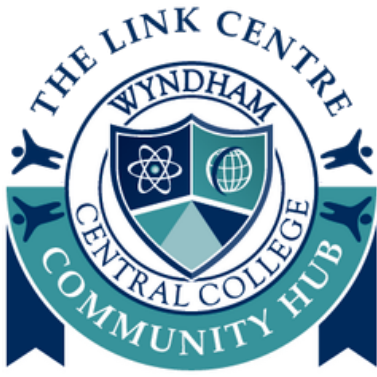




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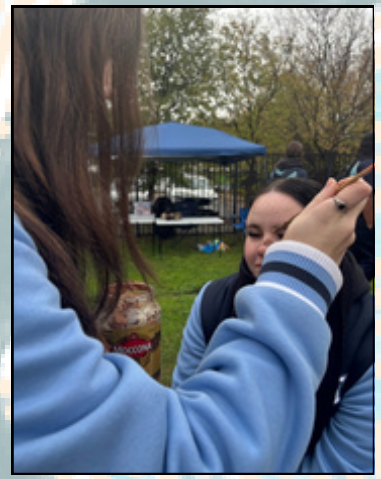
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LINK NEWS





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.

RECONCILIATION WEEK



During Reconciliation Week, Wyndham Central College students participated in meaningful opportunities to learn from and connect with First Nations community members, strengthening their understanding of culture, Country and reconciliation.

A highlight of the week was the Young Mob Gathering, facilitated by Aboriginal Health Services. Students spent time learning from Mason and Shane, who shared cultural knowledge, stories and perspectives in a welcoming and engaging environment.

Students had the opportunity to gather around the fire, cook pancakes and participate in conversations that encouraged connection, respect and learning. Through these experiences, students developed a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture, the importance of community and the ongoing connection between people and Country.

Across the week, students also explored the significance of Acknowledgement of Country and learned about influential First Nations musicians whose music celebrates culture, language, identity and storytelling. These activities encouraged students to reflect on the importance of listening to First Nations voices and recognising the contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to our shared community.

Reconciliation Week provided an important opportunity for students to learn through authentic experiences and relationships. As a school community, we remain committed to strengthening respect, understanding and reconciliation, and we thank Aboriginal Health Services, Mason and Shane for generously sharing their knowledge and culture with our students.

Together, we continue to build understanding, foster meaningful relationships and take action towards a more inclusive future.

THE LONG WALK

As part of Reconciliation Week, Wyndham Central College's Marrung Champions, Troy and Kristy, attended The Long Walk Luncheon, joining educators, community leaders and advocates in celebrating the ongoing journey towards reconciliation.

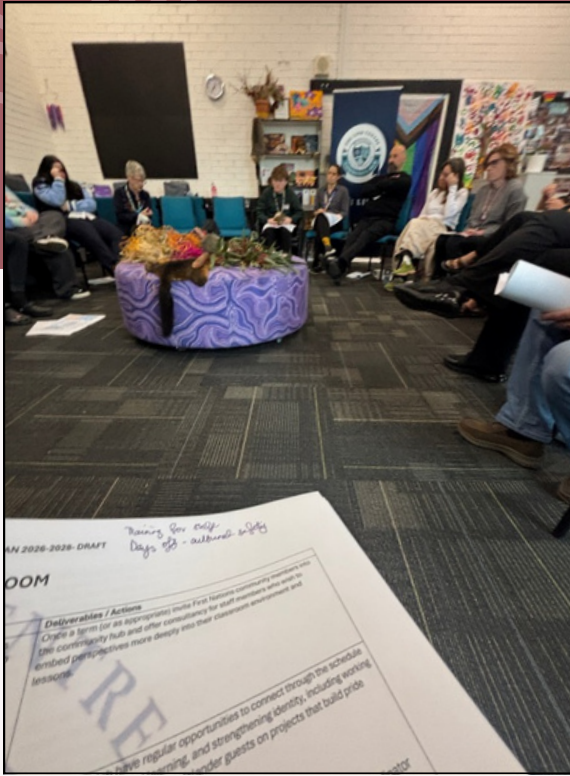
The event provided an opportunity to hear from and meet Michael Long, whose advocacy has helped advance recognition, equity and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Through The Long Walk movement, Michael Long has inspired Australians to walk together towards reconciliation, social justice and meaningful change.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Long Walk team, particularly Leanne, Janaya and Jack, for their warm welcome, generosity and commitment to creating opportunities for learning, connection and action. Their work continues to empower schools and communities to engage meaningfully in reconciliation and strengthen relationships with First Nations peoples.

