



Newsletter - Week 5 Term 2 2017

From the Principal

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week celebrates the relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and non indigenous people and is held annually from May 27th to June 3rd.

In 2017 we reflect on two significant anniversaries in Australia's reconciliation journey - 50 years since the 1967 referendum and 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. As we commemorate these significant milestones, we encourage all Australians to unite and work towards the theme for 2017 - *'Let's Take the Next Steps'*.

Students across the school have been taking part in special activities, including cooking, painting and other art activities throughout this week. Photos are included over the page.



Pupil Free Day

On **Tuesday 13th June** our school will be closed for a Pupil Free Day following the public holiday. Governing Council has approved this day for our continued work in the area of STEM. We will be working with colleagues from other schools and preschools across our partnership. It should be an exciting day of learning with colleagues who are working in the preschool setting right through to year 12.

If you need child care on this day please contact our Out of School Hours Care on **8281 5104**.

School Uniform

It is great to see our students proudly wearing the school uniform. With the cooler months now upon us we have seen many parents buying new school jumpers for students to keep warm which is wonderful. Our school uniform does engender a sense of pride and this is continually acknowledged at school assemblies with class awards.



A few reminders:

- all clothing needs to be navy in colour
- denim is not part of the school uniform
- hats are to worn throughout the year
- make up, nail polish and jewellery are not to be worn
- Extra headwear for example headbands with attachments (eg cat ears, flowers etc) are not part of the uniform
- suitable footwear for PE is important.

The Governing Council has endorsed these guidelines. The school has plenty of clothing in stock available for purchase. Please ensure that your children's clothing is clearly named.

Colour Fun Run

We had a great afternoon on Friday 12th May when the School Colour Fun Run was held. The students really enjoyed the event and I would like to thank the school community for their tremendous fundraising efforts. The students collectively raised over \$14000. Very impressive! Later in the newsletter it outlines the three charities we are supporting from this fundraising event along with some monies going to support some equipment for the STEM centre to be developed. The work on this building will be started later in the year.

Simon Harding

Canteen News - Help!

We need more volunteers to help us in the canteen. If you would like to volunteer a small amount of your time, please contact the office for more information. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Cherie Honson

Canteen Administrator

DIARY DATES
OUR REMAINING ASSEMBLIES
WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY OF WEEKS 6, 8, AND 10
At 9:00am in the Hall

Thursday 8th June
Reconciliation Assembly
Followed by Special Morning Tea

Monday 12th June
Public Holiday

Tuesday 13th June
PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 5th July
Reports Go Home

Friday 7th July
Last Day of Term 2
Casual Day with gold coin donation
Early Dismissal 2:00pm

2017 Material and Services Charges are now OVERDUE

Thank you to those families who have paid this year's school fees. For students starting at the beginning of the year, these were due to be paid by the end of Term 1. Statements are being sent to families with outstanding accounts. If you are having difficulties, please come in and see me to discuss a payment plan that may suit you. There are many payment options available including EFTPOS, Centrepay and Direct Debt deductions. If you are on a low income, you may be eligible for School Card and if approved there will be no fees to pay.

Please be reminded that it is Governing Council policy that overdue debtors will be sent to the DECD Debt Collection agency in Term 3.

Lynne Lean
Administration Officer

Reconciliation Week

"Here in Australia we're fortunate enough to have one of the richest and oldest continuing cultures in the world. This is something we should all be proud of and celebrate."

Dr Tom Calma AO
Reconciliation Australia Co-Chair

Activities Around the School

As part of National Reconciliation Week and our Humanities and Social Sciences program this term, students had the opportunity to participate in a Virtual Reality (VR) experience to *Interact with Aboriginal Australia*. In this 40 minute workshop the children were immersed in the Aboriginal culture in fully interactive games, 360° videos and an animated film outlining some of the popular beliefs of Aboriginal myths.

When we looked through the special glasses the Giant Spirits were fighting to save the land. The Rainbow Serpent had every colour of the rainbow and it turned into fire. It was flying somehow. It was awesome looking through the viewer. **Brock Room 5**

We played a game to collect things like witchetty grubs, reeds, honey ants and a vine that the Aboriginal people used for medicine. The Rainbow Serpent flew right over me! I liked the way it looked real, but it wasn't. I looked down and saw the Earth and there were meteors coming down and they were crashing on the planet. **Liam Room 4**

I like it when I looked down and could see the world. It was a bit scary sometimes and some people in our class were screaming. **Anthony Room 2**

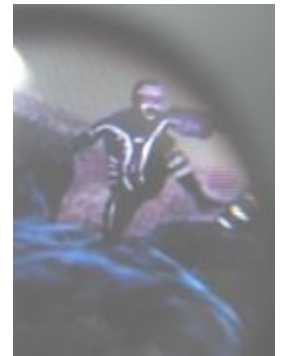
The Aboriginal people did a special dance. There were magical sparkles all around and I saw a kangaroo bouncing along. **Annastee Room 2**



The students using the Virtual Reality glasses

It was so cool. We looked all around and could see lots of different things. We saw the planet and big spirit people. We had to collect things and I saw some eucalyptus leaves. The Aboriginal people used it as medicine and rubbed it onto their skin to heal wounds.

Claire Room 3



Here are 2 scenes viewed through the VR glasses depicting the spirits mentioned in Aboriginal stories.

Getting into the spirit of Reconciliation Week, Quintrell from Room 12 made special friendship bands using the colours on the Aboriginal flag. He made them at home with his mum for every member of his class. The children were so excited to receive this very special gift, which they wore with pride.

