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United Nations (UN) observances 2022

The United Nations observes designated international days, weeks, years and decades, each with a theme or topic. These observances contribute to the achievement of the purposes of the UN Charter and promote awareness of and action on important political, social, cultural, humanitarian or human rights issues. They provide a useful means for the promotion of international and national action and stimulate interest in United Nations activities and programs. Many of the themes are relevant to the school curriculum and community and can be observed at school and/or used as focal points in lesson planning.

For more information on the following years and decades see the UN website.



2022 - International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture

2022 - International Year of Glass

International decades currently observed by the United Nations include:

2022 – 2032 International Decade of Indigenous Languages

2021 – 2030 United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

2021 – 2030 International Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

2019 – 2028 Nelson Mandela Decade of Peace United Nations Decade of Family Farming

2018 – 2028 International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development"

2018 – 2027 Third United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

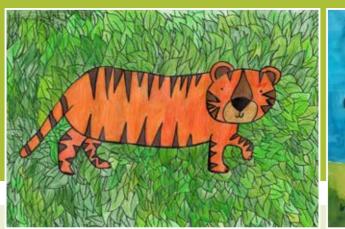
2016 – 2025 United Nations Decade of Action on Nutrition

2014 – 2024 United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All

The Lunar Calendar and the Year of the Tiger and the Tasmanian Tiger

The Lunar New Year 4720 will be celebrated on 1 February 2022, the first day after the new (dark) moon. It celebrates Xin Nian, the Chinese New Year, Solnal, the Korean New Year, Tết, the Vietnamese New Year and also Losar, the New Year celebrations for Tibet, Nepal and Bhutan. Traditionally Shōgatsu, the Japanese New Year was also celebrated on this date but since 1873, the official Japanese New Year has been celebrated according to the Gregorian calendar, on January 1 of each year. In most of these nations the Gregorian calendar is used for civil purposes but the lunar calendar is used to determine festivals and auspicious dates such as weddings and moving house.

This lunar new year is based on the traditional Chinese Agricultural Calendar which is lunisolar, primarily lunar



Hayley Lam

Edward Song

Languages for 2022

January

Dinka (Thuɔŋjäŋ) is a Nilotic language. It is spoken mainly in southern Sudan by about 3.5 million Dinka people who are the major ethnic group of South Sudan. They live in the central regions along the White Nile and its tributaries. Civil war displaced over 2 million people which created a Dinka Diaspora in Europe, North America and Australia. There are five major dialects which are more or less mutually intelligible. A number of methods for writing Dinka using the Latin alphabet were developed by missionaries during the 19th and 20th centuries. The current Latin orthography is derived from the alphabet developed for the southern Sudanese languages at a language conference in 1928.

There are 313 students from Dinka speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.

February

Bengali (Bangla বাংলা) is an eastern Indo-Aryan language with around 270 million speakers mainly in Bangladesh, but also in the Indian states of West Bengal, Tripura and South Assam. There are some differences in pronunciation and vocabulary between the Bengali of Bangladesh and the Bengali spoken in India. Bengali is the national and official language of Bangladesh, and one of the official languages of India. It is also spoken in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Bengali script dating from the 11th century is derived from Brahmi, one of the two ancient Indian scripts and is written from left to right.

On February 21 each year the United Nations' International Mother Language Day celebrates worldwide language diversity and the right of all people to speak their mother tongue. It also commemorates the killing, on February 21, 1952, of four Bangladeshi students who were campaigning to have their mother language, Bengali, officially recognised in Bangladesh then the eastern state of Pakistan. An International Mother Language Day monument was erected in Ashfield Park in Sydney in 2006. The inscription reads "We will remember the martyrs of 21st February" in English and Bengali. There are also words in five alphabets to represent mother languages on the five continents.

There are around 6,572 students from Bengali speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.

March

Urdu (اودرا) is an Indo-Aryan language with about 230 million speakers, including those who speak it as a second language. It is the national language of Pakistan and is an official language in five Indian states. It is closely related to and mutually intelligible with Hindi, although much Urdu vocabulary comes from Persian and Arabic, while Hindi contains more vocabulary from Sanskrit. Urdu is also spoken in Nepal, Bangladesh and Afghanistan and by the diaspora in many other countries including the UK, Australia and Fiji.

Urdu has been written horizontally from right to left with a version of the Perso-Arabic script since the 12th century. The word Urdu is Turkish for 'foreign' or 'horde'. There are around 7,850 students from Urdu speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.

April

Hazaraghi ($\tilde{J}_{\mathcal{S}}$) is a variety of Persian spoken mainly by the Hazari people in the Hazarajat region of central Afghanistan. There are also Hazaraghi speakers in Pakistan, Iran, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan as well as North America, Europe and Australia. Within Afghan culture, Hazaras are famous for their music and poetry and the proverbs from which their poetry stems. The Hazaras have faced centuries of persecution in Afghanistan and Iran. There are about 9 million speakers of Hazaraghi worldwide. Hazaraghi is classified by some linguists as an eastern dialect of Persian, and by others as a separate language. It is closely related to and mutually intelligible with Dari. Unlike Dari, Hazaraghi has many loanwords from Mongolian. July or thereabouts was winter, Magarawangga, when fur cloaks were worn for warmth. Traditionally, possum-skin cloaks started as a single skin to wrap a newborn baby and then added to over time. They were illustrated with stories of the life, clan and country of their owners. Following white settlement and the introduction of woollen blankets the tradition of making cloaks was largely discontinued although their traditional significance endures.

For almost a century, the Ngunnawal language has not been spoken fluently. Today the Ngaiyuriija Ngunnawal Language Group, comprised of a number of Ngunnawal family groups are revitalising their language. Language thought lost is being rediscovered through journals, tapes and the words held and shared by Elders. Australia's capital, Canberra, is the word for 'meeting place' in the Ngunnawal language. 'Our Ngunnawal language links family and community to our homelands. Our language is the key to all our relationships and how we interact with each other.' Caroline Hughes, Ngunnawal Elder

August

Hindi (हनि्दी) is an Indo-Aryan language with about 600 million speakers, 350 million of whom are native speakers. There are also significant numbers of Hindi speakers amongst the diaspora in South Africa, Mauritius, Fiji, Suriname, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago and Nepal. In Fiji people of Indian origin speak Hindi, and in some areas the Fijian people are also fluent. Hindi and English are the official languages of India. Hindi is written horizontally from left to right using the Devanāgarī alphabet which developed from the Brahmi script in the 11th century. There are more than 14,200 students from Hindi speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.

