



**The Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area**  
**Traditional Tribal Groups:**  
**Paakantji, Ngiyampaa, Mutthi Mutthi**

**Conference: March 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2014**

*Kids teaching kids by connecting with history and culture and celebrating more than 40,000 plus years of Aboriginal heritage in the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage area.*

MYP Newsletter #2 February 2014

<http://www.mungoyouthproject.com.au>

**INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS**

Hello All,

**This newsletter includes:**

1. The 2014 MYP Program
2. Details of actions that require a timely response
3. Our exciting list of Mentors and Celebrities
4. Schools are welcome to join in the Video conferences through DART Connections, go to [www.dartconnections.org.au](http://www.dartconnections.org.au) and or telephone 1800824737 or go to Facebook and search for DART Connections
5. Important information for schools and students

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**1. The 2104 MYP Program**

The three-day itinerary **is attached** and is posted on our web site. Your scheduled activities are available for early planning!

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**2. Actions that require a timely response**

Please ensure you have provided:

1. All student and teacher/educator/community member's names
2. Your student personal details document
3. Permission for Photo's or Video
4. Any dietary or health requirements
5. Details about your travel plans

6. Buses you are bringing that can be used to transport students on the tours within the park
7. A reminder that payment for each participant is now due.

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### **3. Mentors & Celebrities**

#### **Corey 'Nooky' Webster**

Corey will be our co - MC at the MYP. Corey is an inspiring and motivational young hip hop artist.

Read more about him here...

<http://www.moveitmobstyle.com.au/music/yung-nooky/>

or check him out on Facebook...

<https://www.facebook.com/NookyMusic>

#### **Rurriwuy Hick**

Rurriwuy will also be co - MCing with Corey. She is a successful actress and dancer, often on Move it Mob Style, who will be an inspiring mentor for all the students.

Read more about her on Facebook...

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rurriwuy-Hick/121694927909125>

#### **AIME – Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience**

AIME provides mentoring and educational services for Indigenous students. They are sending out 3 of their staff to MYP to interact with kids, provide motivating activities and create a positive vibe.

Check out their website...

<http://aimementoring.com>

and on Facebook...

<https://www.facebook.com/aimementoring?fref=ts>

#### **AIME: Jake Thomson – National Presenter**

Hi, my name is Jake Thomson and I am a proud Wiradjuri Man. My family comes from Cowra, NSW but I was born and bred in Mt Druitt, Western Sydney.

Growing up I was fortunate enough to represent my state, country and people by travelling to the other side of the world to visit countries like Taiwan and the USA playing baseball and dancing.

Aside from sport, I love working with my people & putting my hand back into the community to work with young Indigenous kids. I have done work with Vibe Australia and was able to work with kids from the Alice Springs and Tennant Creek communities.

I truly believe that Indigenous equals success and I am looking forward to being a part of the movement that is going to change this nation for generations to come.

#### **AIME: Amy Priestly – Research Director**

I first participated in the AIME Program as a Mentor and found immense enjoyment in the experience. At the time I was completing my Honours in Education and based my

research on the impact the AIME Program has on its volunteer Mentors. During my research and participation, I was able to experience firsthand just how powerful this Program is. I saw the passion, enthusiasm and drive of the AIME staff as well as the observable difference in the Mentees' confidence and attitudes towards education. I also saw a flow-on effect to other university students as they developed cross-cultural understanding, something I believe to be crucially important for this generation.

Being an educator, I highly value the power of education and the importance of equality in educational opportunities. I want to see Indigenous kids aspire to whatever they want to be and am excited to be part of a team that helps lead and inspire Indigenous kids to become Australia's future leaders.

### **AIME: Ash Paxton – National Presenter**

The name is Ash. I am a Casual National Presenter and Program Managers Assistant from AIME. I am from an Aboriginal background with my family descending from the Waywuru tribe in Wangaratta, Victoria. I am currently in my third year of an Arts/Business degree at Monash University with majors in Psychology and Management. Watch out guys, something interesting about me is that I practice martial arts (Karate, to be precise).

While I didn't grow up in community, I am very connected and passionate about my Aboriginal heritage. I love engaging with youth, like yourself, as you all have so much to offer and are constantly inspiring me to be a better me. I am so excited for this opportunity as it allows me to spend time with you all, to listen to your stories, to learn from you (and with you) and to connect to Indigenous culture together. Hope you guys are ready to step and travel on this incredible adventure with me.

### **Jimmy Little Foundation**

JLF is all about creating and nurturing positive health outcomes and will be working with the students to write and produce a song, **which will be performed at the MYP finale**. Check out their website...<http://www.jlf.org.au>

### **Dean Kelly**

Dean is coming to MYP to share his knowledge and skills of traditional spear making and work with the students to learn this traditional Aboriginal skill. Dean also has a great range of Indigenous games to share.

### **ABC Open**

ABC Open are bringing their "Life's big Questions" project to MYP. Kids will interview kids to find out their life story. *See attached file for more information...*

Or check out the webpage...

