

# Newsletter # 8

Term 2, Week 6 2021



# Wandana

Preschool - Year 7

Respect · Belonging · Learning



20 years of  
Reconciliation  
Australia



**National  
Reconciliation  
Week 2021**

27 May – 3 June

[nrw.reconciliation.org.au](http://nrw.reconciliation.org.au)

#MoreThanAWord  
#NRW2021

## Upcoming Events:

**Monday 14th June**

Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

**Monday 21st - Thursday 24th  
June**

Reception - Year 4 Swimming

**Thursday 1st July**

Colour Explosion School Fun Run

**Friday 2nd July**

Last day of Term 2

**Monday 19th July**

First day of Term 3

## 2021 Term Dates:

**Term 2**

27th April - 2nd July

**Term 3**

19th July - 24th September

**Term 4**

11th October - 10th December

## From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week 2021 - Thursday 27th May - Thursday 3rd June

National Sorry Day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities and culture. Here, we reflect on the sad and painful history of the Stolen Generations and recognise moments of resilience, healing and the power of saying Sorry.

Flying the Indigenous flag on National Sorry Day and throughout National Reconciliation Week recognises the significance of these events for all Australians and is a sign of respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture.

To contribute to the truth telling of the Stolen Generation which is part of our shared history we planned various Sorry Day events and activities which included workshops with Auntie Judy, cooking traditional food around a campfire, raising of the flag, a Reconciliation Walk, the students accessed websites to aid in the development and engagement of Sorry Day and teaching staff considered an integrated classroom experience.

### Professional Learning for Staff

On Wednesday 2nd June the whole staff participated in professional development.

Dianne Floreani facilitated training with some SSOs around Read Write Inc (our phonics program). They had a fabulous day of learning about how to support children to read accurately and fluently.

The rest of the staff worked with a Professor of Mathematics Education, Di Siemon, who focused on the development of the 'big ideas' in numbers and the use of rich assessment tasks to inform the teaching and learning of Mathematics in Preschool to Year 7. I commend staff on the engagement and interest they displayed during the day. I am positive this powerful professional learning will have a beneficial effect on the teaching of Mathematics and student achievement throughout the year.



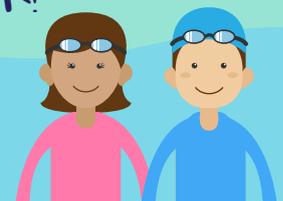
**Robyn McLachlan**  
Principal

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## Save the Date for Swimming Week!

Swimming week for students from Reception to Year 4 will be in Week 9 of this term - **Monday 21st June until Thursday 24th June**. More information will be sent home soon!



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# National Reconciliation Week



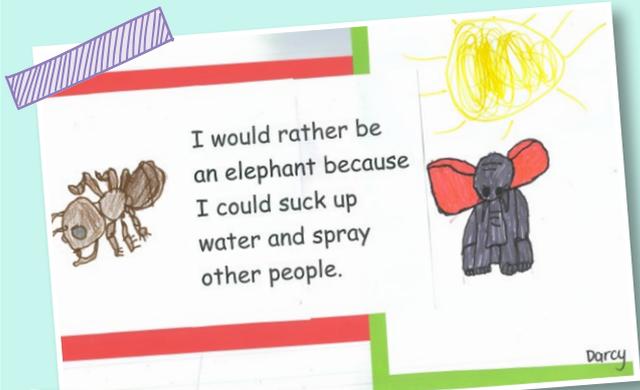
We have been spending time at Wandana learning about National Reconciliation Week (NRW) which is held each year from the 27th May to the 3rd June. The theme for this year is *'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action'*. Aunty Judy came around to each class to talk, and share an activity focusing on what role we can play as a school and individually towards reconciliation. We thought that our character strengths would be useful tools for reconciliation. Eg. Bravery to help us to seek the truth about our shared history. Our activities included classroom learning and making our action hands, a campfire cook-up where we tasted delicious kangaroo and damper. Aboriginal student leaders led a flag raising ceremony where we learnt about the Aboriginal flag and what Reconciliation Week means. Students also took part in the Wandana reconciliation chant and a tiger turf walk to show off our action hands. We all enjoyed the learning experiences and the fun activities.



