

LINDSAY PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

CELEBRATES NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week celebrations and community events are a great opportunity for all Australians to come together and acknowledge the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

This year's theme – *Our Languages Matter* – aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

Some 250 distinct Indigenous language groups covered the continent at first (significant) European contact in the late eighteenth century. Most of these languages would have had several dialects, therefore the total number of named varieties would have run into the many hundreds.

Today only around 120 of those languages are still spoken and many are at risk of being lost as Elders pass on. This year's theme plays a valuable role in the importance of maintaining and reviving language so it is not lost.



Lindsay Park will celebrate NAIDOC WEEK on Monday July 31st from 9:15am to 2:50pm.

- All K-6 students will have the exciting opportunity to be involved in a variety of activities that acknowledge the history, culture and achievements of Australian Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. **We ask the students to wear black, red and/or yellow** to represent the colours of the Aboriginal flag. Black represents the Aboriginal people of Australia, yellow represents the Sun, the giver of life and protector and red represents the red earth, the red ochre used in ceremonies and Aboriginal peoples' spiritual relation to the land.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you;

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