



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to *Next*

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Reconciliation Week Liturgy





We acknowledge the Wurundjeri
People of the Kulin Nations as the
Traditional Custodians of this land
where we **play, learn** and **grow**.

Play - hand roll
Learn - head tap
Grow - hand stack



We pay our respects to the Elders
past, present and **emerging** and
recognise those who continue to
protect and promote Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander **cultures**.

Past - Thumbs back over shoulder

Present - small sweep with hand outwards

Emerging - Hands pointed forwards

Protect - Hands crossed over chest

Culture - one hand tap heart

We will care for the **land, sky** and **waterways**.

We will protect the animals and plants from the **tops of the trees** to the **roots of the earth**.

Land - hand/arm sweep low

Sky - Hand/arm sweep high

Waterways - hands together and waves

Tops of the trees - Tinkle fingers up high

Roots of the Earth - Hands flat down low





We are honored to gather in this special place to continue our **learning journey together.**

Learning Journey - Hands/arms crossed around waists
Together - Open arms wide

Opening Prayer



Loving God,
You call us to walk together in truth, in
justice, and in love.

As we gather this week to reflect on
reconciliation, open our eyes to see the
dignity in every person.

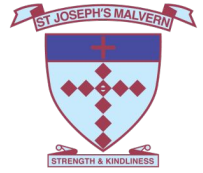
Open our ears to hear the stories of First
Nations Peoples.

And open our hearts to the work still to be
done.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Scripture Reading

















Scripture Reading



Ben – Reflection:

This story shows us how much God loves everyone.

Even if we do something wrong or feel far away from God, He still cares about us.

God is like the shepherd who looks for the lost sheep—He never gives up.

When we come back to God, He is so happy!

We are all special to God, and He wants us to love others just like He loves us.



Prayers of the Faithful



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Coco - For the Church:

We pray for the Church—that it may be a voice of truth and healing in our nation. May Church leaders and communities continue to walk with First Nations Peoples in a spirit of listening, love, and justice.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayers of the Faithful



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Franco - For Our Leaders:

We pray for leaders in government and society. May they have the courage to face our shared history, to act justly, and to support reconciliation with integrity and compassion.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayers of the Faithful



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Harry Stanney - For Our School:

We pray for our school community.
May we always be a place of
welcome, respect, and inclusion. May
we learn from Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander cultures and be
inspired to act for justice.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayers of the Faithful



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Mathias - For Reconciliation:

We pray for reconciliation in our country. May it be more than words—may it be lived through truth-telling, action, and commitment.

Now more than ever, may we walk together in hope.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayers of the Faithful



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Harry Salaj – Personal Prayer:

We take a quiet moment to offer our own prayer—for healing, for peace, or for someone who needs our care.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.



Bart – Closing Prayer:

Let us pray.

God of peace,

May we go forth with renewed hearts,

Committed to justice,

Open to truth,

And ready to walk in solidarity

With the First Peoples of this land.

Help us to be your hands and feet in the world—

Bringing light where there is darkness,

And unity where there is division.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Can you please all join me in the sign of the cross...



Evelyn – Final Message:

Reconciliation is not a one-week event.

It is a lifelong journey.

Let us take what we have heard today into
our hearts and lives—

So that our actions may speak louder than
our words.

Franco - Song

As we go forth, we sing together: "**My Shepherd**"—a song that reminds us we are never alone. God walks with us through all things, guiding us toward peace and reconciliation





Join in!