# Room 6 - Character Strength: Judgement

## Ant or Elephant: Which would you rather be?

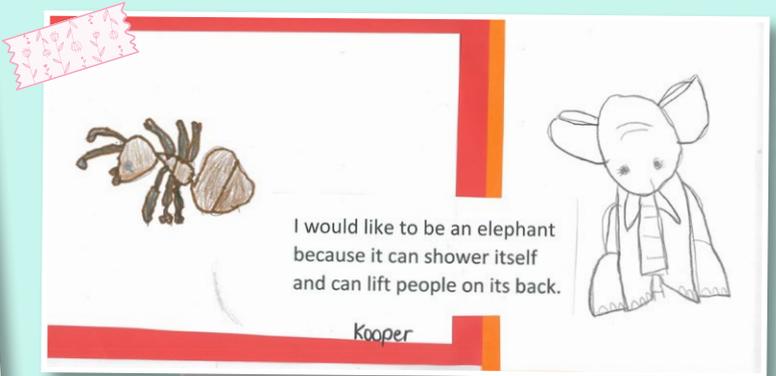
This was a great decision-making activity for the students of Room 6. We were able to build on our thinking and reasoning skills and think carefully before making decisions. We had amazing discussions with our class peers and we were able to adapt our decisions when we shared our point of view.



I would rather be an elephant because I could suck up water and spray other people.



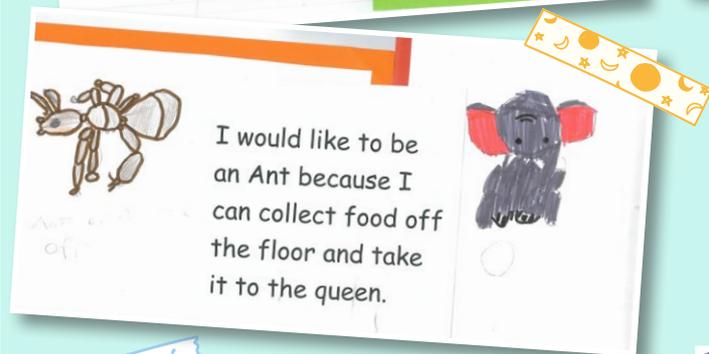
Darcy



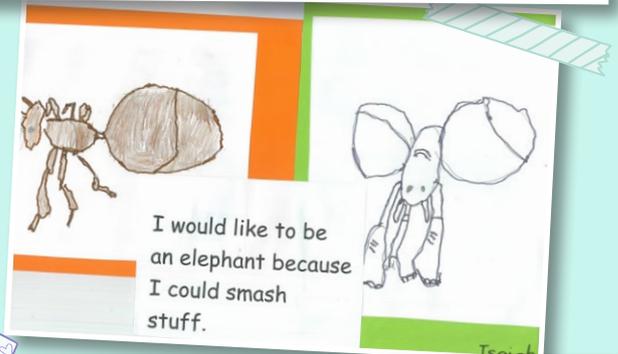
I would like to be an elephant because it can shower itself and can lift people on its back.



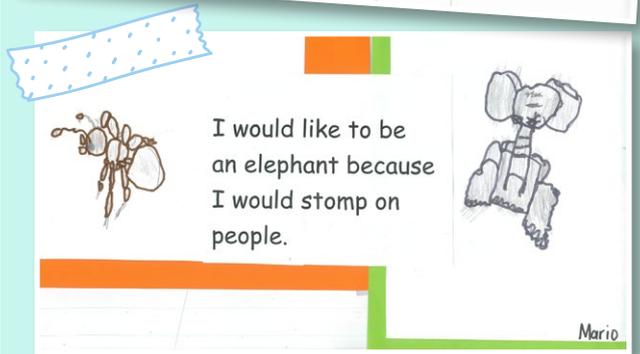
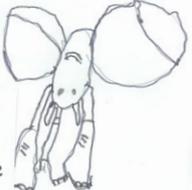
Kooper



I would like to be an Ant because I can collect food off the floor and take it to the queen.



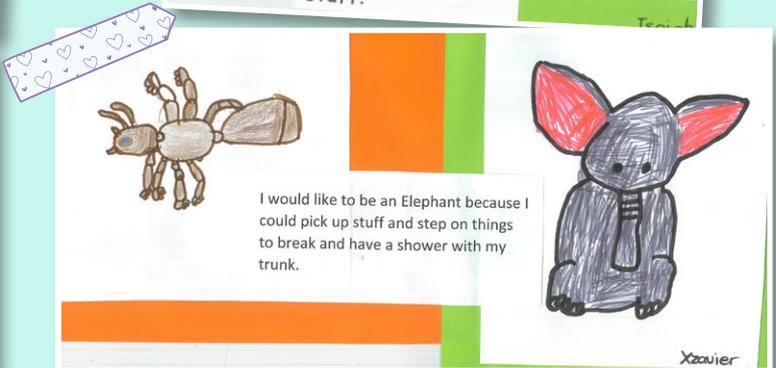
I would like to be an elephant because I could smash stuff.



