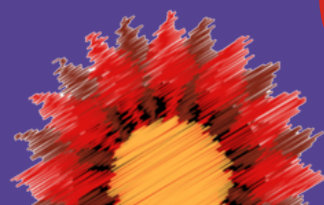


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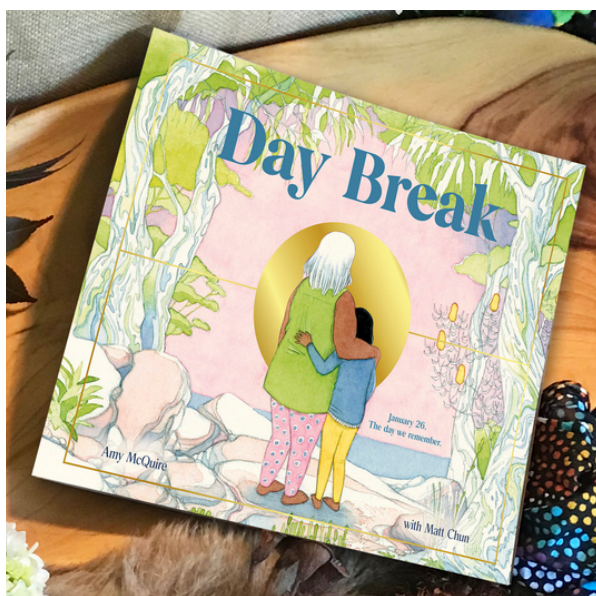
26 JANUARY DAY OF MOURNING

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people feel that this day marks the commemoration of a deep loss – loss of their sovereign rights to their land, loss of family, loss of the right to practice their culture. This day is therefore also known as ‘Invasion Day’, ‘Day of Mourning’, ‘Survival Day’ or, since 2006, ‘Aboriginal Sovereignty Day’. The name Survival Day emphasises that Aboriginal culture is still strong and that many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ identities are positive and alive, despite all that has happened since colonisation.

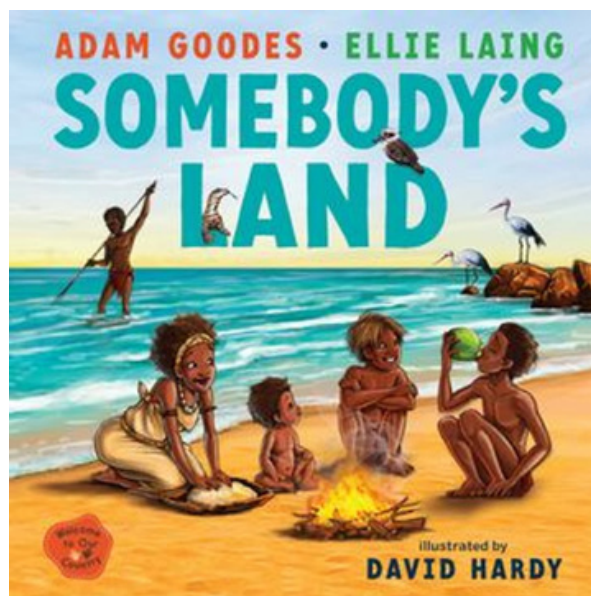
I know many educators think that the inclusion of Invasion Day in early childhood programs is too political and pushes adult agendas onto young children. Whilst I understand this view and way of thinking I also believe that by not doing something we are marginalizing Aboriginal people and catering to a mainstream way of thinking and being.



RESOURCES FOR 26 JANUARY



Day Break by Amy McQuire



Somebody's Land: WELCOME
TO OUR COUNTRY by Adam
Goodes & Ellie Laing





13 FEBRUARY NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY

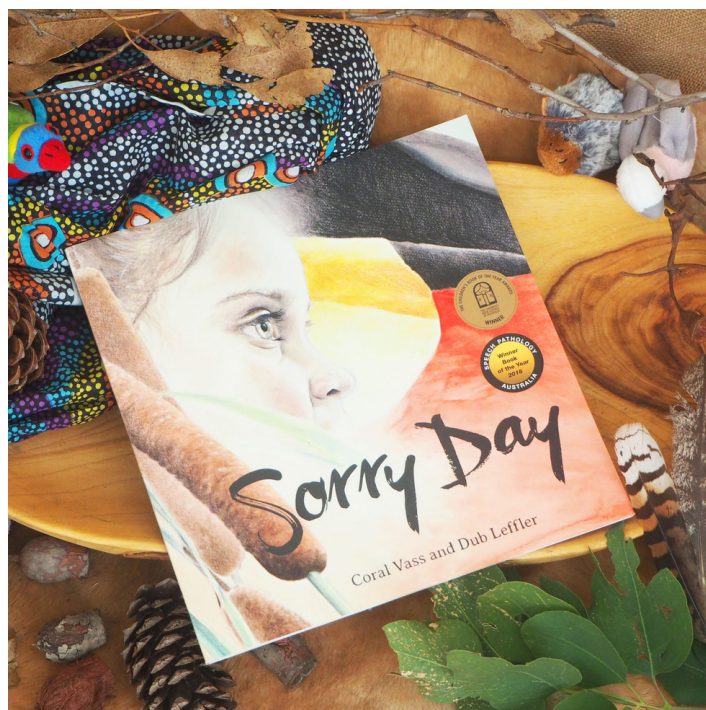
This event marks the anniversary of the Apology in 2008 to Australia's Indigenous peoples in the House of Representatives. The apology was made by former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd for past laws, policies and practices that have impacted on Australia's First Nations Peoples, particularly members of the Stolen Generations.

