



Tumut High School Newsletter

Term 3 2024

Welcome back, Nioka!

Term 3 brought the return of Stars Foundation Program Mentor, Nioka Marlowe, from her maternity leave.

Nioka is a motivated, thoughtful and connected local woman and the girls are so pleased to have Nioka back.



Back to Primary School!

During Term 3 our Senior STARS had the opportunity to demonstrate their leadership and knowledge by engaging with younger mob in our community.

Our Year 10 STARS, picture above and left, spent time with young learners at Tumut Community Preschool. Our STARS enjoyed connecting, playing and painting with the amazing and energetic preschoolers. Through their collaboration, two beautiful canvases were created, depicting Aboriginal stories and symbols.

Our Year 9 STARS, connected with our First Nations Year 6 students from various primary schools in our community as part of the transition to high school program.

We had the privilege of visiting Franklin Public School, Brungle Public School and Tumut Public School. Year 9 STARS showed great leadership and role modelling skills during their visit and developed strong relationships that we hope we allow the young girls to feel safe and confident when they start high school in 2025.



100% Attendance



A key requirement of being a STAR is a commitment to increasing and maintaining school attendance.

Congratulations to our amazing Year 7 students who continue to lead by example with their astounding attendance, especially Isabel and Keilani who have maintained 100% attendance for Term 3.

Isabel and Keilani not only have an incredible attendance record, but they have consistently displayed the STARS values of Respect, Honesty, Commitment and Pride.

Keep up the good work Isabel and Keilani.



STARS Shirt Presentation

On Wednesday 18th September STARS Tumut held their first Shirt presentation. This event recognises the STARS Students who have earned their shirts by displaying the STARS Values of **Respect, Honesty, Commitment and Pride** and meeting the requirements of a comprehensive list of personal goals throughout the year.

Congratulations to our shining STARS:

Year 7 – Adeena and Zoey

Year 8 – Monica and Charlotte

Year 9 – Hayley

Year 10 – Jazmine, Jaydah and Makaylah

Year 11 – Jacee-May

We anticipate seeing the girls wearing their shirts proudly into the future and we encourage all other STARS students to work hard to gain their shirts. Other incentive goals include STARS shorts for all students and STARS hoodies for our Seniors.

Shining Stars!

Before our term began a small group of STARS girls volunteered to be interviewed by Daily Advertiser to discuss the program. The girls talked about how the program is helping them understand their culture and keeping them engaged in school. The girls did STARS proud. Thank you, Zoey, Jaydah and Sierra.



Stars Foundation program co-ordinator Trish Whitburn with students Zoey Oavie, Jaydah Cornelisens and Sierra Connolly at Tumut High's Stars room. Picture by Bernard Humphreys

On 29th August our STARS students Sierra and Marli presented Tumut High School Radio News. The girls did an incredible job, sounding very proud and professional.

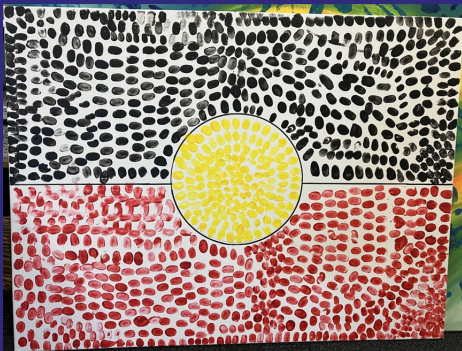


R U OK DAY

STARS supported R U OK day with Tumut High School students and staff.

One of the core pillars for the Stars Foundation is Wellbeing, so we were thrilled to participate in R U OK Day on Thursday 12th September at Tumut High School.

The STARS Room was opened to the entire school and hosted canvas painting for all students. Through our 'busy hands' activities we encourage supportive, open yarns between staff and students in a safe and relaxed environment. All students put their fingerprint on a large canvas to create the Aboriginal flag. This was a very popular activity, and our room was very full and active throughout the 2-hour activity time. It was great to see Tumut High School students enjoying themselves with the various activities and food available on this important day recognising mental health struggles in Australia.



Excursion with Albury Stars!

A small group of our Tumut STARS went to Albury to participate in the first joint STARS excursion for our Year 7 cohort. On Tuesday 13th August Tumut STARS travelled to Albury for an exciting meet and greet with Albury Year 7 STARS.

The day started with meeting Albury STARS at James Fallon High School and a tour of the school and their STARS room. The girls then travelled to the Yindamarra (respect in Wiradjuri) Walk. The girls explored the various cultural sculptures along the riverwalk and learnt about the meaning and significance. The weather was perfect, and the girls loved walking, talking and learning more about Wiradjuri culture along the Murrumbidgee river and getting to know the Albury Stars.

Following their walk the girls returned to James Fallon High School for a lunch break. While in the STARS room the girls participated in painting and yarns. Following lunch everyone travelled to Bunnings for a practical skills workshop, learning of building a Go Cart! The girls got to cut, drill, saw and learn all about construction. All the girls really enjoyed this opportunity.

A core part of our focus at Star Foundation is exposing the girls to various employment and training opportunities but trying out different skills. This was a fantastic chance for STARS to learn woodworking skills that many of them hadn't tried before and open their minds to different industries.



STARS Community Open Day!

On Tuesday 10th September, we held our first Community Open Day. This was an opportunity for parents, carers, friends, family and community members to explore the STARS room and ask questions about the STARS Foundation program.

Our incredible STARS students from Years 7, 8 and 9 hosted the day. Three very brave STARS students Ruby, Adeena and Sophia emceed the event and did an incredible job!

Well done to our STARS students who help set up equipment, organise activities, prepare food, blew up balloons, cooked the BBQ and generally run the whole afternoon. The whole afternoon ran smoothly, and the community enjoyed the afternoon with a sausage sizzle and fun activities that included painting, face painting, corn hole, Connect 4 and football.