Attending the luncheon reinforced the importance of listening to First Nations voices, building authentic partnerships and continuing to embed reconciliation into all aspects of school life. The experience will support Wyndham Central College's ongoing commitment as we continue our reconciliation journey through our second Reconciliation Action Plan.



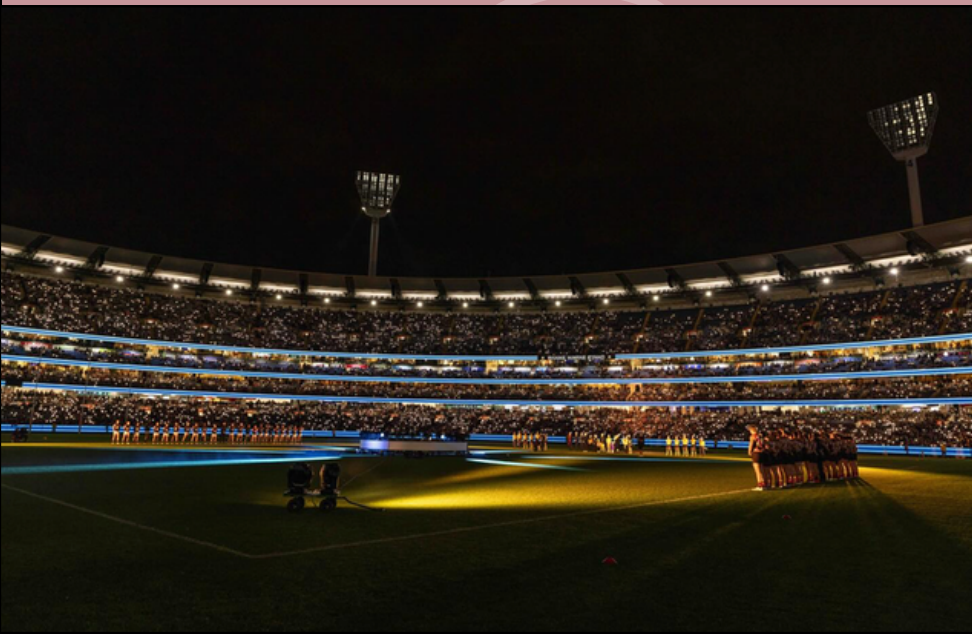
RAP GATHERING



A highlight of our reconciliation journey this year was hosting a RAP Gathering with Aboriginal community organisations and partners. The gathering created a space for connection, conversation and collaboration as we worked together to inform Wyndham Central College's second Reconciliation Action Plan. By bringing community voices to the table, we were able to reflect on our progress, identify future priorities and ensure our actions are guided by genuine partnership. Reconciliation is built through relationships, and we are thankful to the Elders, organisations and community members who shared their time, wisdom and support as we continue this important work together.

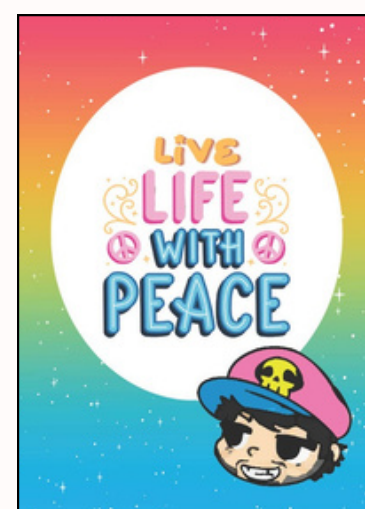
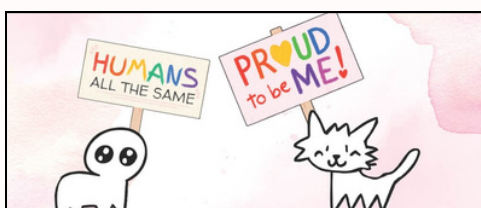
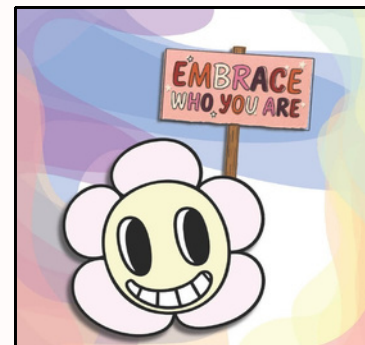
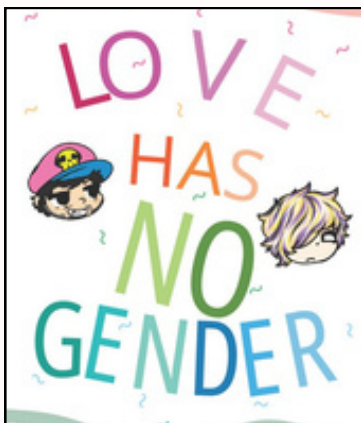
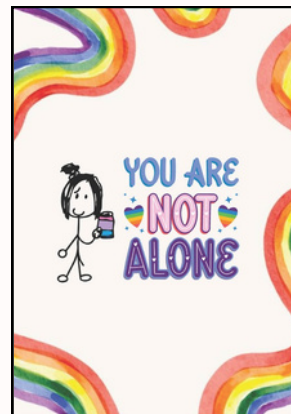
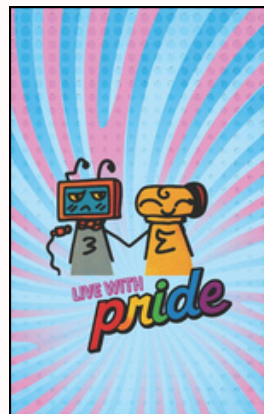
DREAMTIME MATCH

