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The year is nearly at an end and our Mob have again showcased their talents. Once again, they have danced, sung and been awarded accolades for their efforts. The team—Amy, Nanette and myself could not be any prouder. From us to you, we wish you a very safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We would like to thank our Elders for their continual support, guidance and strength to allow us to confidently tell the truth, which has allowed many that we have come in contact with to have a greater understanding of First Nations history.

Thank you:

Uncle Norm and the MMEIC Elders for your cultural guidance, endorsement of our RAP and presentations on NAIDOC.

Aunty Margie, Aunty Marion, Aunty Professor Boni and all of the other COOEE Elders for your guidance, support and for always being there to show us the correct way.

Mike Nayler and the QATSIF Team for all of the opportunities provided to our Mob. Brett Nutley from the Redlands City Council for just being Brett.

Kate from MMEIC for always answering our questions.

Mitch and Ralda for always wanting to help and support our girls.

The parents that have trusted us to support their children throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the AHSHS staff who without their support and help, I believe the team would not have made some of the inroads at school that we did.

Thank you:

Our Principal, Julie-Ann McCullough for her unwavering support to embed First Nations culture at AHSHS.

Jane Petersen for the support with line-managing the unit.

The ELT and SLT Team for providing advice where needed.

Amy and Nanette for all of the work that you do to support our Mob in and out of the classroom.

Di Hendersen for the great work that you have done with QATSIF.

The staff of AHSHS for allowing the team to support our Mob in their classrooms and for always being supportive with assessments.





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Farewell, but not goodbye!

We were proud to see 10 of our, 'DEADLY' Mob graduate this year. Congratulations to all of them and we know they will do great things with their lives.



Nina



Jaime



Nicci-Maree



Mikealy



Gypsy



Shyaane



Harry



Brendan



Cody



Willow





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For Our Elders, National NAIDOC Week 2023

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Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.

They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones.

Our loved ones who pick us up in our low moments and celebrate us in our high ones. Who cook us a feed to comfort us and pull us into line, when we need them too.

They guide our generations and pave the way for us to take the paths we can take today. Guidance, not only through generations of advocacy and activism, but in everyday life and how to place ourselves in the world.

We draw strength from their knowledge and experience, in everything from land management, cultural knowledge to justice and human rights. Across multiple sectors like health, education, the arts, politics and everything in between, they have set the many courses we follow.

The struggles of our Elders help to move us forward today. The equality we continue to fight for is found in their fight. Their tenacity and strength has carried the survival of our people.

It is their influence and through their learnings that we must ensure that when it comes to future decision making for our people, there is nothing about us - without us. (<https://www.naidoc.org.au/awards/current-theme>)

Our school's NAIDOC ceremonies are due to be held on the 3rd of August, 2023

Senior Ceremony - 9:00 am—10:10 am

Junior Ceremony— 10:10 am—11:20am

A morning tea will be held directly after the Junior Ceremony in the Practical

We pay our respects to the Elders we've lost and to those who continue fighting for us across all our Nations and we pay





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We were Awarded:

- Subject Awards—Allyssa, Kaitlyn, Lucinda, Henry.
- Academic Awards—Hallie, Kaitlyn, Mikayla.
- School Community and Service Awards—Larissa, Alyssa, Thomas, Jack, Jazzy, Miah, Joshua, Oliver, Mikealy, Bee, Gypsy, Hallie, Christian, Eloise, Anna-Belle, Nicci-Maree, Jaime.
- The Aunty Katherine Beezley Award—Gypsy.
- COOEE First Nations Award—Thomas.
- QATSIF Young First Nations Leader Award—Nicci-Maree and Jaime.
- Personal Best Award—Gypsy.
- The Selby Award—Jaime.
- Senior Sportswoman of the Year—Briella.
- Basketball Academy Player of the Year—Kaitlyn, Mikayla, Tanielu.





