



COMMUNITY CONNECT

NEWSLETTER FOR EAST GIPPSLAND
CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES

WELCOME!

This is a weekly newsletter that is being provided for East Gippsland Children, Young People & Families to provide information and ideas for support during social distancing.

National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates for NRW remain the same each year; 27 May to 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

The 2020 theme for National Reconciliation Week is 'In This Together'. This theme reminds us that reconciliation is a journey for all Australians, as individuals, families, communities, organisations and importantly, as a nation. At the heart of this journey are relationships between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and how they can foster a positive sense of 'coming together' now and into the future.

<https://www.narragunnawali.org.au/curriculum-resource/190/lets-talk-about-the-theme-for-nrw-2020-primary>



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN EAST GIPPSLAND

Reconciliation Week events and activities look a bit different this year due to COVID19. However there are lots of ways that children, young people and families are still learning about shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and exploring how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Gippsland Lakes Complete Health & Lakes Entrance Aboriginal Health Association Clip

GLCH and LEAHA have worked together to produce a short clip that you really must see. Please click on the following link to be enlightened by the magical words of Darryl Andy <https://youtu.be/cRwYxptmXLI>

Paynesville Kindergarten Reconciliation Week Activities

During Reconciliation Week, the children and staff at Paynesville Kindergarten have read books, listened to traditional stories and talked about the meanings of the colours on the flag. The group then created a poster with everyone's handprints alongside this year's theme to demonstrate that they are all in this together (picture below).

Bairnsdale West Primary School Assembly

Bairnsdale West Primary School hold an assembly each year during Reconciliation Week. This year the assembly will be broadcast online and will highlight the ongoing, continuous journey and commitment of BWPS to Reconciliation. Presenters will draw attention and reflect on the events leading up to the 1967 Referendum, the importance of the 1992 Mabo High Court Decision and the local Koorie community's long fought battle for the Gunaikurnai's recognition and attainment of Native Title, 10 years ago in October this year. This year guest speakers include Dr. Doris Paton, Grattan Mullet, staff and students and the BWPS choir who will this year incorporate a verse in Gunaikurnai language. BWPS would like to utilise the opportunity to promote our message of Reconciliation to local schools and to the broader community, and invite you to view the assembly online at the schools Facebook page on Wednesday 3rd of June at 10.00am.



Nicholson Primary School



Paynesville Kindergarten Poster

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE: CREATE YOUR OWN RECONCILIATION POSTER

The challenge is to create your own NRW poster based on the 2020 theme, *In This Together*. You could paint, draw, use photos or pictures.

Each entry goes in the draw to win a prize pack.

Entries close on Monday 8th June

Send a photo of your poster via email or text to; rachel.bell@savethechildren.org.au or 0409 203 566.



ONLINE RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES

PRESCHOOLERS (0-4 years)

CHILDREN (5 – 12 Years)

YOUNG PEOPLE (13 – 18 Years)

ART & CRAFT
ACTIVITIES

Make a Nature Bracelet-
<https://www.snaicc.org.au/nature-bracelet-snaicc-naicd-2009sue-nowland-2006/>

Group Arts & Crafts (lower primary)
<https://www.snaicc.org.au/group-arts-crafts-lower-primary-2009-snaicc-naicd-2009/>

Make your own bookmarks-
<https://www.snaicc.org.au/make-bookmarks-2009-snaicc-naicd/>

Group Arts & Crafts (upper primary)-
<https://www.snaicc.org.au/group-arts-crafts-upper-primary-2008-snaicc-naicd-2009priscilla-reid-loynes/>

PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games

https://www.sportaus.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/705462/Yulunga_Games.pdf

STORIES/BOOKS



Creation Story - Tiddalik's story is told in the Pauline Gandel Children's Gallery and at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre is a version that belongs to the Gunaikurnai people of Gippsland - <https://youtu.be/bs-qUWomHtM>



Local author Lynette Soloman-Dent has published a number of stories using Gunaikurnai language- available for loan from East Gippsland shire's library

Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories <http://dreamtime.net.au/dreaming/story-list/>

COLOURING SHEETS

<https://www.brisbanekids.com.au/aboriginal-colouring-pages/>



Indigenous children's book author and illustrator, Dub Leffler, has created a colouring sheet for the 2020 NRW colouring competition. The colouring sheet was inspired by his book, *Once There Was a Boy*, a whimsical story about friendship, forgiveness and reconciliation. Information about the competition and to download the the colouring sheet -

<https://readingaustralia.com.au/2020/05/national-reconciliation-week-colouring-competition/>

ABC BTN <https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/reconciliation-week/10526496>

Walk the Talk – fun and interactive games <http://www.walkthetalk.org.au/activity-zone/>

LEARNING @ HOME
ACTIVITIES

SNAICC Child Rights Activity Booklet- <https://www.snaicc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/03203.pdf>

Cooking with bush foods- <https://www.snaicc.org.au/cooking-bush-foods-2008-snaicc-naicd-2009priscilla-reid-loynes/>