I would like to be an elephant because I would stomp on people.



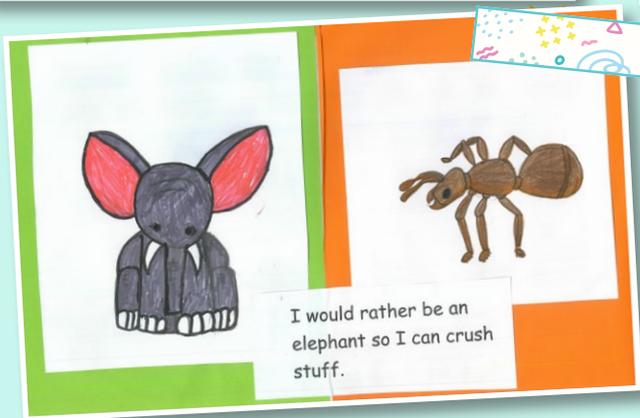
Mario



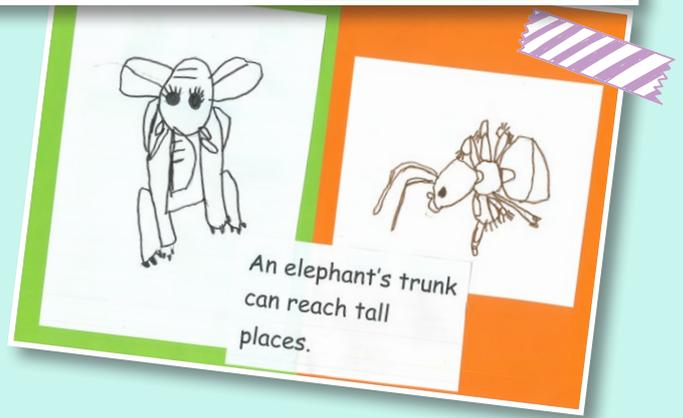
I would like to be an Elephant because I could pick up stuff and step on things to break and have a shower with my trunk.



Xavier



I would rather be an elephant so I can crush stuff.



An elephant's trunk can reach tall places.



## Choir

We had a guest conductor Cathy Lange join us for Choir rehearsal this week. Thank you Cathy!

THANK YOU!



# The Avenues College High School Band

The Avenues College High School Band came to perform for us last week. It was wonderful to see two of our past students Elodie and Aaliyah performing on stage. They were all fantastic!



## Reconciliation Week in the Preschool

During Reconciliation Week we have continued to foster children's early understanding about our shared histories and the role we all play in building relationships and communities that value our First Nations peoples, histories, cultures and futures.

We were fortunate to have Aunty Judy spend most of the day with us last Friday in the preschool, where she talked about the importance of listening to Country and reminding us that Country doesn't belong to us but we belong to Country. Aunty Judy read us a story, helped us to light our first campfire for the year, search for eucalyptus leaves to create healing smoke and make some delicious damper. It was lovely to just sit by the fire, feel its warmth and connect with each other.

We also listened to the Dreaming of the Rainbow Serpent and worked collaboratively to create our own piece of art inspired by the Rainbow Serpent. We sat around the campfire, weaving each segment of its body, which we joined together on one long piece of string to represent our connection to each other.



**Register your interest in enrolling your child by contacting your local preschool.**

Register your interest by 30 June in the year before your child is due to start preschool.

Scan the QR code to download the registration of interest form.



For more information visit: [education.sa.gov.au](http://education.sa.gov.au)

**ENROL NOW IN PRESCHOOL**

Children who turn 4 before 1 May can start preschool at the beginning of that year.



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**Wandana Playgroup**

Fridays 9:15-11.15am during school term

Come along to playgroup for a morning of fun, games, songs, stories and craft activities

**Ages:** Birth - 5 years

**Cost:** \$2 per family

**Please Bring:** Fruit to share and a hat for outdoor play

*\*Please note:*

Adults must stay for duration of session

No registration required

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