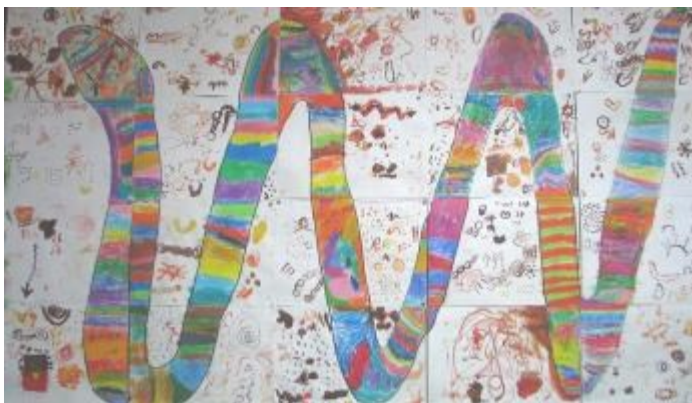


Aboriginal Dreamings are a learning pathway to build our cultural competencies by increasing our knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Australia. Aboriginal Dreamings often explain how the country, animals and people came to be as they are. They tell us when things were made, why they were made and how they were made. These are teachings with moral tones that reinforce correct behaviour in society.

The Year 1 students in Room 6 worked with their Year 5/6 PALs from Room 27. They viewed the story of the Rainbow Serpent after which they worked together to produce dot paintings on wooden snakes and lizards. Afterwards if they had time they painted a paper version of the Rainbow Serpent using dot painting techniques.



The Reception students in Room 4 read a book together telling story of the Rainbow Serpent. They were each given large pieces of art paper to make rainbow patterns for the Rainbow Serpent along with dot painting decorations to finish their work. The pieces were then joined together to make a huge Rainbow Serpent, which is on display outside Room 4.



The Reception students also listened to other Dreamings including the story of Tiddalick the Frog, how the birds got their colours, how the turtle got its shell and how the kangaroo got his tail.



During Investigative Play the Year 1 children in Room 3 were given the opportunity to explore the art of weaving. It was pleasing to see most children having a go, and although it was challenging at times, they persisted and didn't give up. They used red, black and yellow wool to create the Aboriginal flag. We spoke about the flag and the meaning behind each colour.



The corridor in the Admin building is filled with children's artwork!

Students in Room 34a have also been learning the Dreaming story of Tiddalick the Frog and during their art lessons they have painted their own Tiddalick and decorated them using dot painting techniques.



Wakakirri - Help!

As part of our Wakakirri performance we need some props which can be used to enhance the overall effect. We are trying to source the following items to borrow or as a donation:

- 80's style silver boombox (radio/tape player of medium/large size)
- Cowboy hats (as many as possible)
- A walking stick

We appreciate your support.

Kirsty Karapas Year 7 Teacher



Class Awards

Term 2 Week 2: Room 1: Sam, Amelia **2:** Raman, Annastee **3:** Claire, Vicki **4:** Jasmyn **5:** Carley, Lydia **6:** Addison, Billy **7:** Alicia, Zandra **8:** Nathan **9:** Morteza, Locky **10:** Jaiden, Anhad **11:** Jada, Joseph **12:** Femi, Mary **19:** Tilak, Wincent **20:** Jasmine, Yosof **21:** Year 3 students **22:** Lisa **23:** Whole Class **24:** Allana, Ashley **27:** Aiden, Mackenzie **29:** Erin, Cassandra, Jack T **30:** Kayden, Dewayne **32:** Laura, Corey **34a:** Olivia, Lachlan **34b:** Keelan, Hien

S.T.A.R.S.

Music/Drama (Ms Yates) Room 21

Music/Drama (Mr Luke) Room 27

Music/Drama (Ms Britz) Room 11

PE (Mr Kite) Room 31

PE (Ms Ryan) Room 4

Auslan (Ms Krohn) Room 27

Term 2 Week 4: Room 1: Noah, Sienna **2:** Anthony, Vanshika **3:** Jordan, Ava **4:** Sakina **5:** Japjot, Brock **6:** Cooper A **7:** Christine, Asin **8:** Jadon **9:** Makayla, Tyrone **10:** Ciara, Robel **11:** Tiana, Shamana **12:** Angok, Ashman **20:** Thomas, Mahi **21:** Erfan, Tanishka **22:** Tamika **24:** Cohen, Zara **27:** Safia, Nicholas **28:** Yuvi, Billy **29:** Sangha, Jack R **30:** Nier, James **31:** Eisentra, Kirsty, Ramon, Dzemaal **32:** Taya, Hitesh **34a:** Kaleb, Javenna **34b:** Amarli, Reife

S.T.A.R.S.

Music/Drama (Ms Yates) Room 34b

Music/Drama (Mr Luke) Room 29

Music/Drama (Ms Britz) Room 5

PE (Ms Ryan) Room 8

Auslan (Ms Krohn) Room 28

School Crossing Monitors for Weeks 6 & 7

Week 6: Room 28: Jared, Ashley, Zoey, Tristian, Brodie, Imran, Brianna, Talea, Senglyn, Raihan, Jasmine, Josh, Vidhi, Prachi

Week 7: Room 33: Zoe, James, Sophia, Jaimie, Selena, Krish

School Colour Fun Run!

Our major fundraising for this year was the *School Colour Fun Run*, with money raised providing support for our nominated charities - *Animal Welfare League, Kick Start for Kids and Bone Health Foundation* and for the students through vital school projects.

Students and staff had fun dressing up and either running or walking through the clouds of colours. The whole school then gathered on the oval to celebrate with an ice block each. The students who had raised the most money online had the opportunity to spray some staff and members from the leadership team!



Ms Ryan with Jo from the Bone Health Foundation



Senior staff before the Colour Run ...



Professor Fitbones from the Skeleton Crew had lots of fun too!



Mr Harding at the end of the day!



Everyone had so much fun during the School Colour Fun Run and we are proud of raising so much money for our 3 charities and our school.