The motion was supported by the Opposition and passed through both houses of Parliament. Many members of the Stolen Generations were present in the Chamber to hear the Apology and thousands more filled the Great Hall of Parliament House and flowed out onto the lawns to watch it on big screens.





RESOURCE FOR 13 FEBRUARY



Sorry Day by Coral Vass and
Dub Leffler





17 MARCH NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY

In 2006, more than 40 national organisations came together to form Close the Gap - Australia's largest ever campaign to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Every year, Australians are encouraged to hold their own event on National Close the Gap Day to raise awareness about the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Since 2006, the Close the Gap campaign has achieved an enormous amount through community support.





26 MAY NATIONAL SORRY DAY

This is a significant day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and particularly for Stolen Generations survivors. Commemorating 'Sorry Day' was one of the recommendations of the Bringing Them Home report, which was tabled in Parliament on 26 May 1997. This report was the result of a National Inquiry into the forcible removal of Indigenous children from their families, communities and cultural identity.

The first 'Sorry Day' was held in Sydney in 1998 and is now held nationally with memorials and commemorative events that honour the Stolen Generations.





RESOURCE FOR 26 MAY



Found by Bruce Pascoe





27 MAY 1967 REFERENDUM ANNIVERSARY

On 27 May 1967, Australians voted to change the Constitution so that like all other Australians, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would be counted as part of the population and the Commonwealth would be able to make laws for them. A resounding 90.77 per cent said 'Yes' and every single state and territory had a majority result for the 'Yes' vote. It was one of the most successful national campaigns in Australia's history.

Thousands of people worked on the campaign and achieving the 'yes' was a huge victory, signalling a change in the mindset of Australia's majority. It opened the door to First Nations Australian agency, bringing to light many strong leaders and organisations, and the expectation that things could be different. Change was possible, and they were willing to fight for it. In many ways, that fight continues today






RESOURCE FOR 27 MAY



**Say Yes: A Story of Friendship,
Fairness and a Vote for Hope By
Jennifer Castles**





27 MAY–3 JUNE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week is an ideal time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation and reflect on shared histories, contributions and achievements. It is held annually and is a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. Preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May, National Reconciliation Week is framed by two key events in Australia's history, which provide strong symbols for reconciliation:

- 27 May 1967 – the referendum date when more than 90 percent of Australians voted to give the government power to make laws for Indigenous people and recognise them in the census.
- 3 June 1992 – the historic Mabo decision