September

Greek (elinika ελληνικά) belongs to the Hellenic branch of the Indo-European language family and has been spoken in the Balkan Peninsular since around the 3rd millennium BCE, or possibly earlier. Today Greek is spoken by about 13 million people mainly in Greece and Cyprus, where it is an official language as well as in the many other countries of the Greek diaspora. Greek is also recognised as a minority language in parts of Italy and in Albania, Armenia, Romania and Ukraine. Greek was first written in Mycenaean Greek between about 1500 and 1200 BCE and in Crete between about 1200 and 300 BCE. The earliest written evidence is a clay tablet that dates to between 1450 and 1350 BCE, making Greek the world's oldest recorded living language. The Greek alphabet has been in continuous use since about 750 BCE. It was developed from the Canaanite / Phoenician alphabet. Today the Greek alphabet is only used to write Greek, however at various times in the past it has been used to write other languages including Hebrew, Arabic, Albanian and Turkish. There are around 7,600 students from Greek speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.

October

Vietnamese (tiếng việt) is an Austroasiatic tonal language spoken by more than 90 million people mainly in Vietnam. There are also Vietnamese speakers in many countries including the USA, China, Cambodia, France, Australia, Laos and Canada. Vietnamese has been the official language of Vietnam since the country gained independence from France in 1954.

Vietnamese was originally written with a Siniform (Chinese-like) Chữ-nôm script until the 17th century when Roman Catholic missionaries introduced a Latin-based orthography, Quốc Ngữ (national language), which has been used ever since. There are more than 17,000 students from Vietnamese speaking backgrounds in NSW

but partially solar, guided by the movement of the moon as well as the sun. It is commonly called the lunar calendar.

The Chinese lunar calendar is associated with the Chinese zodiac, which has 12 animal signs: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. Each animal represents a year in a 12 year cycle, beginning on Lunar New Year's Day. There are many legends concerning the choice and order of the animals and their characteristics which are said to be imparted to people born in their year. This year is the year of the Tiger.

The Australian Chinese Zodiac was developed by the Chinese Precinct Chamber of Commerce in Australia to promote understanding between Chinese and Australian cultures. Animals from the traditional zodiac have been matched to native animals according to their perceived similar characteristics. This year the Tiger is matched to the extinct Tasmanian tiger.

For the complete Australian Chinese Zodiac visit www.australianchinesezodiac.com.au

Tiger 虎

¹ The tiger is noted for its sensitive and deep thinking personality. It is also capable of great empathy. 极富同理心,个性沉稳,并乐于关怀同情。

Tasmanian Tiger 塔斯 曼尼亚虎

The Tasmanian tiger, a dearly missed mammal, was thought to be cunning, highly intelligent and quite empathetic.

已经灭绝的动物,人们总讹传其聪明狡诈的特性。其实,塔斯曼尼亚虎对同伴常展现出难以想象的关怀和同情。



Cover artwork

Oscar Elliot – Y1 – La Perouse Public School – Bidjigal Country **Many words, many sounds, one meaning...fish!** This works relates to an appreciation of the world we live in which is as varied in its cultures and languages as the ocean is varied in the life it holds.

Inside Cover

Hayley Lam – Y5 – Normanhurst Public School – Guringai Country The peaceful year of the tiger

Edward Song – Y4 – Strathfield North Public School – Wangal Country Lunar calendar: Tiger's year

Sarang Lee – Y5/6 – Enfield Public School – Wangal Country *Tiger Adventure*

Indira Ilankeeran – Y1 – Excelsior Public School – Darug Country Tiger, tiger burning bright Hazaraghi is written from right to left in horizontal lines using the Persian script. Numerals are written from left to right.

There are about 513 students from Hazaraghi speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.

May

Italian (italiano) is a Romance language spoken by about 68 million people in Italy, Switzerland, San Marino, Vatican City, Malta and Eritrea. There are also Italian speakers in North and South America, the UK and Australia. There was no standard written or spoken Italian until the 14th century when the Tuscan (Florence) dialect was used in political and cultural circles throughout Italy, though Latin remained the literary language until the 16th century. Today the Tuscan dialect is known as Italian and is the official language of Italy. Each region of Italy also has its own dialect, some of which are so distinct from standard Italian that they are mutually unintelligible. There more than 5,500 students from Italian speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.

June

Russian (русский язык) is an Eastern Slavic language spoken mainly in Russia by about 260 million people, 153 million of whom are native speakers. Russian is an official language in Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, and in a number of other countries, territories and international organisations, including Tajikistan, Moldova, South Ossetia, and the UN. It is also recognised as a minority language in Romania, Finland, Norway, Armenia, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The earliest known writing in Russian dates from the 10th century. Russian is written using the Cyrillic alphabet.

There are more than 3,000 students from Russian speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.

July

July's language is Ngunnawal which belongs to the Southern tablelands Yuin group of the Pama-Nyungan family of Australian languages.

At the time of European settlement there were an estimated 250 distinct Aboriginal languages in Australia. Over half of these are no longer used. Many of those remaining are spoken fluently by only a few Elders and face extinction without urgent steps being taken to record them.

Ngunnawal is the language of the Ngunnawal people who, when first encountered by European settlers in the 1820s, lived in the area which now includes Canberra, Queanbeyan and Yass. Ngunnawal Country is roughly bounded by the New South Wales towns of Braidwood, Boorowa, Goulburn and Tumut. This area has a harsh climate which at times would impact food resources.

Ngunnawal people had complex seasonal calendars with detailed knowledge of the positions of stars and constellations as well as the changing weather patterns, animal behaviours and plant availability. This knowledge, gained over thousands of years, was used to sustainably modify the environment to enhance the availability of food and medicines.

government schools.

November

Japanese (日本語) is spoken by around 126 million people mainly in Japan but also in other countries including Australia. Japanese has no known linguistic relatives, being only possibly distantly related to the Altaic family of languages which includes Korean, Mongolian and Turkic languages. Japanese is not related to Chinese, although perhaps 50% of the words used in Japanese are of Chinese origin. Written Japanese uses two syllabic scripts, hiragana and katakana, and a phonetic script, kanji and can be written from right to left in vertical columns or left to right in horizontal lines. Horizontal writing was first used during the Meiji Period (1868-1912) in Western language dictionaries of Japanese. Today both orientations are used.

There are around 3,720 students from Japanese speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.

December

Karen (ෆාඵ්ෆීුර්) is a group of tonal languages spoken by around 7 million Karen people in Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Thailand. The Karen languages are thought to be related to the Tibeto-Burman language family. There are three main languages of Karen: Pa'o, Pwo and Sgaw. They are spoken by the Karen people who live mainly in Karen State in the south and southeast of Myanmar but also in Thailand, India and other South-East Asian countries. Because of persecution in Myanmar there are about 140,000 Karen refugees living in camps in Thailand, and about 50,000 Karen refugees who have been resettled in North America, Australia, and some European countries. Written Karen uses the Burmese script.

There are approximately 223 students from Karen speaking backgrounds in NSW government schools.



