

Stage 1 News – Year 1 and Year 2

A Focus on NAIDOC WEEK

Every day this week we have been involved in some NAIDOC week activities.

We started the week with a NAIDOC assembly where we all learnt what NAIDOC week is, what it means and what it represents.

NAIDOC stands for:

N = National

A = Aborigines and

I = Islanders

D = Day

O = Observance

C = Committee

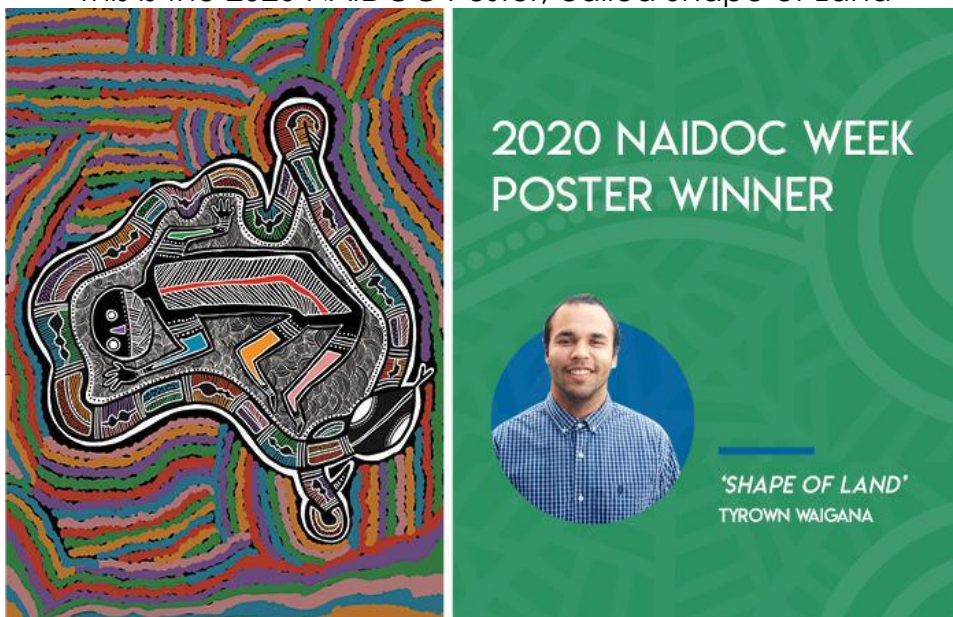
NAIDOC week is where all Australians celebrate Aboriginal culture and the achievements of Aboriginal people.

The theme for this year's NAIDOC Week is: Always Was, Always Will Be

This recognises that Aboriginal people have occupied and cared for this country for over 65,000 years.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists.

This is the 2020 NAIDOC Poster, called Shape of Land



“Shape of Land” tells the story of how the Rainbow Serpent came out of the Dreamtime to create this land.

On the poster, there is a snake and it forms the shape of Australia, which shows how it created our lands.



The rainbow colours on the Rainbow Serpent, and the Australia shape, shows a connection to country. The overlapping colours on the outside represents the Dreamtime.

The figure inside the shape of Australia is a representation of Indigenous Australians showing that this country, since the dawn of time . . . Always Was, Always Will Be - Aboriginal Land.

Welcome to Country

We share this land beneath our feet that we meet upon today,
with the traditional owners, the Guringai people, past present and
future.

We pay our respects to the ancestors
and shall always acknowledge their connection to the land

Always Was, Always Will Be. Aboriginal Land

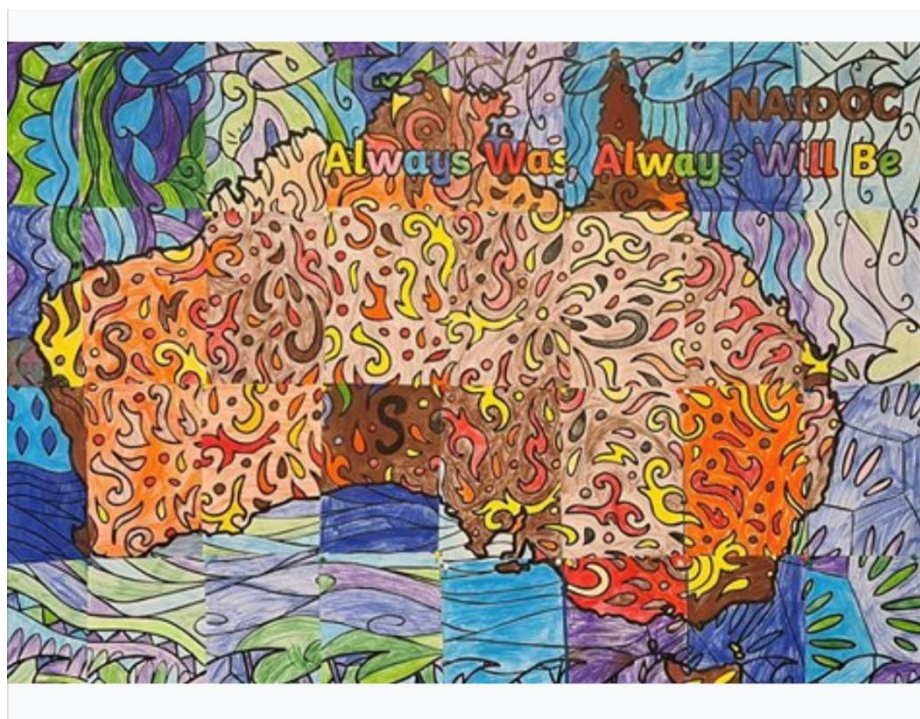
Written and Spoken by Ollie New

Collaborative Colouring

All classes worked on a collaborative colouring this week. There are 32 pieces of the picture that everyone had to help with. When all the pieces are put back together, it will create a map of Australia and our ocean with the words "NAIDOC - Always Was, Always Will Be"



Here is a completed version of the collaborative colouring. WOW!! They will look so awesome when every class has one done and hanging in the room.



