Indigenous Veterans Day Ceremony

Last Friday 31st May, 9 Aboriginal students from year 6 attended the Indigenous War Veterans Commemoration Service at the War Memorial in Hyde Park with students from Matraville Sports High School.

This day is significant to Aboriginal people because it recognises the Aboriginal soldiers who fought in war for our country whilst they were not even citizens of Australia.

On 27th May 1967 the people of this country voted for Aboriginal people to become citizens of Australia, before this day Aboriginal people were classed under flora and fauna.

The service started with a Traditional Smoking Ceremony and a Welcome followed by an Aboriginal dance performance by the students from Darlington Public School. Throughout the morning the students listened to special guest speakers including Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of New South Wales. Also Indigenous War Veteran FSGT Don Taylor from the Kalkadoon Tribe spoke about his experiences.

After the speeches a Wreath was laid to float in the pond by Community Elders, then all the attending schools were given the opportunity to lay their wreaths around the statue, as the sound of the Didgeridoo ‘Yidiki’ echoed in the air. The ODE was then recited by Mrs Ann Garland OAM, RSL NSW, followed by The Last Post, One Minute’s Silence and The Rouse. The whole service then ended with singing “Advance Australia Fair”.

Overall, this day was a special experience for all students and teachers that attended the service.
We would also like to extend our thanks to Matraville Sports High School for allowing us to travel on their bus and accompanying our students. Calita Murray AEO
Koori Dreaming Lessons
Students doing art work with Aunty Maxine. The artwork is about community, family and love.

School Photos
School Photos were sent home with students today if you have any enquiries regarding your photos please contact Aussie School Photos direct on 1800 700 044.

Uniform Shop
Open this week on:
Wednesday & Thursday 9.00 – 9.30am

News – 3R
This term 3R have been learning lots about the Human Body with Miss Westcott. Recently, we cut up a pool noodle into 24 pieces, and made a model of our spine by threading it onto a length of rope. Between each piece we added hair ties which were the spinal discs. We then used the model spine to demonstrate how our body bends, and we talked about how we are born with over 300 bones but end up with 206 when we are adults! We have also been learning about our digestive system and how our body processes and sorts our food. Check out the photo of us using our model spine on Alice! We also have a new friend that we named Stacey - a model human body which we can pull apart and try to put her organs back together correctly.

Miss Westcott

Sport
Round 4 Friday 7th June
Netball Vs Rainbow Street at Heffron Park (Netball)
Rugby League Vs Banksmeadow Heffron Park (Poolside)
Soccer Vs Pagewood at Heffron Park (Netball)

Please send a $1 coin with your child each Friday

Community News
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