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A poster is attached to the calendar. It displays the word 'Welcome' in our many community languages. It is designed for display in the classroom and around the school to help promote an inclusive anti-racism ethos in the school community.

Schools are invited to submit student artwork celebrating cultural diversity for the 2023 theme: **Creating Connections** by Friday 12 August 2022. 2023 is the year of the rabbit and, according to the Australian Chinese Zodiac, the platypus.

Information regarding the submission of artwork is available via the Department of Education website

education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/multicultural-education/culture-anddiversity/calendar-for-cultural-diversity or

email: culturaldiversitycalendar@det.nsw.edu.a

Teaching and learning activities

Information to support intercultural understanding and build knowledge about cultural diversity is available via the Department of Education website education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/ curriculum/multicultural-education/culture-and-diversity/calendar-for-cultural-diversity

- For additional resources teachers may visi
- www.racismnoway.com.au
- www.roads-to-refuge.com.
 - alltogethernow.org.au/
- Nounnawal Country and Language:
- www.act.gov.au/ngunnawal-count
- aiatsis.gov.au/explore/living-langua
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Note

Dates and events printed in the calendar are confirmed at the time of press. *Events marked with an asterisk indicate that the date may be subject to change; or that there may be regional and/or denominational differences in when the event is observed.

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January

Sophia Elahmad - Year 4 - Bankstown West Public School - Darug Country, Eora Nation

Tree of diversity

"Tree of Diversity" depicts a world of people from all different walks of life. We are all connected together by nature and our environment. The tree in my artwork signifies a natural symbol of growth, life and unity. The leaves in my artwork represent the different cultures united in this life.

This month's community language is Dinka Akoithii

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
Kol de tok	Kol de rou	Kol de diak	Kol de nguan	Kol de dhich	Kol de dhetem	Kol de dhourou	1 January	Liberation Day – Cuba Independence Day – Haiti
31 National Day – Nauru					New Year's Day Ganjitsu (Japan)	2	1 Jan* - 31 Dec* 6 January 6 – 30 January 16 January 26 January 29 January	National Day – Sudan Badu Gili Nollaig na mBan (Little Women's Christmas – Ireland) Sydney Festival Candelo Show Australia Day celebrations Lunar New Year celebrations Saigon Place, Bankstown
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	29 Jan – 13 Feb	City of Sydney Lunar Festival
	World Braille Day (UN) Independence Day –	Twelfth Night (Christian) Birth Anniversary of Guru	Christmas Day (Armenian Orthodox Christian)	Christmas Day (Orthodox Christian)			Milestones	
	Republic of the Union of Myanmar	Gobind Singh Ji (Sikh)	Three Kings Day (Christian)				1 January 9 January	Federation of Australia formed 1901 Final convict transportation to Australia (Western Australia) 1868
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16 January	First group of free settlers arrived at Port Jackson 1793
Bodhi Day*			Maghi* (Sikh cultural festival)	Orthodox New Year		World Religion Day	22 January	Australia signed the United Nations Convention on Refugees 1954
			lestival)	(Christian)			26 January	Nationality and Citizens Act created status of 'Australian Citizen' 1948
Martin Luther King Day (USA)	18 Mahayana New Year* (Buddhist - Mahayana tradition)	19	20	21	22	23		
24 International Day of Education (UN)	225 Robert Burns Day (Scotland)	26 Australia Day Survival Day	27 International Holocaust Remembrance Day (UN)	28 Term 1 begins (Eastern Division)	29	30	NSW GOVERNMENT	



February

Anja Wegrzyn - Year 5 - Earlwood Public School - Eora Nation

The two tigers

The 2022 lunar calendar zodiac sits alongside its Australian equivalent within a yin yang symbol to represent the two in balance and harmony. The theme 'In My Language' is tied in with the character for tiger and the aboriginal word for Tasmanian Tiger, 'Coorinna'.

This month's community language is Bengali

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
সন্যেবার	মঙ্গলবার	বুধবার	বৃহস্পতবাির		শনবাির	রববাির	1 – 7 February 1 February	World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN) Lunar New Year celebrations
	Lunar New Year – Year of the Tiger/Tasmanian Tiger	2 Groundhog Day (USA) World Wetlands Day	3	Term 1 begins (western division)	5 Vasant Panchami* (Hindu)	6 Waitangi Day – New Zealand	4 February 11 – 13 February 12 – 13 February	Losar – Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan Solnal – Korea Tết – Vietnam Xin Nian – China Independence Commemoration Day – Sri Lanka Glen Innes Show Crookwell Show
Independence Day –	Safer Internet Day	St Maroun's Feast Day	10	International Day of	12	13 World Radio Day (UN)	17 February 19 – 20* February	Discovery Day – Lord Howe Island (1788) Lunar New Year, Freedom Plaza, Cabramatta
Grenada	Saler Internet Day	(Maronite Christian)		Women and Girls in Science (UN)		World Radio Day (ON)	Milestones	
							7 February	Colony of New South Wales formally proclaimed 1788
14 St Valentine's Day	15 Yuan Xiao/Lantern Festival (China) National Day – Serbia	Magha Puja Day (Buddhist – Theravada tradition) Independence Day – Lithuania	Banjo Patersons' Birthday Independence Day – Kosovo	18 Independence Day – The Gambia	19	200 World Day of Social Justice (UN)	13 February 15 February 18 February	Australian Government apology to Indigenous Australians 2008 Current NSW state flag adopted 1876 First school in the NSW Colony opened 1793
21 International Mother Language Day (UN)	222 National Day – Saint Lucia	23 National Day – Brunei Darussalam National Day – Guyana Emperor's Birthday (Japan)	24 St Vartan's Day (Armenian Christian) Independence Day - Estonia	25 National Day – Kuwait	26	27 Independence Day – Dominican Republic		
28							NSW GOVERNMENT	



