

Ties bind students



Ties that bind ...
Wesley Thein-Soe,
left, and Malakai
Websdale.

Photo: Paul McGovern

By DAVID COHEN

Some young men are looking sharp in Claremont.

Christ Church Grammar School students Wesley Thein-Soe and Malakai Websdale designed their own ties as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Wesley, a young Year 10 Djaru man, said he really liked the school's involvement with culture and art.

"I think it's really good for some of the boarders as well who are away from home so they can stay connected with culture," he said.

Wesley put a snake on his tie with colours evoking a sunset.

"Snakes are one of my favourite animals: they are part

of the Rainbow Serpent, which is the main character of the Dreamtime," he said.

Malakai said he's been involved with Christ Church's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art program for two years.

"When I was designing my tie, I really thought about what is significant to myself and how I can interpret it," the young Year 8 Noongar and Yamaji man said.

"The one that stands out is the goanna, that's a very special animal to me, and then the meeting place represents the men and women in my life."

The ties are still available to buy; some have been made into scarves.

A big mural created by stu-

dents and staff during the week celebrates the school community's family backgrounds and the six Noongar seasons.

The 6m x 2m artwork is split into sections for each season.

Malakai said Ngadjju Mirning Noongar artist Andrew Beck and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from St Catherine's College's Dandjoo Darbalung program helped complete the mural.

School principal Alan Jones said the artwork was a wonderful reflection of the diversity of the Christ Church community.

"The result was beautiful depictions of the strong women in the boys' lives and modern family configurations using shapes, symbols and animals," he said.

Show lives with foot and mouth

The risk of foot and mouth disease has not so far deterred farmers from exhibiting livestock at next month's Royal Show in Claremont.

Extra measures will be put in place to reduce the risk to livestock as the disease spreads in popular holiday spot Bali.

A Royal Agricultural Society WA spokeswoman said: "Entries for some livestock exhibitions are still open and are currently comparable with previous years."

She added the exhibitors had said they were confident attending the show with strengthened biosecurity measures.

They will include sanitation mats and hand sanitiser stations at the entrance to livestock displays, visitor restrictions

around livestock displays and cautionary signage.

Tickets will display the following message to show-goers: "We love our animals. When visiting the Show please ensure all footwear, clothing and equipment is free of mud and animal manure, particularly if you have travelled overseas in the last 30 days and have had contact with farms or livestock."

The extra measures come with a \$2million package from the State Government.

The cash will also be used to subsidise ticket prices.

They range from \$26.50 for adults, \$13 for children aged five to 15, \$57 for a family pass and free for kids under 4.

The eight-day show will begin on September 24.

Cott still in the poo

By DAVID COHEN

More work on Cottesloe's beachfront sewage pipes means another overnight road closure.

The Water Corporation has worked for nearly five months on repairing Cottesloe's 87-year-old buried pipes (*Poo pipe appears above Cott beach*, POST, April 2).

This week they said investigations revealed the pipe south of the Marine Parade/Napier Street intersection needed repairs.

Preventive maintenance would be conducted from 10pm on Wednesday to 6am on Thursday, a spokesman said.

Tankers would be used to transport flows of wastewater from the area so there would be increased activity overnight.

He said the work would probably mean Marine Parade's northbound lane near the site would have to be closed.

Wet weather has delayed the re-instatement of Car Park Number 1, one of the sites where above-ground pipes were installed while work happened on the old pipes.

The spokesman said the car park was expected to be back to normal (weather permitting) by next Friday, August 26.



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