**Thank you for joining
us today!**

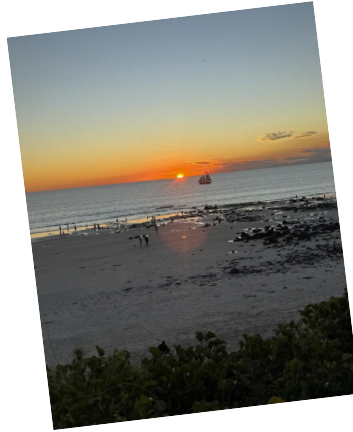
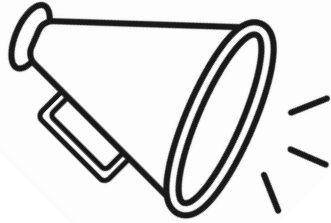


STAR AWARDS

happy
BIRTHDAY



Check in, with the Prin!



Melbourne to Broome



Flying to Broome



St John of God Heritage Centre



Holy Rosary Derby



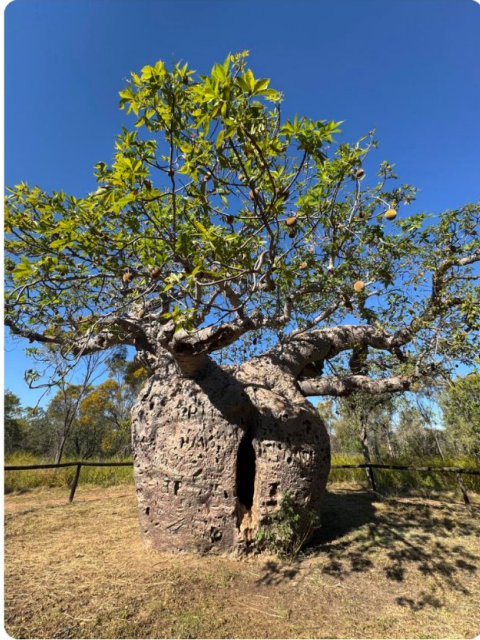
Holy Rosary Derby



The Red Dirt in Derby



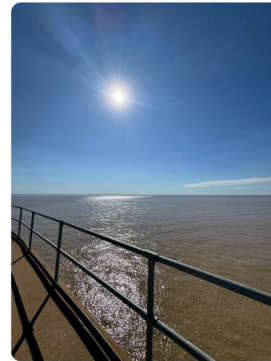
The Famous Boab Trees



SITE OF SIGNIFICANCE
The significance of the Prison Boab Tree derives from its
ancient use as a rest point for police & escorted Aboriginal
prisoners en route to Enry, and principally its prior but less
widely known connection with Aboriginal traditional religious
belief.
The Prison Boab Tree attracts many visitors.
The fence was erected out of respect for the religious
significance of the Prison Boab Tree and to prevent pedestrian
traffic from compacting the soil around its roots.
This site is protected under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.
Please be advised that unauthorised entry beyond the
perimeter fence is prohibited.
Note also that snakes are known to inhabit the tree.



The Pier in Derby



Beagle Bay Church



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Beagle Bay School and Church