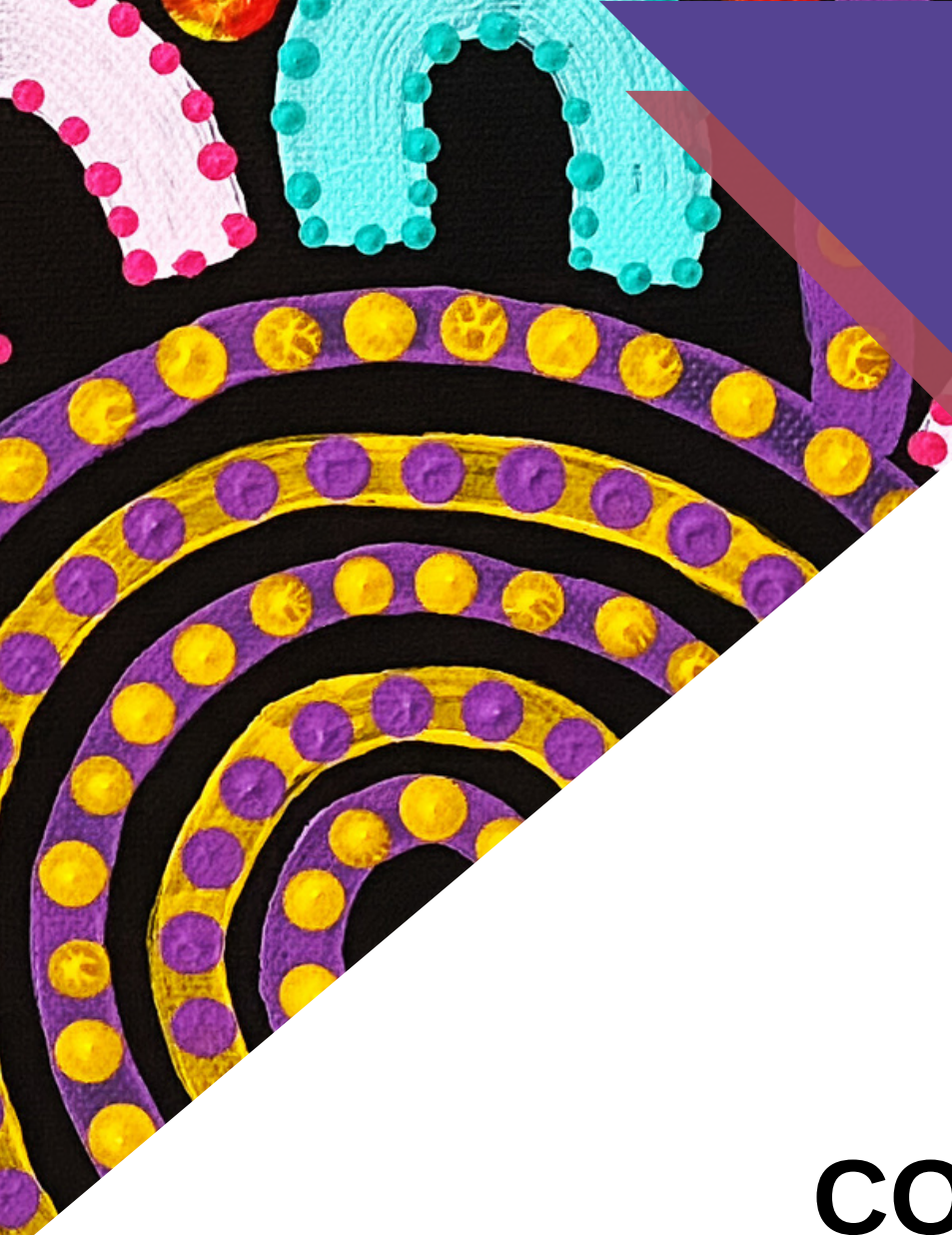


3 JUNE MABO DAY

Mabo Day marks the anniversary of the High Court of Australia's judgement in 1992 in the Mabo case. This is a day of particular significance for Torres Strait Islander Australians. Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo's name is synonymous with native title rights. His story began in May 1982 when he and fellow Murray (Mer) Islanders David Passi, Sam Passi, James Rice and Celuia Salee instituted a claim in the High Court for native title to the Murray (Mer) Islands in the Torres Strait.

The decision overturned a legal fiction that Australia was terra nullius (a land belonging to no one) at the time of British colonisation.