Smitha Sathyanarayanan – Year 6 – Baulkham Hills North Public School – Darug Country Many languages one root Much like our ancestries and histories of our families, there is a diverse history between all the languages in the world. The branches of the many languages in our world portray the bond between languages and family. We are all one. We all speak a diverse amount of languages, but deep down, we are all the same.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
پيو	منگل	بُده	جمعرات	جمعه	بفته	اتوار	1 March	Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day (Christian) Maha Shivaratri* (Hindu)
	First day of Autumn St David's Day (Wales)	22 Ash Wednesday – Lent begins (Christian)	3 World Wildlife Day (UN) National Day (Bulgaria)	Schools Clean Up Day World Day of Prayer (Ecumenical Christian)	5	Clean Up Australia Day Independence Day – Ghana Foundation Day – Norfolk Island	1 – 31 March 4 – 5 March 5 – 13 March 12 March 12 – 13 March 13 March	Isra and Mi'raj /Night Journey* (Muslim) Bandaged Bear Appeal, Children's Hospital at Westmead `Celebrating the diversity of the kids we support' Boorowa Show SeaWeek Binda Picnic Races Thirlmere Festival of Steam Greek Fest, Darling Harbour
Clean Monday – Orthodox Lent begins (Christian)	8 International Women's Day (UN)	9	100 Selective High School Placement Test	11	122 National Day, Mauritius	13	14 March 14 – 18 March 15 – 21 March 18 March – 10 April 20 March 21 March	Sydney Children's Festival, Darling Harbour* Independence Day – Tunisia World Poetry Day (UNESCO)
Pi Day (Mathematics) Commonwealth Day Canberra Day Nanakshahi New Year Day (Sikh)	15 Ides of March	16	St Patrick's Day (Ireland) Purim/Festival of Lots (Jewish)	18 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence	19 St Joseph's Feast Day (Maronite Christian) Holi* (Hindu) Hola Mohalla (Sikh cultural festival)	200 French Language Day (UN) International Day of Happiness (UN)	21 – 27 26 March – 3 April 27 March	International Day of Nowruz (UN International Day of Forests (UN) Independence Day – Namibia Naw-Rúz (New Year Bahá'í) Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination NSW Seniors' Festival Beach2Beach Fun Run, Northern Beaches
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Milestones	
Autumn equinox Harmony Day International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN)	World Water Day (UN)	World Meteorological Day (UN) National Day – Pakistan	World Tuberculosis Day (WHO)	Independence Day – Greece	Independence Day – Bangladesh	Neighbour Day	25 March	Indigenous ex-servicemen granted voting rights 1949
28	29	30	31				NSW GOVERNMENT	

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This month's community language is Urdu





April

Stella Haynes – Year 2 – Cammeray Public School – Cammeraygal Country, Eora Nation **Kariong – Our meeting place** Kariong is our meeting place. It is the outdoor hub of the school. We meet as a whole scho

Salarah and she

This month's community language is Hazaraghi



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Monday دوشنبه	Tuesday سه شنبه	Wednesday چهارشنبه	Thursday پنجشنبه	Friday جمعه پ	Saturday شنبه	Sunday یکشنبه	1 – 2 April 1 April – 31 May	Camden Show Australian Heritage Festival
				April Fools' Day	22 Bundanoon is Brigadoon International Children's Book Day	B Daylight saving time ends Ramadan begins* (Muslim)	1 April – 30 June 2* April – 1 May 4 – 14 April 8 – 19 April 9 – 10 April 13 – 16 April	Red Shield Appeal Ramadan Nights, Lakemba National Youth Week Sydney Royal Easter Show Hunter Valley Steamfest, Maitland New Year Festivals: Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand (Songkran)
Independence Day – Senegal	5 Quingming/Tomb Sweeping Festival (China)	International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (UN)	World Health Day (WHO)	Term 1 ends Hana Matsuri (Buddhist – Japan)	9 Blessing of the Fleet, Ulladulla Harbour*	Palm Sunday (Christian) Rama Navami* (Hindu)	15 – 16 April 15 – 18 April 16 April 23 April 24 – 30 April 27 April	Maclean Highland Gathering National Folk Festival, Canberra Theravada New Year* (Buddhist – Theravada tradition) English Language Day (UN) Spanish Language Day (UN) World Immunisation Week (WHO) Freedom Day – South Africa
11	12 International Day of Human Space Flight	13 International Turban Day	Hindu Solar New Year* (Hindu) Khalsa Day - Vaisakhi (Sikh)	15 Good Friday (Christian)	16 Easter Saturday (Christian) First day of Passover (Jewish)	Easter Sunday (Christian) Independence Day – Syrian Arab Republic	28 April – 1 May 29 April – 1 May Milestones	Togolais National Day – Togo Australian Celtic Festival: Year of Brittany, Cornwall & Wales. Bathurst Royal Show
Easter Monday (Christian) World Heritage Day National Day – Zimbabwe	19	200 Chinese Language Day (UN) Ser Sal /Yazidi New Year (Yazidi)	21 First day of Ridvan (Bahá'í)	Orthodox Good/Holy Friday (Christian) International Mother Earth Day (UN)	23 St George's Day National Sovereignty and Children's Day (Turkey)	24 Orthodox Easter Sunday (Christian)	3 April 25 April 29 April	UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People endorsed by Australia 2009 The ANZACs landed at Gallipoli 1915 Captain Cook landed at Botany Bay 1770
25 ANZAC Day	26 Term 2 begins Union Day – United Republic of Tanzania	International Guide Dog Day King's Day (Netherlands) Independence Day – Sierra Leone	28 Laylatul Al Qadr/Night of Destiny (Muslim)	29 Ninth day of Ridvan (Bahá'í)	30 International Jazz Day (UNESCO)		NSW GOVERNMENT	

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**Regional customs or moon sightings may cause a variation of the date for Islamic holidays such as Ramadan. In some lunar calendars the day begins at sunset, so there may be a one-day error depending on when the New Moon is first seen.



May

Angela Dee – Year 8 – Carenne School – Wiradyuri Country Wambuwany sunset

s is my artwork of a Wambuwany which is the Wiradyuri name for kangaroo. Sometimes we see a mob of Wambuwany near our school, which is near Wahluu punt Panorama, Bathurst).

This month's community language is Italian Maggio

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
lunedi	martedi	mercoledi	giovedi	venerdi	sabato	domenica	1 – 31 May 5 May 4 – 6 March	RSPCA Million Paws Walk World Portuguese Language Day Cobargo Folk Festival
30	31 World No Tobacco Day (WHO)					May Day International Labour Day National Day – Marshall Islands	10 – 20 May 13 – 14 May 14 – 15 May 15 May 15 – 21 May	NAPLAN online test window The Riverina Field Days, Griffith Showgrounds St Ives Show, Sydney North Sydney Morning Herald Half Marathon, Sydney International Day of Families National Families Week
Cornflower Blue Day Twelfth day of Ridvan (Bahá'í)	Eid Al Fitr (Muslim) World Press Freedom Day (UNESCO) National Day – Poland	International Firefighters' Day World Asthma Day	5 Kodomo no Hi/Children's Day (Japan and South Korea) National Day – Israel	6 Stewart House Day	7	8 World Red Crescent Day World Red Cross Day	16 – 22 May 22 – 23 May 26 May 26 May – 10 July 27 May – 3 June	National Careers Week National Volunteer Week Sydney Writers' Festival Blacktown Medieval Fayre, Knox Road, Doonside Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Cancer Council Gai-Mariagal Festival (Northern Sydney region) National Reconciliation Week
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	27 May – 3 June 27 May – 18 June 28 – 29 May	Vivid Sydney Red Shield Doorknock Appeal* (The Salvation Army, Australia)
Europe Day (European Union)	National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) commences		International Nurses Day		National Day – Paraguay	Vesak/Buddha's Birthday (Buddhist – all traditions) 2584th Birth Anniversary of Gautama Buddha	Milestones 6 May	The Commonwealth Migration Act 1958 was amended, effectively dismantling the White Australia Policy 1966
16 International Day of Living Together in Peace United Nations Day of Vesak (UN)	International Day Against Homophobia Constitution Day – Norway	18 International Museum Day Dehba ad Demana (Mandaean)	19	220 World Bee Day (UN) National Day – Cameroon Restoration of Independence – Timor-Leste	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN)	222 International Day for Biological Diversity (UN) Unification Day – Yemen	22 May 27 May	Convict transportation to NSW ended 1840 The 1967 referendum removed discrimination against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
23	24 Independence Day – Eritrea Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í)	225 Africa Day (African Union) National Day – Argentina Independence Day – Jordan	266 National Sorry Day Public Education Day Ascension Day (Christian) National Day – Georgia	27	228 Republic Day – Azerbaijan National Day – Ethiopia National Day – Nepal	229 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)	NSW GOVERNMENT	