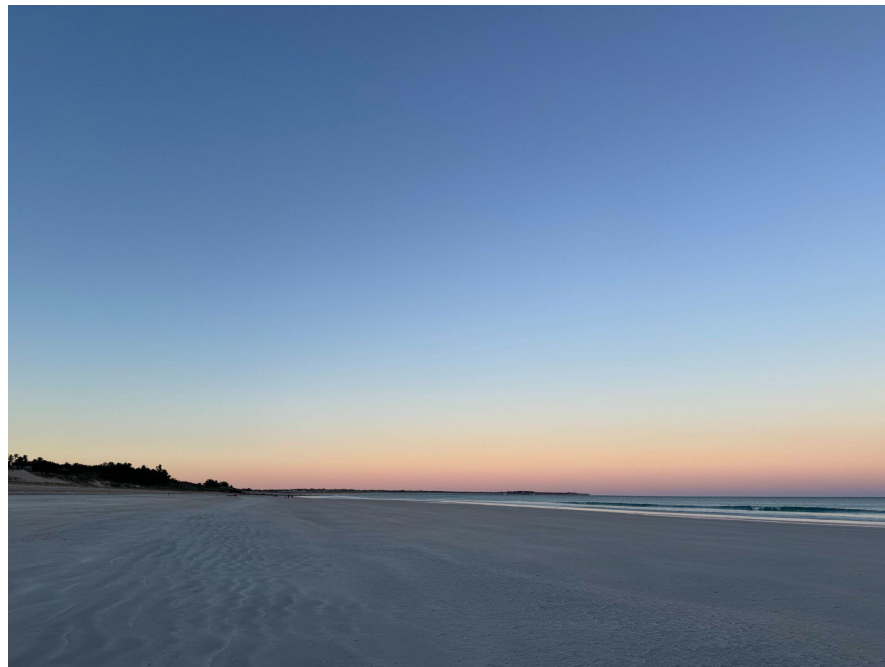
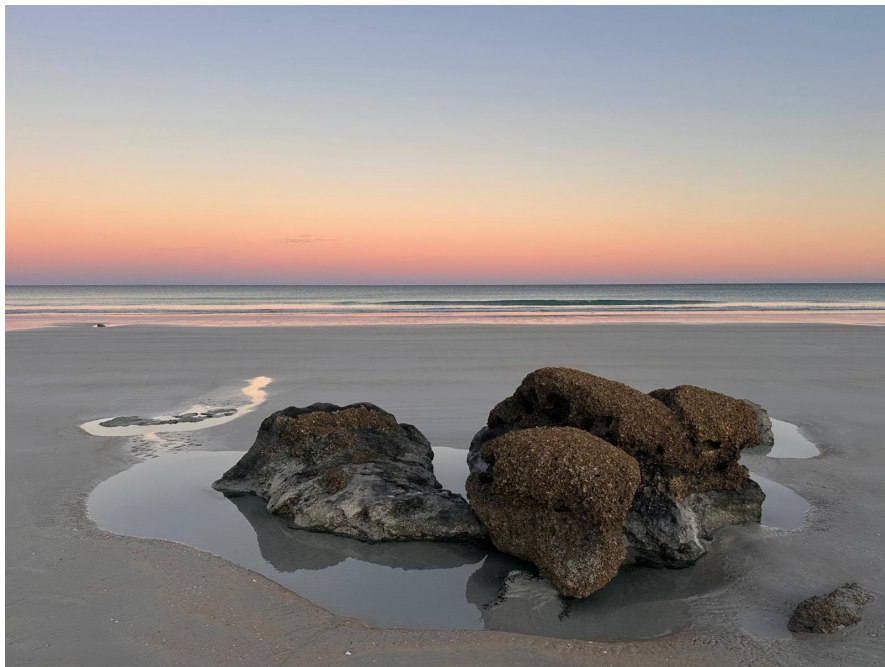
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The Beach at Broome



