

**Newsletter 17th September****ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY**

Here is the Earth, here is the sky, here are my friends and here am I.

Thank you to the oceans, animals and plants. Thank you to the sun, moon and rain.

Thank you to our creator. And thank you to the Bindal and Wulgurukaba people whose land we play and learn on all day.

I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians and their elder's past, present and emerging. By God's grace we are one in spirit and united in His love.

Message from Mrs Henaway and Miss Archie

We celebrated our NAIDOC Day on Friday 11th September. This year was a little different because we couldn't have our families at school to enjoy the celebrations with us. The theme for this year is "*Always Was, Always Will Be*". The theme refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples being the first inhabitants of this land and will continue to be.

The day began with a short march and then assembling on the grass in front of the stage in the high school amphitheatre. This was followed by prayer and speeches from our Principal, Executive Manager, Pastor and our school leaders. Then each class performed beautifully on the stage. The students and staff enjoyed a lunch of a sausage sizzle or stew or curry, followed by yummy damper and syrup.

The day was completed by activities and amusements in the primary area. A big thank you to all staff and students who made this event possible and a SUCCESS!

Have a blessed and safe holidays. See you all in term 4!

**TERM 4 DATES:**

First day of Term 4 - *Wednesday 7 October*

Last day of Term 4 - *Thursday 3 December*





Lower Primary danced to "Pharaoh Pharaoh" with Pastor Andy

Prep, Year 1 and High School performed "Taba Naba"



Our talented staff face painted over 40 kids!

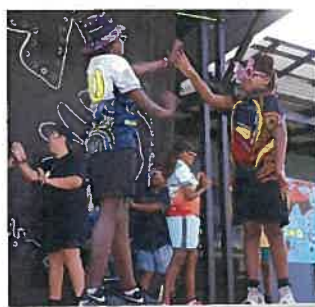


The 20m Rock Climbing wall was a HUGE highlight!

The big slide was a hit!



Yr 4/5 performed the story of "How the birds got their colour"



..if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
2 Chronicles 5:17

Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent 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.



Yr 3/4 performing with Miss Maltby!

A special photo of our march from above with a drone