Families from our school community were able to attend the annual Dreamtime at the 'G match thanks to tickets generously provided by the Essendon Football Club. Dreamtime at the 'G is one of the AFL's most significant events, celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and contributions to Australian society and the game of football. The event brings people together through sport while promoting respect, recognition and reconciliation, providing a meaningful experience for students and families who attended.



PRIDE MONTH

June is Pride Month, a time to celebrate diversity, inclusion and the contributions of LGBTQIA+ people in our communities. It is an opportunity to promote respect, understanding and a sense of belonging for everyone. To mark Pride Month, artwork created by students in our Rainbow Group has been transformed into posters and displayed around the school, helping to share positive messages of inclusion and celebrate the diversity of our school community.



IRAMOO MORNING TEA

Neighbourhood House and Community Centre Week celebrated the incredible work happening in local places across Australia, recognising the power of connection, learning, and belonging.

This year's theme, 'Your Place to Connect', was brought to life at Iramoo Community Centre as we welcomed community members for a special lunch celebration. Our students proudly prepared, cooked, and served a delicious entrée, lunch, and dessert, showcasing their hospitality skills and commitment to community. Art students displayed their creative works and music studentd entertained guests through singing and instrumental performances. The event highlighted the strength of community partnerships and the importance of creating welcoming spaces where people can connect, share experiences, and celebrate together.



SAFETY FORUM

Wyndham Central College was proud to present at the Violence Reduction Unit Forum, sharing the work being led through Project 100 and Innovation Funding.

The project focuses on supporting students during the transition from primary to secondary school by bringing together schools, families and community partners to strengthen connection, belonging and engagement.

By identifying risks early and building strong support networks around young people, the project aims to create positive pathways and ensure students are supported before challenges escalate.

Thank you to the Violence Reduction Unit for the opportunity to share this important work and highlight the power of community collaboration in supporting young people to thrive.



AFRO EVENT

A group of Wyndham Central College students recently attended the AAFRO Live2Learn Career Pathways Expo at the University of Melbourne, joining young people from across Victoria to explore future education, training and career opportunities.

Our students represented the school exceptionally well throughout the day, engaging confidently with presenters, asking thoughtful questions and actively participating in workshops, career panels and networking opportunities. Their maturity, curiosity and willingness to learn were noted by staff and event organisers alike.

What made the day particularly impressive was that students chose to dedicate their own personal time to attend the event, demonstrating a genuine commitment to exploring their future pathways and making the most of opportunities available to them.

The Expo connected students with university representatives, industry professionals and community leaders from a range of sectors, helping them gain valuable insights into tertiary education, vocational pathways and future careers. Importantly, students had the opportunity to meet role models from diverse backgrounds whose experiences helped make future pathways feel achievable and accessible.

We thank AAFRO and the University of Melbourne for creating such a valuable experience for young people.

The event reinforced the importance of early exposure to career and education opportunities and empowered students to think confidently about their futures.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented Wyndham Central College and embraced this opportunity for learning and growth.



MR. DAMJANOVSKI POLITICS CLASS



Students from Mr Damjanovski's Politics elective class at Wyndham Central College put their civics learning into action by running a street stall, sharing ideas for positive change on issues that matter to them.

