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Together We Live

Wednesday 19th July 2023

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS 24 - 28 July, 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories, and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living culture on earth. As this week occurs during our school holidays, we will be acknowledging this important time during Week 2, of Term 3.

Teaching and Learning

Throughout the week students will be engaging in a variety of lessons focused on building understanding of our First Nations people and culture. Lessons will range from engaging with books, discussions, visual arts and music.

Mufti Day Wednesday 26th July



Students are asked to bring in a <u>gold coin</u> donation which will go towards raising funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The foundation works to address the educational disadvantages faced by Indigenous Australian children and young people by providing access to books and literacy programs.

Students are encouraged to wear colours from the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flags and/or clothing that celebrates First Nations culture. These colours are red, black, yellow, green, blue or white.

Koori Kinnections Incursion Thursday 27th July

To assist students in developing their understanding of First Nations culture and to support this year's theme of 'For Our Elders', students will be attending a cultural session with Koori Kinnections. The session will explore Aboriginal tools and resources, where students will learn about Aboriginal culture, history, the environment, plants, shelter and sustainability.

Each class will participate in a 30 minute lesson with a guest speaker in the school hall. The cost of the incursion has been paid by the school.

Thank you for your support.

Koori Kinnections

Mrs Thomas NAIDOC Week Coordinator Mrs Bentley Principal