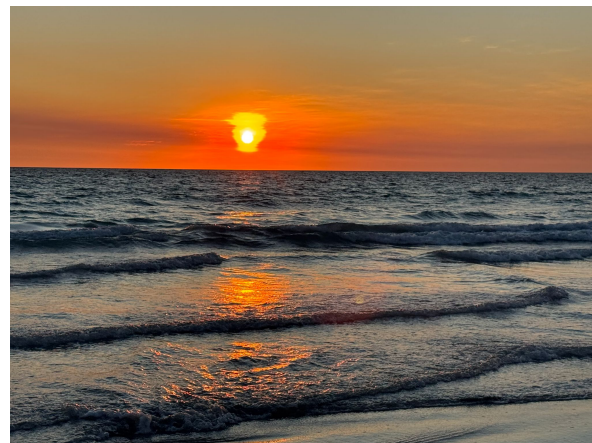
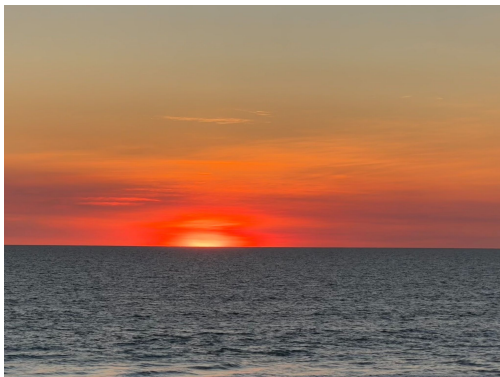
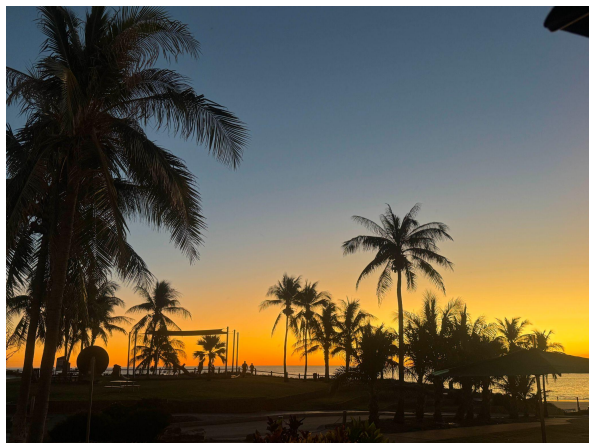
The Camels in Broome



The beautiful sunrises...



.... and sunsets



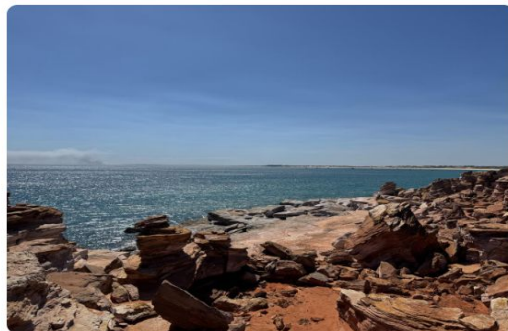
Swimming with the dolphins...



... and turtles



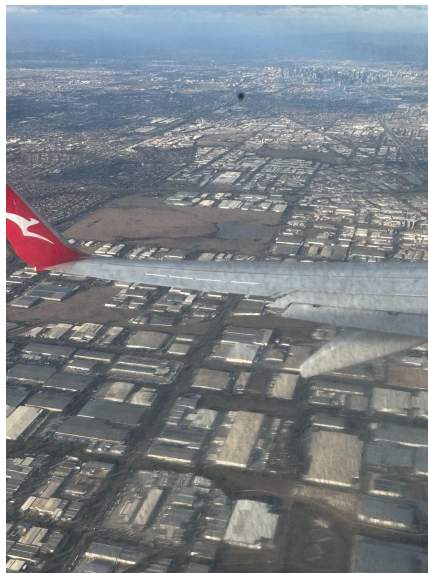
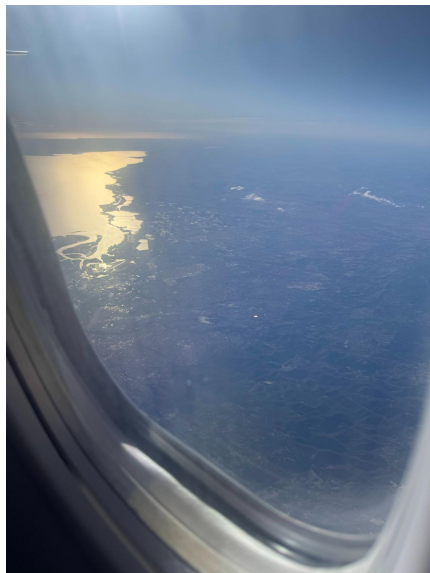
Dinosaur Walk at Gantheaume Point



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The plane trip back home to Melbourne



Reconciliation



God's love for us, a love for
God, and a love for each other

Congratulations to Ms Correy on her Wedding!