Experiences like this are important because they show students that their voices matter and that they can help shape their communities. It's also a reminder that politics is all around us, impacting our daily lives through decisions about schools, transport, housing and more, and that everyone has a role to play.

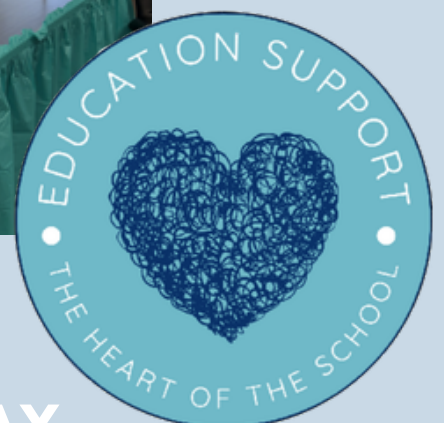


On the 15th of May, we celebrated Education Support (ES) day.

Thank you to our ES staff, including our hub team, for everything you do to support students, staff, and our school community every single day.

Your patience, care, humour, flexibility, and hard work never go unnoticed. We appreciate you for the important role you play in making our school such a positive and supportive place. As part of the celebration, teachers took the opportunity to write messages of appreciation to our ES staff, sharing their thanks and recognising the difference they make every day. It was wonderful to see so much gratitude, support and recognition being shared across the school.

ES DAY



15TH OF MAY

PARADOX FREEZA TOUR

A big thank you to the Paradox Freeza team and SEVEN POUND HALO for visiting our school recently. Students enjoyed exploring the Street Surfer bus, connecting with the team, and learning about local youth programs and opportunities. It was fantastic to see students engaging through live music, activities and positive community connections.

📷 credit to Monse and Ava



WYNDHAM PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMUNITY GROCER

Community Grocer Supporting Local Families
Families seeking affordable groceries and fresh produce are encouraged to visit the Community Grocer at Wyndham Park Community Centre. The Community Grocer provides access to low-cost fruit, vegetables and pantry items, helping families stretch their household budgets while maintaining access to healthy food. It also offers an opportunity for community members to connect, build relationships and access local support services. We encourage families to take advantage of this valuable community resource.

📍 Wyndham Park Community Centre, 55-57 Kookaburra Avenue, Werribee

🕒 Every Tuesday, 8:30am-12:30pm

We thank the Community Grocer and Wyndham Park Community Centre for their ongoing support of local families and for helping to create a stronger, more connected community.



ZOO EXCURSION



We had the privilege of taking 35 members of our newly arrived Karenni community to Werribee Open Range Zoo, with the excursion generously fully funded by the zoo. The day provided families with an opportunity to connect with one another, practise English in authentic real-world settings and become familiar with one of the many community spaces available to them as they settle into life in Australia. Experiences like this are an important part of the settlement journey. They support language development, build confidence navigating new environments and strengthen the relationships that help families feel connected to both their school and wider community. Research consistently shows that strong school-family partnerships contribute to improved student engagement, wellbeing and educational outcomes, particularly for families from refugee and multilingual backgrounds.



K'YAW KAYAH LI CAKES

Celebrating Adult Learner Success

A highlight of the recent community celebration at Iramoo Community Centre was the beautiful cakes created by members of our adult learning community through K'Nyaw Kayah Li Cakes.

After participating in cake decorating workshops, our families have continued to build on their skills, confidence and creativity by producing stunning cakes for community events and celebrations. The cakes showcased not only their growing technical skills, but also the dedication, perseverance and entrepreneurial spirit that has emerged through their learning journey.

It was wonderful to see their work recognised and enjoyed by the wider community. Their success demonstrates how community learning can create pathways to new opportunities, strengthen confidence and empower individuals to share their talents with others.

We congratulate the K'Nyaw Kayah Li Cakes team on their achievements and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.



REFUGEE WEEK



In Week 9, we recognised Refugee Week 2026 and this year's theme, A Million Stories. The theme celebrates the many experiences, contributions and achievements of people from refugee backgrounds who have helped shape Australia and our communities. Throughout the week, students heard stories from people with lived experience of seeking refuge, providing an opportunity to learn about resilience, courage and hope. We were also privileged to welcome guest speakers Sheri and Cha, who shared their personal journeys from Myanmar to Australia, their connection to the Karen community, and insights into Karen culture, traditions and identity. Their stories helped students develop a deeper understanding of the refugee experience and the strength that diversity brings to our community.



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