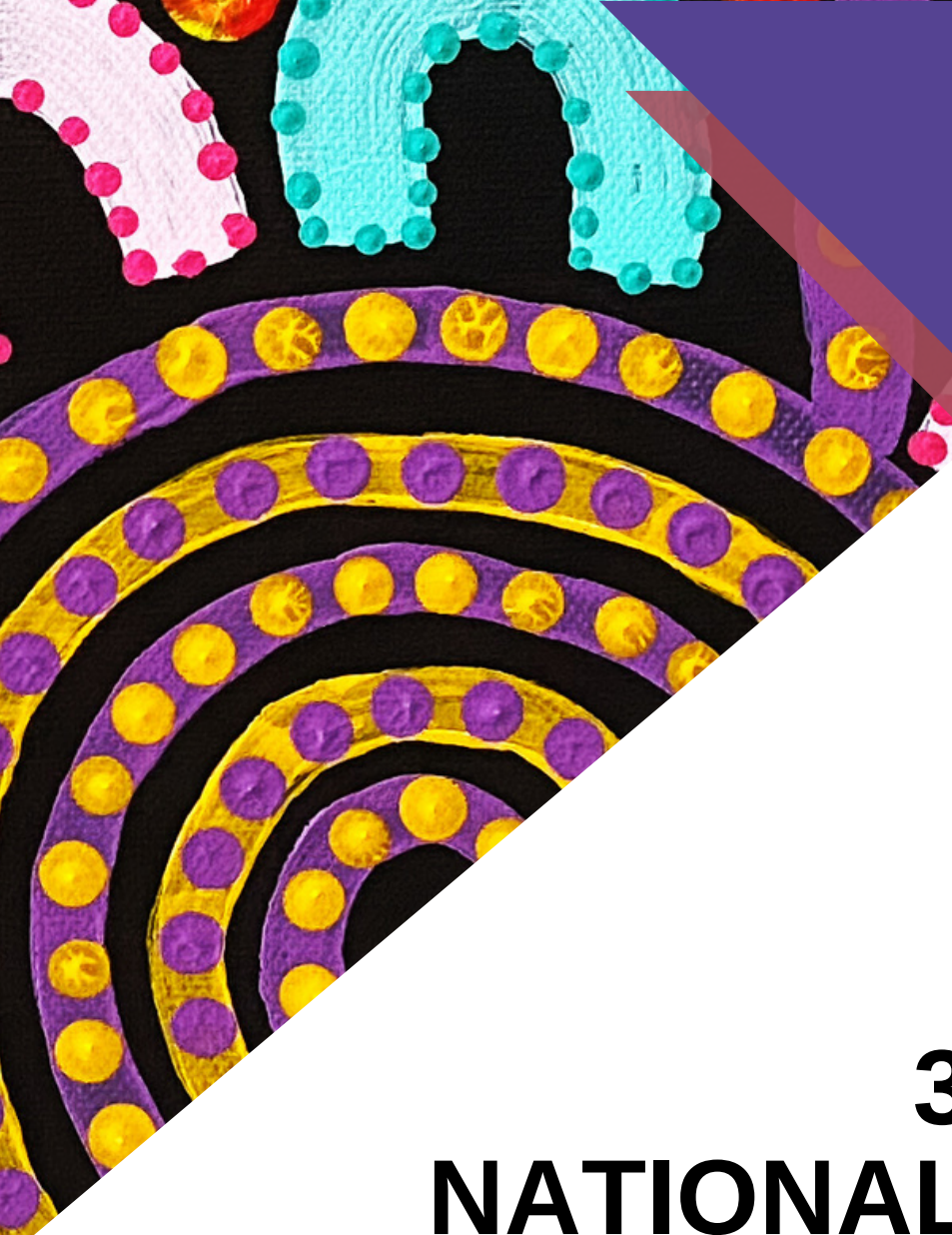


1 JULY COMING OF THE LIGHT

The Coming of the Light is a holiday celebrated by Torres Strait Islanders on 1 July each year. It recognises the adoption of Christianity through Island communities during the late nineteenth century.

Torres Strait Islanders living on the Islands or on the mainland come together to honour this anniversary every year. Islanders of all faiths celebrate the Coming of the Light in a festival like no other in Australia. Activities include church services and a re-enactment of the landing at Kemus on Erub. Hymn singing, feasting and Ailan Dans strengthen community and family ties.





3-10 JULY NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) week celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and recognises the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s which sought to increase awareness of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians. All Australians are encouraged to participate.

NAIDOC Week 2022 will be held from Sunday 3 July to Sunday 10 July with the theme - **Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!**





RESOURCE FOR NAIDOC WEEK



Play School: Acknowledgement of Country.





4 AUGUST NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDREN'S DAY

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day is a celebration of Indigenous children. National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day was first observed by the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care in 1988. Each year Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care produces and sends out resources to help celebrations for National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day.





9 AUGUST INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The United Nations' (UN) International Day of the World's Indigenous People was first proclaimed by the General Assembly in December 1994 and is observed on 9 August each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. This event also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.





1 SEPTEMBER INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY

Taking place on the first Wednesday of September each year, the event raises awareness of the educational struggles facing many Indigenous groups in Australia, while also serving as a fundraiser to collect literary resources for children living in more isolated areas of the country.

Providing more than just books, Indigenous Literacy Day celebrates Aboriginal culture and the stories and languages that helped to build the country we know today. Indigenous literacy is important not just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but for everyone who believes in preserving our unique heritage and creating opportunities for fellow Australians.





13 SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY OF THE UN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

The Declaration establishes a universal framework of minimum standards of fair treatment of Indigenous peoples as they relate to their vast circumstances.

The UNDRIP was brought to General Assembly on Thursday the 13th of September 2007. It was passed by a majority of 144 states in favour, 4 votes against (Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States) and 11 abstentions.



WANT TO LEARN MORE?

They come in all shapes and sizes, forms and times of the year, they are of course celebrations!

Australia Day, ANZAC Day, Easter, Christmas, just to name a few, are times of the year when educators can feel challenged about the very nature of the event they are celebrating. Let Koori Curriculum assist in your planning stages, giving you strategies to guide decision making as you look at the year ahead.

[Access the webinar here](#)



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EXPAND YOUR PROGRAM

When talking about embedding Aboriginal perspectives, it is a multifaceted approach. It is not just about creating a cultural corner but sprinkling Aboriginal artifacts and resources into the curriculum where the children can play and engage.

It's also about using children's interests as the vehicle for learning where you include an Aboriginal perspective in context to that genuine interest.

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