a key opportunity for families to give feedback on school climate, student engagement, and teaching and learning. The survey helps our school understand families' perspectives and identify areas for improvement, ensuring we continue to meet the needs of all students.

This year, we specifically welcomed families for whom English is a second language, providing support to ensure everyone has the chance to share their views. By creating a welcoming environment and offering assistance, we aimed to make sure all voices in our school community could be heard.

The survey is online, mobile-friendly, and available in 11 languages. It takes between 10 and 20 minutes to complete.

How to take part:

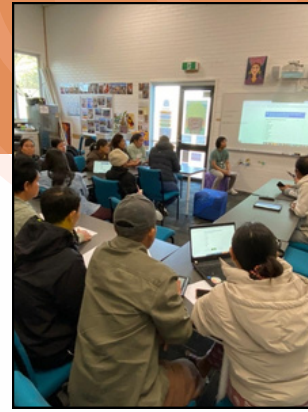
Click this link: <https://research.orima.com/parent>

School Name: Wyndham Central Secondary College

PIN: 983808

Open: Monday 18 August – Friday 19 September 2025

We are grateful to all families who take the time to participate. Your feedback is invaluable in shaping our programs, supporting student success, and strengthening connections between the school and our community.



## PARENT SEWING CLASSES



Our parent sewing classes, led by teacher Jeanie from the Wyndham Community and Education Centre, have been bringing creativity, skill-building, and connection to our community. Recently, the group worked together to make handmade scrunchies for the Wear It Purple Day fundraiser, helping support LGBTQIA+ youth while putting their talents to wonderful use.

These classes offer more than just sewing skills they provide a relaxed and supportive environment for parents to practice English as a second language, build confidence, and connect with others in the school community. Through creating, learning, and sharing, participants strengthen both practical and communication skills while contributing to meaningful community projects.

We're proud of the parents' creativity and dedication, and we're grateful for the positive energy and support they bring to our school community.



# WHAT'S ON IN THE HUB FOR TERM 4?

Date / Frequency	Event / Activity	Time / Details
Every Tuesday	The Smith Family – Drop-in Service	10:15 AM – 11:00 AM at the Community Hub
Every Tuesday (Break 2)	Rainbow Group	Lunchtime safe space & activities
Every Wednesday	Sewing Classes with WCEC	12:30 PM -3:00 PM
Fortnightly Wednesdays (Week 1 start)	Interact Club Meetings	Break 1
Every Thursday (Break 2)	Auslan Club	Lunchtime session
Every Thursday	Peer-to-Peer Drop-In A chance for families to connect over topics that are important to them	9:30 AM -11:00 AM
20 October to 1 December	Sewing Class	Community Hub
17 Oct 2025	Young Mob Excursion	Booln Booln Cultural Centre
Week 2	Art Show	AVID and surroundings
23 Oct 2025	Coffee with a Cop- African Families	3.30-4.30 PM
6 Nov 2025	Coffee with a lawyer	TBC
8 Dec 2025	Werribee Zoo	3.30pm-5pm
19 Dec 2025	Last day of the year	11am to 3pm