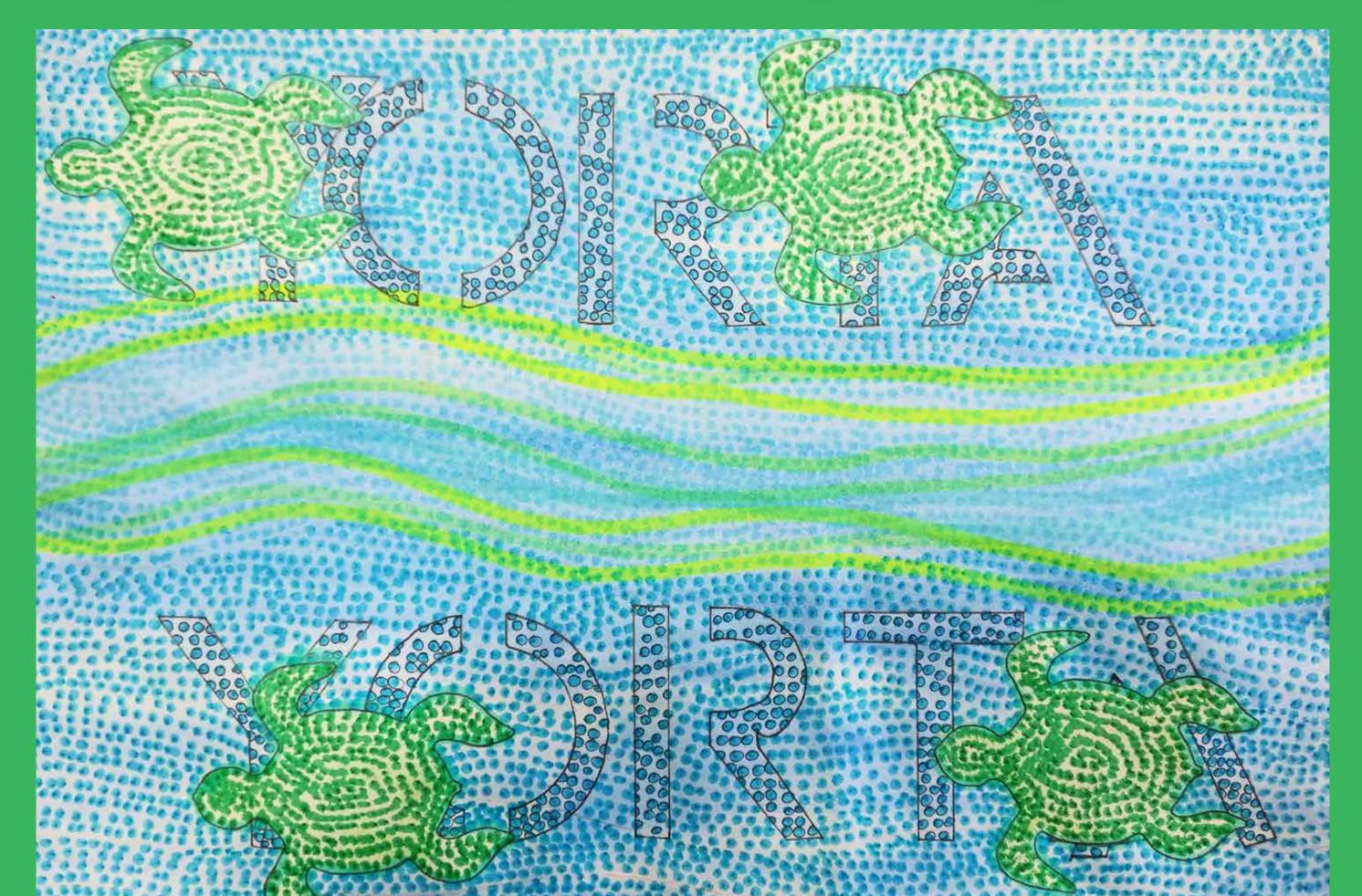
June

Whole School 2021 – Years K - 6 – Ashfield Public School – Eora Nation

Blooms "Blooms" is a celebration of children and their innate characteristics of openness, understanding, caring and forgiveness with the non-verbal communication and universal language of bonds created through art. It rejoices in the importance of friendship, the significance of sacrifice and a child's resilience, creativity and ability for healing.

This month's community language is Russian Июнь

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
Понедельник	Вторник	Среда	Четверг	Пятница	Суббота	Воскресенье	1 – 30* June	Sydney Sick Kids Appeal, Children's Hospital at Westmead
		First day of winter Global Day of Parents (UN) Independence Day – Samoa	22 Foundation of the Republic – Italy	Mabo Day Tuen Ng/Dragon Boat Festival (China)	International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN)	Pentecost/Whitsunday (Christian) Shavuot/Feast of Weeks (Jewish)	5 June 8 – 19* June 12 June 12 – 18 June	Constitution Day, Denmark World Environment Day (UN) Sydney Film Festival Mini-Mos Community Fun Run and Fair*, Mosman Independence Day – Philippines National Day – Russian Federation World Allergy Week
Russian Language Day (UN) National Day – Sweden	7	8 World Oceans Day (UN) Bounty Day (Norfolk Island)	9	100 Portugal Day, Camões Day and Day of Portuguese Communities – Portugal	11	United Bay Against Child Labour (UN)	19 – 25 June 26 June Milestones	National Refugee Week International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking (UN) International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (UN)
13 Queen's birthday holiday (NSW)	14 World Blood Donor Day (WHO)	15 Global Wind Day	16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji (Sikh) International Day of the African Child (WHO)	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (UN) National Day – Iceland	18 National Day – Seychelles	19	3 June 11 June 26 June	Mabo Native Title High Court Decision 1992 Commonwealth of Australia Racial Discrimination Act 1975 Australia joined the United Nations 1945
200 World Refugee Day	21 Winter Solstice	22	223 International Olympic Day National Day and Official Birthday of HRH the Grand Duke – Luxembourg	24	225 Day of the Seafarer (UN) National Day – Croatia Independence Day – Mozambique National Day – Slovenia	26 National Day - Madagascar		
227 Independence Day – Djibouti	28	29 International Day of the Tropics (UN)	300 International Day of Parliamentarism (UN) Independence Day – Democratic Republic of the Congo				NSW GOVERNMENT	



