

Outer East KESO Team Newsletter

24th June 2022

Welcome to the fourth edition of the KESO Newsletter for 2022. Hard to believe that we have reached the end of another term. We also hope that you and your family enjoy the upcoming school holiday break and take time to enjoy activities that bring you happiness.

The KESO's will be taking leave over the holiday period. If you need to get in contact with the team during this time, please feel free to make contact via the team email <u>nevr.koorie.outereast@education.vic.gov.au</u>

If there is anything that you or your child would like to talk about, please contact your kindergarten, primary school, or secondary school. You can also contact your KESO for support or visit the <u>Department of Education and Training Victoria</u> website.

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The NAIDOC Week theme for 2022 – **Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!** – encourages all of us to champion and drive institutional, structural, and collaborative change while also acknowledging and celebrating those who for generations have driven positive change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

This is a significant event for all Australians as we work together to bring about a better understanding of our shared history, which is inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and languages.

The NAIDOC Week 2022 Website states that...

"We all must continue to **Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!** for systemic change and keep rallying around our mob, our Elders, our communities.

Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truthtelling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism—we must do it together.

It must be a genuine commitment by all of us to **Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!** and support and secure institutional, structural, collaborative, and cooperative reforms."

The links below include recommended resources with accompanying lesson ideas arranged by year levels, which will enable you to immerse your students in learning about NAIDOC Week.

https://www.naidoc.org.au/resources/educational

VAEAI Koorie Education Calendar 2022

Koorie-perspectives-in-Curriculum-Bulletin-January-February-2022.pdf (vaeai.org.au)

For information about local Victorian community events that celebrate NAIDOC, you can visit: <u>VIC NAIDOC</u>.



NAIDOC Week Activities & Events

NAIDOC Week Strong Sistas event

Each year Indigenous Employment Partners recognises Strong Sistas that help to keep our communities safe and strong. As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have always had active and significant roles in our communities.

They are our mothers, Elders, Grandmothers, Aunties, Sisters and Daughters and all have amazing stories to share with one resounding similarity...

They are exceedingly strong and resilient First Nations women and have risen from adversity to become highly capable community carers, advocates, educators, and leaders with an unwavering commitment to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Indigenous Employment Partners respectfully acknowledge the important role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women as cultural caretakers – keeping Aboriginal culture safe, strong, and alive.

What's on:

- Welcome to Country, performed by Aunty Di Kerr.
- Panel discussion on NAIDOC theme, Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! and how important women in leadership roles are in driving change.
- 2 course meal and refreshments provided by Indigenous Employment Partners
- Yarn about future opportunities for our people and businesses.
- Strong Sista awards presentation.

Date: Thursday 7th July 2022 Time: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm AEST Location: 150 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS, please follow this link: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/352278994957</u>





Kutcha Edwards' Circling Time

Knox Community Arts Centre located at 790 Mountain Hwy Bayswater will be holding performance and cultural workshops on Thursday 7th of July during NAIDOC week.

Please click on the links below for further details.

<u>Circling Time – Songs and Stories by Kutcha Edwards</u> 07:00 PM - 08:15 PM

Cultural Immersion Workshop with Kutcha Edwards 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM











MULLUM MULLUM INDIGENOUS GATHERING PLACE

NAIDOC FAMILY DAY 2022

SATURDAY THE 9TH OF JULY - 10AM TO 2PM 47-49 PATTERSON STREET, RINGWOOD EAST.

WELCOME TO COUNTRY & SMOKING CEREMONY FLAG RAISING YARNING CIRCLES & COMMUNITY DADIRRI

PERFORMANCE BY YENG GALI MULLUM YOUTH COMPETITONS

TRADITIONAL GAMES LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

REGISTRATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL. FOLLOW THE LINK ABOVE TO REGISTER.

FOR ANY INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT US AT MMIGP@MMIGP.ORG.AU.