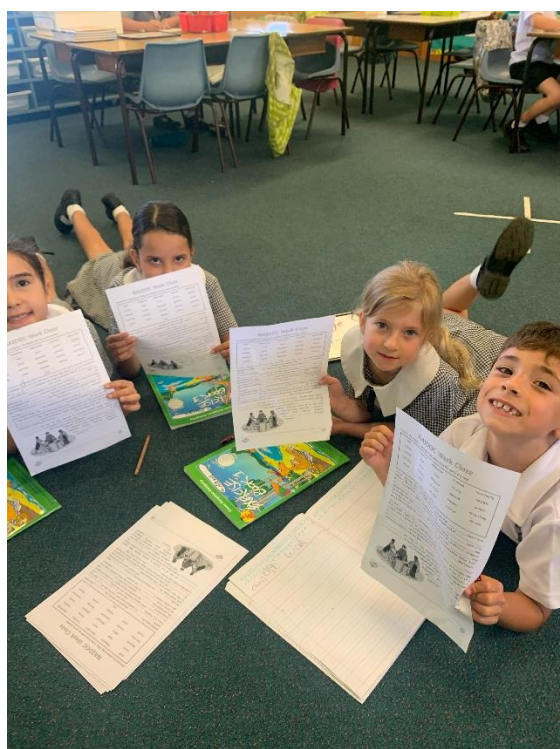
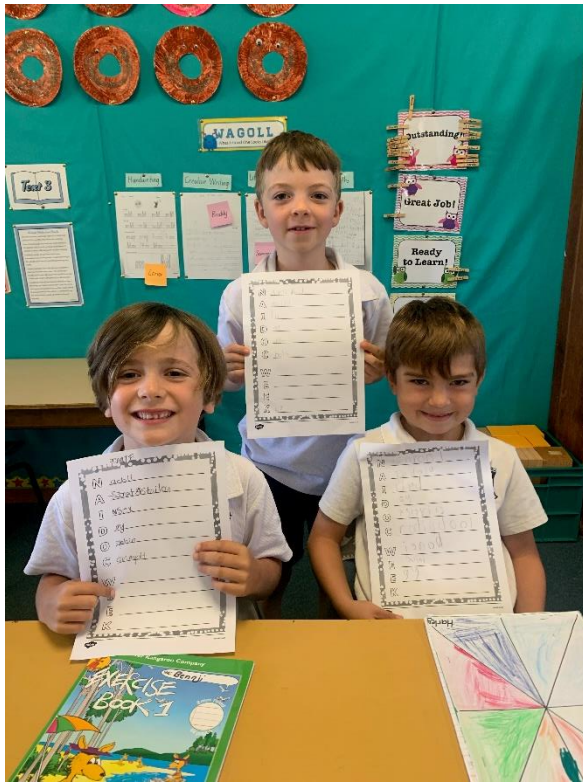
Indigenous Language

Some classes looked at words that we know and researched the same word in the Guringai language. The students were NOT allowed to write the English word on their work, but had to use their illustration to convey the meaning. Can you guess what all of these Guringai words are?



Reading Group Activities

Some classes aligned their learning with NAIDOC activities this week. We wrote some acrostic poems, read information about NAIDOC week and completed find-a-words, crosswords and cloze passages relating to information that we had learnt and we also drew lots of illustrations by following the drawing instructions.



Dreamtime Stories

We all heard some Dreamtime stories this week. We had to discuss the story and work out the message in the story. We had to sequence the story and put it back into the correct order. We had a comprehension activity based on the story. We also retold the story in our own words and created illustrations to support our story.

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Once there was a turtle and an echidna. They lived near a billabong. The green, shiny turtle and the brown echidna were running out of food.



2

So, the echidna went to find some food. The green, shiny turtle had to stay home. While the brown echidna was getting food, the green turtle was starving.



3

So the turtle ate the echidna's baby. The brown echidna said, "Oh no! You ate my baby!"



4

Then the echidna threw rocks at the turtle. So the turtle threw spear grass back at the echidna.



5

The turtle got a shell from the rocks and the spear grass turned into spines on the echidna. Then the turtle and echidna split up and they never saw each other again.

Visual Literacy

All of us have watched some new shows this week. All the shows have Aboriginal people as the main characters. One of our favourites was Little J and Big Cuz. Some of us looked at the Acknowledgement of Country on Play School as well.



Go to www.littlejandbigcuz.com.au to watch more episodes

K-2 NAIDOC WEEK RESOURCE <https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/shows/play-school/play-school-acknowledgement-of-country/11382434>



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Acknowledgement of Country

Luke, Miranda and Hunter give an Acknowledgement...

Colouring-In Competition

Everyone in year 1 and 2 participated in a NAIDOC colouring-in competition. They are all hanging up in the library. They are being looked at this afternoon. I think we will find out the results tomorrow!!!!