July

Leigha McElroy – Year 8 – Guyra Central School – Anewan/ Banbai/ Gamilaraay Country My Yorta Yorta

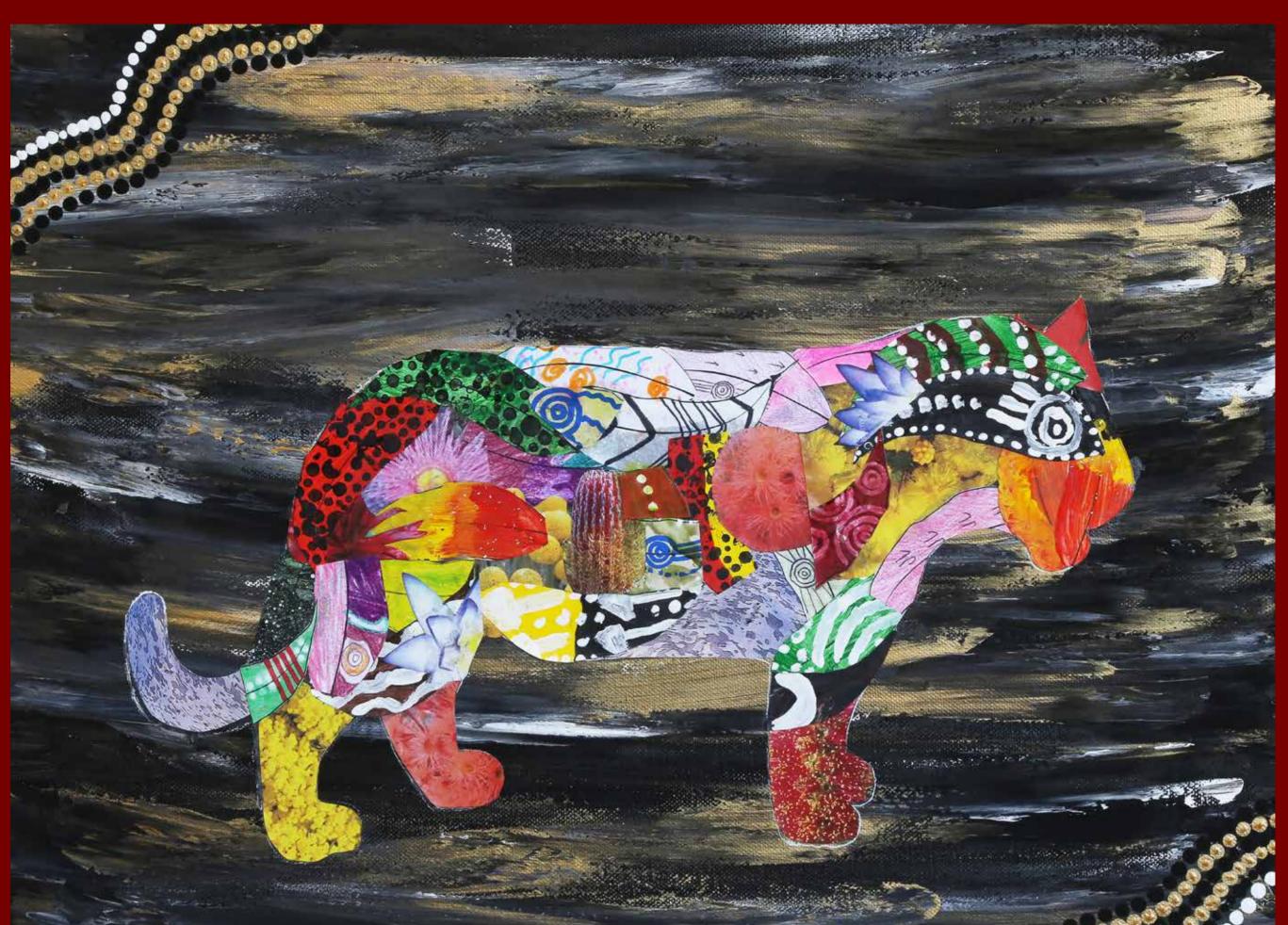
I created this artwork as it is my family's heritage. My family comes from the Yorta Yorta people. My mother's totem/my family's totem is the long neck turtle. Those are the elements in my art and the reasons why they are special to me.

This month's community language is Ngunnawal

Magarawangga

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
Ngunnawal people did not mark	time by days and months but by s	eeasons. July or thereabouts was w g resources and ceremonial practice	inter, Magarawangga, a time when	fur cloaks were worn for warmth.	Delegations of Ngunnawal people	followed the songlines to journey	1 July 3 – 10 July 9 July	International Tartan Day NAIDOC Week* International Brick and Rolling Pin
				Term 2 ends National Day – Burundi Canada Day – Canada National Day – Somalia	2 Salvation Army Founder's Day (Christian)	3 National Day – Belarus	10 July 24 – 30 July 28 July 30 July	Throwing Contest, Stroud Independence Day, Bahamas Super Hero Week Opportunity Class (OC) Placement Test Bankstown Bites Festival International Day of Friendship (UN)
							Milestones	
Liberation Day – Rwanda Independence Day – USA	5 National Day – Cape Verde National Day – Venezuela	Dalai Lama's birthday National Day – Comoros National Day – Malawi	National Day – Solomon Islands	8	9 Independence Day – South Sudan	Martydom of the Bab (Bahá'í) Eid Al Adha (Muslim)	17 July	UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability ratified by Australia 2008
							Acknowledgem	ent of Ngunnawal Country
World Population Day (UN) Anniversary of Mongolian People's Revolution – Mongolia	National Day – Kiribati National Day – Sao Tome and Principe	13 National Day – Montenegro	14 Bastille Day – France	15 World Youth Skills Day (UN)	16 Kenshi W zehli (Mandaean)	Dehba ad Raba (Mandaean)	Yanggu ngala-ma dhawura-wari	
Term 3 begins Nelson Mandela International Day (UN)	19	20 National Day – Colombia	Accession of King Leopold I (1831) – Belgium	22	23 Anniversary of Revolution of 23 July – Egypt	24 St Charbel's Feast (Maronite Christian)	Elders-to E	Elders-to listen-always-we-all
25	26 National Day – Liberia National Day – Maldives	27	28 The Kings birthday – Thailand Independence Day – Peru	29 National Tree Day for schools	300 Throne Day – Morocco Independence Day – Vanuatu Hijra/Islamic New Year	31 National Tree Day		

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Whole school artwork – Years K - 12 – The Ponds School – Darug Country

Whole school artwork – Years K - 12 – The Ponds School – Darug Country Warrior This unique collage is a collaboration of pieces submitted by students including digital photos and painted gum leaves. The tiger is a representation of the courage and determination our students show every day. They each walk their own paths to approach and achieve their goals and overcome personal challenges with determination, courage and fierceness.