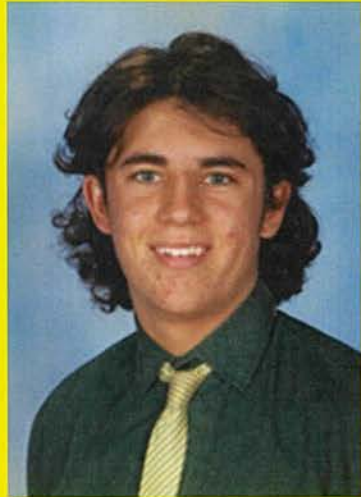
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SPECIAL MENTIONS



It is with great pride that we recognise Nicci-Maree for her achievement in being selected to sit on the QIYLP Committee—Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program – Program Evaluation Advisory Group . The QIYLP is a leadership and professional development program for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders aged 18–25 years old. The program is an exciting opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in Queensland to develop their leadership skills, build their capability, be introduced to Queensland’s democratic processes and drive change in local communities. The QIYLP is the flagship component of the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Strategy.



Similarly, a huge proud moment for Josh for being selected to attend a STEM InspireU residential camp at, The University of Queensland. Josh was one of only 40 students selected from applicants Australia wide. The InspireU Tertiary Experience Camps are designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students to experience what it is like to be a UQ student. The InspireU Camps are held over five (5)

consecutive days, where students will stay at a campus college and participate in a week of university and cultural activities.



I would like to thank Amy Thorley and Nanette Clissold for the exceptional work that they have done in the unit this year. Both have gone well and above their required duties to support our Mob in and out of the classroom. I wish them all the best as they take up their new roles in their new departments.

Thank you for doing a great job!





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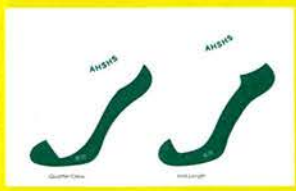
New Student Uniforms

The Alexandra Hills SHS P&C recently requested that the school consult about updating the formal school uniform. The P&C criteria was to reduce the number of uniform items, to keep costs down and to make sure the uniform was contemporary.

Don't worry if you have purchased uniforms for next year, the new style of formal uniform will not be introduced until 2024 and students will have two years after this transition to the new style.

The consultation phase is now complete, with parents, students and staff all having shared their thoughts on the uniform options. The clear favourite for the new uniform is described and shown below.

A straight hem with side split or peak hem shirt for all year levels with yellow and green piping on top of pocket and school AHSHS on pocket. Black unisex short and skirt (both with A.H.S.H.S on left side in yellow). Unisex winter black track pant for formal, sport, dance, AMPS and Tech Crew (with school logo on left side). A senior unisex tie for Year 10, 11 and 12. A white unisex sock for everyday (with A.H.S.H.S in green).



QATSIF Scholarship Reciepents

Our 2023 QATSIF Scholarship reciepents have been announced.

We congratulate them and acknowledge the spirit in which these scholarships are given.

- Lucinda
- Zahara
- Jazy
- Eilleena
- Anna-Bell
- Denzel
- Deakin
- Tanielu

QATSIF was created to give Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families increased educational choices and life opportunities. It is an independent, not-for-profit trust managed by The Public Trustee of Queensland and operates through a small Secretariat. Built from the labour of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders under now-repealed laws, preserving this capital means the toil of previous generations will have a direct benefit to the generations that follow. In this way, QATSIF will always stand as a permanent and positive legacy for the future.

(www.qatsif.org.au)

We acknowledge our Elders who have sacrificed to allow our generation a greater opportunity for success.

Sorry Business

We acknowledge and send our love to all of those families within community that have experienced Sorry Business. Our hearts are with you and we respectfully honour your loved ones.





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Broncos News



CONGRATULATIONS!

Gypsy was awarded the NRMA Award at the Term 4 Workshop. On hand to present the award were Bronco Ambassadors, Beryl Friday and Justin Hodges.

On Wednesday the 7th of December, the Broncos took some of our Mob to Dreamworld. A DEADLY day was had by all!



