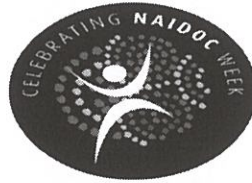




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Friday 11 June 2021



**HEAL
COUNTRY!**
4-11 JULY 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAIDOC Week is celebrated across Australia each year to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. The NAIDOC 2021 theme is Heal Country! It calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction. NAIDOC Week falls in the school holidays so our school will be celebrating with a day of activities on **Wednesday 23 June**. There is **no cost to participate** in the day.

Our NAIDOC celebration will start in our own classes until recess. We will meet in the hall after recess for an Acknowledgement of Country and introduction to the day. Infants students (K-2) will then participate in traditional Aboriginal Games and pebble painting. These pebbles will be placed in our dry riverbed in our Aboriginal garden. Students will also listen to stories and learn about the history of the Nepean River and its important role in the lives of local Aboriginal people. **No permission note is needed for infants students.**

Primary students (3-6) will be creating Aboriginal inspired artworks and participate in a Bush Tucker talk by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. This may involve touching and tasting plants and bark. If students have allergies or if you have a concern about the Bush Tucker Talk, please list them on the form below. **Primary students must return the permission form to touch or taste the plants during the Bush Tucker talk.** Primary students who do not return the note can still observe the Bush Tucker talk.

All students are invited to **wear the colours of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flags on the day**. These colours are red, yellow, black, blue, green and white. Please remember that all clothing should be warm and comfortable. Enclosed shoes must be worn. No midriff tops, thongs or sandals are to be worn.

Yours sincerely,

Freda Walker
Aboriginal Education Coordinator

Jason Clarke
Principal

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION-Primary students (3-6) please return to class teacher.

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to participate in the Bush Tucker Talk on **Wednesday 23 June 2021**. I understand that my child may have the opportunity to touch and taste the plants or bark. I understand that this talk is conducted by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. The following are special/medical needs of my child that need to be considered:

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____ Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____