This month's community language is Hindi अगस्त

Monday सोमवार	Tuesday मंगलवार	Wednesday बुधवार	Thursday गुरु	Friday वार इ	Saturday कुवार	Sunday ज्ञनिवार	Other events 1 – 5 August	Education Week – Public Schools NSW
Horses' birthday National Day – Benin Foundation of the Swiss Confederation Day – Switzerland	2	3	National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day Constitution Day – Cook Islands	5 Jeans for Genes Day	Hiroshima Peace Day Independence Day – Bolivia National Day – Jamaica	Sun-Herald City2Surf National Day – Cote d'Ivôire	12 August 12 – 13 August 13 August 13 – 21 August 19 August 20 – 21 August	Ullambana – Hungry Ghost Festival (Buddhist – China, Vietnam) Raksha Bandhan* (Hindu) Tullamore Show Obon (Buddhist – Japan) National Science Week World Humanitarian Day (UN) International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend
8	International Day of the World's Indigenous People (UN) National Day Singapore	10 National Day – Ecuador	National Day – Chad	122 International Youth Day Red Nose Day	13 International Left-Handers Day	14	20 – 26 August 28 Aug – 5 Sept 31 August 2023 Calendar	Children's Book Week: Dreaming with eyes wide open Legacy Week National Day – Kyrgyz Republic National Day – Malaysia National Day – Trinidad and Tobago
15 Independence Day – Republic of Congo Independence Day – India National Day – Liechtenstein	16	National Day – Gabon Proclamation of Independence – Indonesia	18 Vietnam Veterans' Day – Battle of Long Tan	19 Independence Day – Afghanistan Krishna Janmashtami* (Hindu)	200 Day of the Foundation of the State of Hungary and St Stephen's Day – Hungary	21	12 August Milestones	Deadline for submitting student artwork for the 2023 Calendar for Cultural Diversity on the theme 'Creating Connections' to: culturaldiversitycalendar@det.nsw.edu.au
22	23 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (UNESCO)	24 National Day – Ukraine Meals on Wheels Day	25 Independence Day – Uruguay	Daffodil Day Wear it Purple Day	27 National Day - Republic of Moldova	28	1 August 1 August 11 August 17 August 27 August	First sitting of the New South Wales Legislative Council 1843 Snowy Mountains Authority established 1949 New South Wales constituted a Crown Colony 1824 First NSW welfare institution, the Female Orphan School, opened 1801 NSW Women's Franchise Act 1902
229 International Day against Nuclear Tests (UN)	30	31 Ganesha Chaturthi* (Hindu)					NSW GOVERNMENT	





September

Art Group – Years 3 - 6 – Casula Public School – Darug Country **Travelling around the world – Understanding my language** Covid has put a pause on travel, the world stands still. Our art club finds a way to visit famous landmarks of the countries we are from around the world and explore the languages we speak. In our languages, we all have a word for 'explore'.

This month's community language is Greek $No \acute{\epsilon} \mu \beta \rho lo \varsigma$

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
Δευτέρα	Τρίτη	Τετάρτη	Πέμπτη	Παρασκευή	Σάββατο	Κυριακή	1 September	National Wattle Day Constitution Day – Slovak Republic Independence Day – Uzbekistan
			First day of Spring First Parkash of Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh)	2 Legacy Badge Day	3 Australia National Flag Day National Foundation Day – San Marino	4 Father's Day	1 – 7 September 4 – 10 September 11 September 15 September	National Asthma Week National Child Protection Week City of Sydney Spring Cycle Independence Day – Costa Rica Independence Day – El Salvador Independence Day – Guatemala Independence Day – Honduras
5 International Day of Charity (UN)	6 Independence Day – Eswatini	Indigenous Literacy Day Threatened Species Day Independence Day – Brazil	R U OK? Day International Literacy Day (UN) Independence Day – Republic of North Macedonia	9 National Day – Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) National Day – Tajikistan	World First Aid Day Zhong Qiu Jie/Mid-Autumn/ Mooncake Festival (China)	National Bilby Day	16 September 16 – 18 September 16 Sep – 3 Oct* 17 Sep – 16 Oct 18 September 23 September	Independence Day – Nicaragua Independence Day – Papua New Guinea Clean up the World Weekend Tulip Time Festival, Bowral Floriade, Canberra Molong Show National Day – Saudi Arabia
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	27 September Milestones	Navatri begins* (Hindu)
			International Day of Democracy (UN)	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (UN) Proclamation of Independence Day – Mexico	Australian Citizenship Day	National Day – Chile	16 September	Television in Australia launched 1956
Lonstitution Day – Nepal Independence Day – Saint Kitts and Nevis	20	21 International Day of Peace (UN) National Day – Armenia National Day – Belize Independence Day – Malta	Proclamation of Independence Day – Mali	223 Term 3 ends Spring Equinox Save the Koala Day	24	25 Independence Day – Guinea-Bissau		
26 Rosh Hashanah/New Year (Jewish)	27 World Tourism Day (UN)	28	229 National Police Remembrance Day World Heart Day	30 International Translation Day (UN) World Maritime Day (UN)			NSW GOVERNMENT	



October

The world's oldest surviving culture Throughout this year, 5/6L have been focusing on Sydney's Aboriginal connection to land. To be inspired for our whole class artwork, students underwent Aboriginal educational workshops resulting in a series of artworks where students mastered their skills in paintings that represented their sense of place and home. To create this work, students mapped out Sydney Harbour and then proceeded to illustrate their interpretation for each section which was divided by streets of Sydney. The vibrant mix of colours, painting styles, patterns and techniques represents the diversity of First Nations cultures and languages.