Our Mob were lucky enough to receive a pair of asics shoes. Thank you to asics for this great donation.



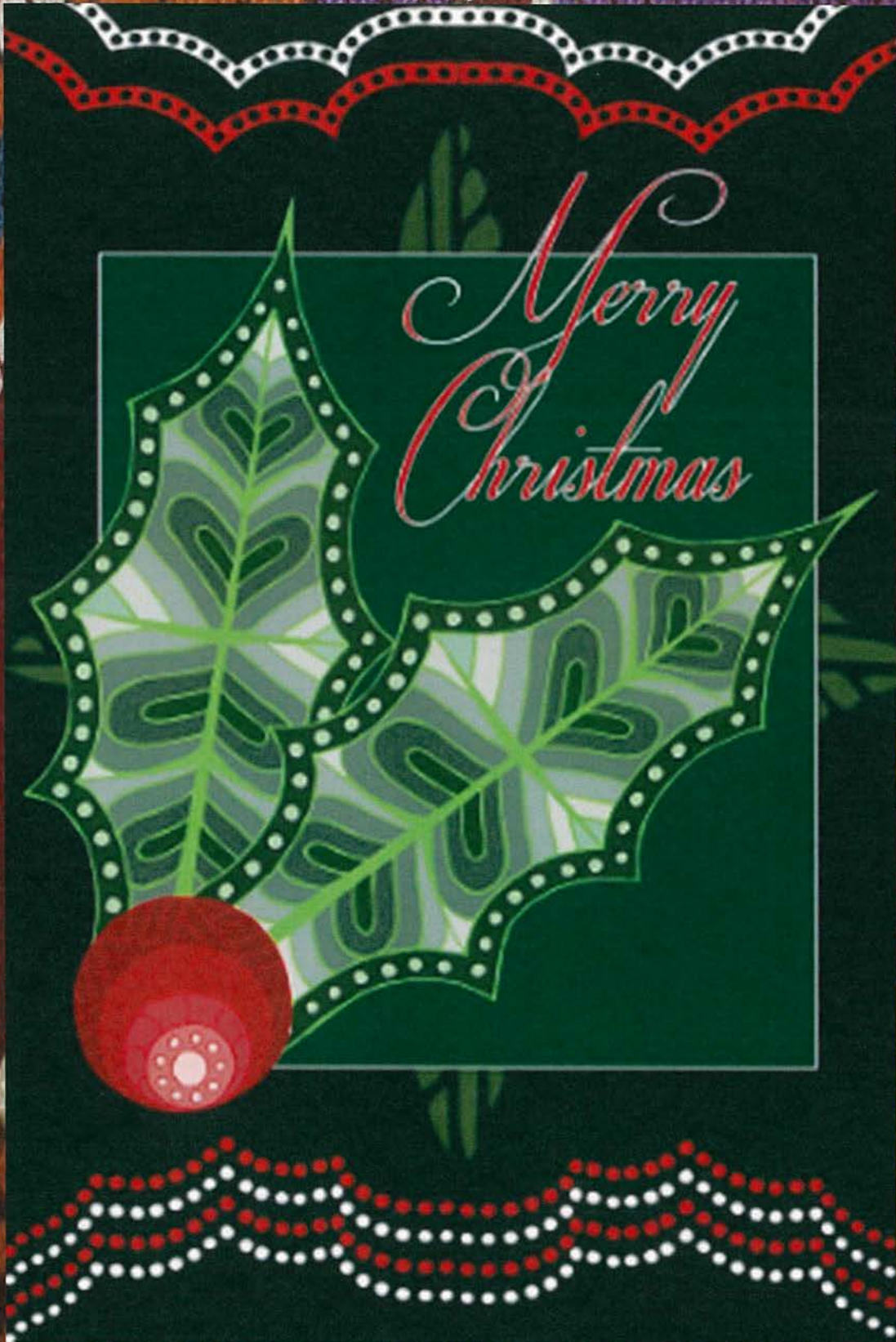
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