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Mob News **First Nations** **Student Support Unit Newsletter**

Welcome to edition 7 of Mob News, the newsletter from the First Nations Student Support Unit at Alexandra Hills State High School. We have been busy again and once again our Mob have done some amazing things both at school and in the broader community. Again we have danced to show case our talents, been acknowledged to showcase our respect and been awarded as recognition of our academic success.

Student Success

NAIDOC Students of the Year.

Year 7



Hallie

Year 8:



Briella

Year 9



Kaitlyn

Year 10



Lucinda

Year 11



Mikayla

Year 12



Jaime

Welcome

We would like to introduce a new key staff member to our unit.



Nanette Clissold—First Nations Teachers Aide



'DEADLY ELDERS!'

It was an honour to have a photo taken with our DEADLY Elders on NAIDOC Day. Our Elders are always supportive of our Mob and our school and regardless of their work load will always offer cultural guidance, support and help. Special thanks to: Uncle Norm, Aunty Marion, Aunty Margie, Uncle Trevor and Brett Nutley and all of the Parents who attended.



Thank you

Ten of our students (both First Nations and non- First Nations) were treated to a wonderful event—Women of the World. The girls were taken to the event by Mitch and Ralda from the Soroptimist International Bayside. The Soroptimists' is an international organisation that works for human rights and the betterment of women and girls, globally.



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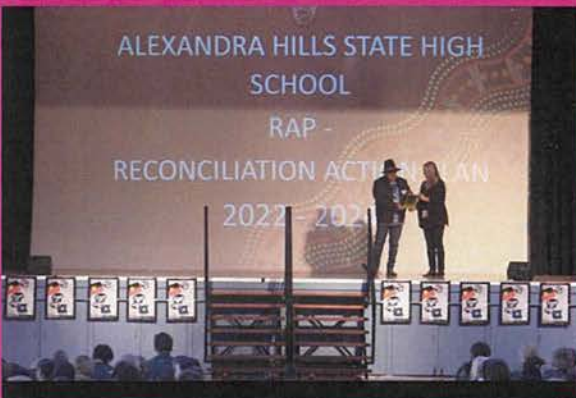
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NAIDOC

We were again honoured to have MMEIC Chairman Uncle Norm provide the Welcome to Country at both the Junior and Senior Ceremonies this year. Our Mob look forward to hearing the wisdom and words from Uncle Norm and to learn more about the Quandamooka Nation on the land, which our school sits.

We were also honoured to again have COOEE Elders Aunty Margie and Aunty Marion, and welcomed Uncle Trevor and other invited guests including Brett Nutley from the Redlands Council attend.

This year was special for our school as we had our RAP—Reconciliation Action Plan endorsed by all of the Quandamooka Elders. The Elders have agreed to be 'RAP Consulting Elders' and to offer help and guidance when required. Our Rap is a strong cultural document that recognises the importance that First Nations Culture plays in the life of a First Nations Student, School and Community. Our Rap is further strengthened by the continued commitment and support of our COOEE Elders who are on the Steering Committee. The RAP can be found on our school's webpage.



Again, our 'DEADLY Mob' performed on NAIDOC. It was impressive to see our Junior and Senior Dance Troupes perform together and to see our Junior and Senior Mob MC the events.

Our dancers take weeks to practice for their performances and do a, 'DEADLY' job. They give up one to two days a week to practice and are recognised by the wider community. This year we have performed for our COOEE Elders on Sorry Day, for QATSIF and for other schools on their NAIDOC Ceremonies. Our reputation for dancers that hold true to Quandamooka tradition is now being recognised, as we are often asked to perform for private companies and events. Again, this is only possible with the blessing of Uncle Raymond Walker and Uncle Josh Walker who allow our school to continue to tell the stories through traditional Quandamooka song lines.



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Cleveland NAIDOC School Performance

For the first time this year our Biram and Yarrabin dance troupe performed at Cleveland State School.

Uncle Norm presented the Welcome to Country and the importance to the Quandamooka Nation about the animals that the school named their sport houses after.



Hilliards NAIDOC School Performance



We were invited to teach and perform at Hilliards NAIDOC Ceremony. The troupe did a fantastic job as they had to teach the whole school.

They performed, Yuwai and then were asked to perform Karbul.

QATSIF Graduation and Performance



Our Biram and Yarrabin Junior Dance Troupe also performed.

So DEADLY!



Our dance troupe with QATSIF Secretariat Director — Mike Nayler

This year some of our Year 12 QATSIF recipients attended a Graduation Ceremonu at UQ. Unfortunately, not all were able to attend due to illness or other school commitments.

QATSIF

The Queensland Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Foundation

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Broncos News

Welcome

We would like to welcome O'Shea the new Beyond the Broncos Girls Program SSO to our school. O'Shea works on Mondays.

Beyond the Broncos—Beyond 22 Graduation

On Thursday the 15th September, our Year 12 students who graduated from the Beyond the Broncos Program were invited as recognition of their success to Suncorp Stadium. The girls enjoyed lunch and celebrated their success with school principal—Julie McCullough.



Happy birthday to our Mob that had a birthday in Term 3

Bella, Amaru, Frayzer, Denzel, Sean, Zion, Courtney, Samuel, Larissa, Tanielu, Joshua, Ruddia, Alyssa, Sarah-Jane, Madi, Henry, Bailey, Lilly, Zachary, Quinn, Shyanna, Zahara, Crystal, Iseaha, Charlize

Sorry Business

We have again experienced a lot of Sorry Business in our school and extended community this term and we would like to respectfully acknowledge the families and honour their loved ones.

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