This month's community language is Vietnamese tháng mười một

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
Thứ Hai	Thứ Ba	Thứ Tủ	Thứ Nặm	Thứ Sau	Thứ Bảy	Chủ Nhật	1 October 1 – 3 October	International Day of Older Persons (UN) Manly Jazz Festival*
31 Hallowe'en World Cities Day (UN)					National Day – China National Day – Cyprus National Day – Nigeria National Day – Palau Independence Day – Tuvalu	2 Daylight saving time begins Mahatma Gandhi's birthday Independence Day – Guinea	1 – 31 October 2 October 3 October 4 – 10 October 6 – 13 October 8 October	International School Libraries Month Boorowa Running of the Sheep International Day of Non-Violence National Foundation Day – Republic of Korea (South Korea) World Space Week (UN) Jamayi /Feast of the Assembly (Yazidi) Harden Kite Festival
Labour Day (NSW) Day of German Unity – Germany	Independence Day – Lesotho	5 World Teachers Day (UNESCO) Dussehra* (Hindu) Yom Kippur (Jewish)	6	World Habitat Day (UN)	Milad Al Nabi/Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) birthday (Muslim)	World Post Day (UN) Independence Day – Uganda Peter Norman Day	9 October 9 – 23 October 10 October	Hangeul Day (South Korea) Kathina (Buddhist – Therevada Tradition) Spring Fest, Griffith Norfolk Island Royal Show National Day – Fiji National Day or Double Tenth Day – Republic of China (Taiwan) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
Term 4 begins Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles (Jewish) World Mental Health Day (WHO)		122 Independence Day – Equatorial Guinea National Day – Spain	13 World Sight Day	14	15 International White Cane Day Deg al-Fil feast (Mandaean)	16 World Food Day (FAO, UN)	14 – 16 October 15 October 16 – 22 October 17 – 23 October 20 – 22 October 22 – 30 October 24 – 30 October	Griffith Garden Festival Ryde Granny Smith Festival* Anti-Poverty Week National Water Week North Coast National Agricultural Show, Lismore Children's Week Disarmament Week (UN)
17	18	10	20	21	22	23	28 Oct – 6 Nov Milestones	Jacaranda Festival, Grafton
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)		National Day – Niue	Gurgaddi (Installation) Day of Guru Granth Sahib Ji (Sikh)				11 October 26 October	Coat of Arms of New South Wales granted by Royal Warrant 1906 Uluru handed back to the Anangu Pitjantjatjara people 1985
24 Bandi Chhor Divas (Sikh cultural festival) United Nations Day (UN) Independence Day – Zambia		26 National Day – Austria Universal Children's Day (Australia) Birth of the Báb (Bahá'í)	227 National Day – Saint Vincent and the Grenadines National Day – Turkmenistan Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í)	228 National Bandana Day Teacher's Day (Australia) National Day - Czech Republic	29 National Mosque Open Day National Day – Turkey	30 Grandparents Day	NSW GOVERNMENT	



November

Kindergarten: Kylee Holten, Jazelle Cheaib, Hasan Zreika – Y1: Marcus Holten, Bilal Homsi, Emman Homsi, Alexia Kharma Y3 (Support unit): Alanah Kharma – Y2: Zena El-Kassir – Y5: Alicia Kharma – Chullora Public School – Darug Country **Not forgotten**

We created our artwork from our drawings of the extinct Tasmanian Tiger and the trees and plants of the Tasmanian bush. We added the traditional Aboriginal names for the state of Tasmania which is Lutruwita and the names of places around Tasmania in Palawa Kani, the traditional language of the Aboriginal peoples of Tasmania. This month's community language is Japanese



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
月曜日	火曜日	水曜日	木曜日	金曜日	土曜日	日曜日	1 November	Anniversary of the Revolution Day – Algeria
	Melbourne Cup Day All Saints' Day (Christian) Dehba ad Hanena (Mandaean)	2 All Souls' Day (Christian)	Independence Day – Dominica National Day – Federated States of Micronesia National Day – Panama	4 National Day – Tonga	5 Guy Fawkes' Day (UK)	6 Kindness Day (Australia)	3 – 6* November 7 – 13 November 12* November 24 Nov – 24 Dec 25 November	Independence Day – Antigua and Barbuda Festival of Fisher's Ghost, Campbelltown National Recycling Week Viva La Gong, Wollongong Darling Harbour Christmas, Darling Harbour International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (UN)
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	Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev Ji (Sikh)	World Freedom Day Independence Day – Cambodia	World Science Day for Peace and Development (UNESCO)	Remembrance/Armistice Day (1918) National Day – Angola		World Kindness Day	8 November 16 November	First Indigenous High Court Case 1934 Australian Government apology to the Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants 2009
14 World Diabetes Day	15	16 International Day for Tolerance (UNESCO)	117 International Students Day World Philosophy Day (UNESCO)	18 Proclamation of Independence Day – Latvia National Day – Oman	19 International Men's Day National Day – Monaco	200 Universal Children's Day (UN)	30 November	First performance of Advance Australia Fair 1878
21 World Television Day (UN)	222 Independence Day – Lebanon	23 Thanksgiving Day - Norfolk Island	24 Martyrdom of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji (Sikh) Thanksgiving Day – USA	225 Statehood Day - Bosnia and Herzegovina Independence Day - Suriname	26	27 Advent Sunday (Christian)		
228 Ascension of Abdu'l-Bahá (Bahá'í) National Day – Albania National Day – Mauritania	29	300 Independence Day – Barbados St Andrew's Day – Scotland					NSW GOVERNMENT	



December

Millie Hancock – Y2 – Newington Public School – Wangal Country **Sydney Celebration** My artwork is a celebration of the colours of multicultural Sydney.

This month's community language is Kare

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Other events	
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				First day of summer National Day – Central African Republic National Day – Romania	National Day – Lao People's Democratic Republic National Day – United Arab Emirates	3 International Day of People with Disabilities (UN)	International Mountain Day (UN) National Day – Burkina Faso	2 – 4 December 5 December 16 December 18 December 31 December	Slavery (UN) National Cherry Festival, Young International Volunteer Day (UN) Roji and Eda Rojiet Ezi /Fasting and Feast of Ezi (Yazidi) International Migrants Day (UN) Arabic Language Day (UN) New Year's Eve celebrations
	Marid Soil Day (UN)	6 Ct Nicheles' Day	7	Bodhi Day (Buddhist)	9	10 Human Rights Day (UN)	11		
								Milestones	
	World Soil Day (UN) King Bhumipol's birthday anniversary – Thailand	St Nicholas' Day Independence Day – Finland		Bouin Day (Buddhist)				10 December	Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly 1948
	Jamhuri Day - Kenya	13	14 Abu-al-hires (Mandaean)	15	16 National Day – Bahrain Independence Day – Kazakhstan	17 National Day – Bhutan	18 Arabic Language Day (UN) National Day – Niger National Day – Qatar	21 December	Australia is named 1817
	L9 Chanukah/Festival of Lights (Jewish)	200 Term 4 ends International Human Solidarity Day (UN)	21	222 Summer Solstice	23	24 Christmas Eve (Christian) National Day – Libya	25 Christmas Day (Christian)		
	26 Boxing Day Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race begins	27	28 Batzmi (Yazidi)	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Hogmanay (Scotland)		NSW GOVERNMENT	