<https://open.abc.net.au/projects/life-s-big-questions-94nx4wz - /discover>

**SPECIAL GUESTS**

- Willandra Lake Region World Heritage Area: Traditional Tribal Group Elders and Owners.
- Patrons: Auntie Lottie Williams, Prof. Jim Bowler AOM
- AWHIN representatives - Uncle Roy Kennedy and Marie Mitchell
- Hank Horton - Chair of AWHIN
- Angela Bates & Malarndirri McCarthy NiTV\*
- Rudolph Kirby – Barrister
- Mark Dugay Grist - Archaeologist
- NSW Distance Education (will broadcast live and interactive into Australian & International Schools)
- Victorian Department of Justice

\*To be confirmed

**PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:**

- Buronga Public School, Buronga, NSW
- Beaumont Road Public School, Killara, NSW
- Catholic College, Bendigo, VIC
- Gol Gol Public School, Gol Gol, NSW
- Hunters Hill Primary School, Hunters Hill, NSW
- Lindfield East Public School, East Lindfield, NSW
- Narraweena Public School, Narraweena, NSW
- Robinvale Secondary College, VIC
- Chaffey Secondary College, Mildura, VIC
- St Joseph's College Mildura, VIC
- Coomealla High School, Dareton, NSW
- Swan Hill College, Swan Hill, VIC
- Mildura South Primary School, Mildura, VIC
- Irymple Secondary College, Irymple, VIC
- Menindee Central School, Menindee, NSW
- Wentworth Public School, Wentworth, NSW
- Mildura Primary School, Mildura, VIC
- Wilcannia Central School, Wilcannia, NSW
- Mt Austin High School, Wagga Wagga, NSW

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**4. VIDEO CONFERENCES**

During MYP we will be broadcasting via satellite to schools over Australia and the world. Some schools will be chosen to do their presentations during these sessions and will be notified before the event. For more information go to [www.dartconnections.org.au](http://www.dartconnections.org.au), telephone 1800824737 or go to Facebook and search for DART Connections.

## **5. IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **LOCATION**

The Mungo Youth Project is near the MUNGO LODGE. To get to our campsite please follow the signs! The conference will take place on Top Hut Station approximately 3km behind Mungo Lodge. Turn down the signed road located between the Balranald Road and Mungo Lodge, near Mungo Camping Grounds and travel approximately 3 kilometres until you see the entry signs on the right.

### **MANAGEMENT**

Mungo Youth Project Committee and National Parks & Wildlife Services will be in attendance during the conference along with Site Manager Ian Wakefield (owner of the property - Top Hut Station) and his crew.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT – See attached document**

This has been developed in collaboration with the Elders - **please ensure students are fully aware of the code.**

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT**

Should the group need to be contacted in case of emergency please ring Mungo Lodge 0350297297 or Mungo National Park 0350297292 who will radio us a message.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

- Own tents and bedding
- Students are to bring their own lunch to eat on the bus en route on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Each student should bring a torch, sun cream and insect repellent
- No Electronic Equipment or 'junk food' is to be brought onto site
- Clothing should include, long pants, wet weather gear, warm clothes, hat and appropriate shoes for walking as their ankle height prickles in some areas
- Photography Consent form signed by parent or guardian

### **TRAVEL DETAILS**

Attendees must be at the location by no later than 12pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March for activities to begin at 1pm. Students must have lunch en route and afternoon tea will be served mid afternoon.

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, schools will depart the MYP site at 1pm. Students will be given a packed lunch and light snack to eat on the trip home.

### **BUSES**

Please provide details about your travel plans and buses you are bringing in that can be used to transport your students around the tours on Thursday. Buses provided by schools may be rostered to participate in taking students on tours on Thursday. A roster will be discussed prior to the event.

### **CONTINGENCY PLAN**

If any rain is predicted in the weeks before the event we will cancel and notify all on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## **SUPERVISION**

The organisers will manage the event and each School/Teacher is responsible for the safety and behavior of their students. Lighting towers are on site for nighttime but please be careful walking around the campsite at night.

## **FIRST AID**

Each school must bring their own first aid kit inc. sunscreen and insect repellent. First Aid will be provided by Parasol EMT, who will be on site for the entire event.

## **CATERING**

Wentworth Rotary Club will be managing the catering for the event. *(Please do not bring any junk food – we are in a desert wilderness experience)*. A large marquee will be onsite to accommodate all attendees for meals and mass gatherings. Each school will participate in a roster system to assist in serving meals, cleaning and various duties around the camp. **Please notify us of any dietary requirements.**

## **WATER AND WASHING**

Each student and teacher will be provided with a 750ml water bottle to refill from the water station. The camp will be supplied with enough water for washing and cleaning. There will be basic washing facilities, **but no showers will be provided.** We encourage attendees to shower on Wednesday morning and when they return home on Friday, therefore only one day without a shower. If a teacher deems a shower necessary we can arrange for this at nearby facilities.

## **CAMPING**

All schools must supply their own tents and sleeping bags (it can get COLD!) and each school groups will be allocated a camping area. Separate toilet facilities will be available for males and females with hand washing facilities. Please ensure your students are ready to erect their tents very quickly to get proceedings underway by 1.00pm.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Schools requiring power point presentations are required to bring their own laptop. If you have any additional presentation requirements please contact us urgently. There will be limited printing facilities onsite, so please ensure you have adequate handouts (if applicable). Each presenting group will present to 2 or 3 different groups of between 12 and 25 students.

Presenting schools will be allocated a 6m x 6m marquee, which they will share with another presenting school presenting the same topic. If you are bringing display material you will have two 6m x 3m walls each of the marquee.

## **ENTERTAINMENT**

Most schools will have a prepared item/s of entertainment for Thursday night. Please ensure we have the details prior to the Conference so we can program a jam packed & fun evening.

## **MERCHANDISE**

Upon arrival each student will be given a t-shirt, drink bottle, notepad, bag and hat. All students will be issued with an ID with full name and allocated Ochre group for the event.

## **WELCOME**

We look forward to a special experience and ask you all to be open, respectful and flexible. On behalf of the Traditional Owner Elders, we look forward to welcoming you to the Willandra Lakes region World Heritage area and the Mungo Youth Project.

## **KEY CONTACTS**

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