De Greer-Yindimincarlie shows her ‘gratitude rock’

Gratitude Rocks is a hands-on activity that promotes Indigenous perspectives to students. Recently, at Strong Smart Science Sparks Day selected year 5 and 6 students engaged in this activity with its creator De Greer-Yindimincarlie. De’s is a very talented Aboriginal lady who works in many schools across the country. De is the owner/operator of Yindi Artz - Authentic Aboriginal Creations. Yindi Artz has been operating in Beerwah on the Sunshine Coast for the last six years. De is an Aboriginal woman from the Wiradjuri Nation in Central Western New South Wales, Australia. De is an award winning Aboriginal artist, winning the 2008 South East QLD NAIDOC award for distinguished services in the Visual Arts Industry, and in 2011 De was a ‘DEADLY AWARD’ nominee for ‘Visual artist of the year.

De is dually recognised and awarded both nationally and internationally for her exciting and innovative works. Awarded not only for her painting, De is also celebrated as an Aboriginal Artist, Musician, Graphic Artist, Film Maker, Music Producer, Talent Manager and Entrepreneur.

The Gratitude Rock activity put a twist on traditional western science frameworks by introducing symbols of the Australian landscape like the fireplace, warriors and the possum. Students were also shown more ‘intuitive’ means of discovering truths about ourselves and who we are in the eyes of those around us. Students who were lucky enough to participate in the activity got to create and keep their own Gratitude Rock.
FUNDING FOR ELITE
INDIGENOUS SPORTSPEOPLE

Have you been selected for a state/territory or national team?
Do you need financial assistance?

Indigenous sportspeople who are involved in mainstream official national championships and international sporting competitions can apply for financial assistance through the Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program (EITAAP).

Funding is available for travel and accommodation expenses up to $1500 per person for national events and $4000 per person for international events during a financial year.

Indigenous sportspeople including athletes, coaches, managers, officials and trainers can apply if they meet all the following criteria:
> they are involved or compete in a sport recognised by the Australian Sports Commission
> they are selected in a state/territory or national team endorsed by the relevant state/territory or national sporting organisation
> they have their application sponsored by the state or national sporting organisation or relevant state/territory school sport representative body.

Indigenous sportspeople cannot apply for assistance if they are:
> selected in Indigenous-only teams
> individuals participating in commercial tours
> attending a professional event or an event that involves prize money
> individuals under the age of 12 (exemptions may apply).


Dates for the next Learner Licence sessions at Maroochydore and Gympie,
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Maroochydore

7th of August
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