2022 NAIDOC Events at Oonah Dates to remember!

NAIDOC March

Friday 8th of July Bus Departing at Oonah at 8:30am Pick up at Lilyddle Bunnings and Mullum Mullum. Arriving at VAHS at 10:00am

Departing at Fed Square at 3:00pm Drop off at Mullum Mullum at 3:40pm, Lilydale Bunnings at 4:05pm and back at Oonah at 4:30pm.

NAIDOC Art Show

Launch the virtual exhibit on Monday 4th of July. All images of your Creations need to be sent in by Friday 24th June. Email: alanna.sandv@oonah.orcau

EMR NAIDOC Ball

On: 15th of July 6:00pm At: The Grand, 90 Cathies Ln, Wantirna South VIC 3152

NAIDOC Community Lunch

July 6th, 12 PM At: Sanctuary House 326 Badger Creek Rd, Healesville VIC 3777

Uncle Kutcha

On: Saturday, 9th July 07:30 PM At: The Memo, Healesville, 235 Marcondah Hwy, Healesville 3777

Oonah NAIDOC Award

Ceremony Nominee's and their families.

Saturday, 23rd of July, 2pm - 4pm Youth Ball: Saturday, 16th of July, 6pm - 9pm

Complete form and return to Oonah by June 23rd at the latest.

For more info call Oonah at 5962 2940

GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!







Good News Story

Cockatoo Primary School

Students celebrated Reconciliation Week through exploring Indigenous culture what it meant to them. The students connected to culture and country through storytelling, history, and art. The students expressed their awareness and understanding of Reconciliation Week by utilising their personal creative expression.

It was a truly beautiful celebration of different ages and backgrounds connecting to our roots.

During the month of June, the student's artwork which depicted reconciliation messages, was displayed in the art gallery at the Hills Hub in Emerald.

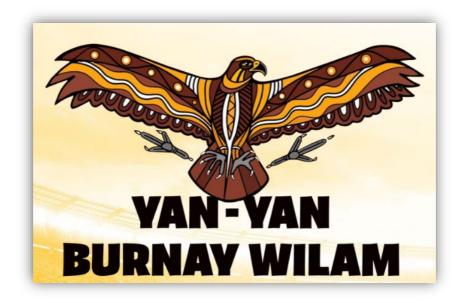








Hawthorn FC/MMIGP Youth Indigenous Leadership Program



Hawthorn Football Club have partnered with Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place (MMIGP) for a youth Indigenous Leadership program. We are reaching out to youth who would be interested in participating.

It is a 10-week program starting this month, aiming to create a cultural safe place for young Aboriginal people participating. There will be sessions to connect with culture, build relationships, develop leadership skills, self- empowerment, build confidence and stay active. The program will run on Tuesday afternoons and rotate being hosted at the Hawthorn FC in Mulgrave and MMIGP in Ringwood. Transport can be organised if participations are struggling to get here.

Link to register https://hawthornfc.typeform.com/to/PpCC5VxX







VICTORIA ABORIGINAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION INC

VAEAI is a state-wide Koorie Community organisation consisting of eight regions. These regions are divided based on traditional networks with several Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (LAECGs) within each region. Click <u>here</u> for further details.

Framed around significant events throughout the calendar year, the interactive Koorie Education Calendar (2022) has been developed by VAEAI to assist educators and learners alike. The Calendar draws the learner to Victorian Koorie voices, stories, and achievements, and features Koorie leaders, artists, authors, playwriters and more. The Calendar is updated annually and can assist schools in planning for key events and locating information about Victorian Koorie cultures, histories, and perspectives. Designed to be viewed online and printed on A3 paper for planning.

Any queries or feedback about these resources, please contact vaso@vaeai.org.au.

LAECG (Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group)

LAECGs operate to support parents of Aboriginal students to discuss Koorie education initiatives within their local community.

To find out more information and to participate contact your local LAECG Chairperson:

Lea Jones email: lea.jones@education.vic.gov.au



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Happy NAIDOC Week from the KEW Outer East Team!



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