



MOWBRAY NEWS

Term 4 Week 2
21 October 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome Back!!

A big WELCOME BACK to all our MPS families. It is hard to believe we are already in Term 4!! At this time, we are finalising excursions and plans for the term. Information has gone home in stage newsletters.

Department of Education restrictions are allowing for a more 'normal' Term 4, but there are still compulsory COVID guidelines for all Department of Education schools that we must follow. As updates are given to the school they will be passed on to the community via School Stream and email.

The last day of term for students will be Wednesday 16 December.

Returning late or not returning in 2021?

Documentation of student movement is essential for the school executive to make 2021 classing structure decisions. Included in this newsletter is a form (that was also sent via School Stream) to inform the school if:

- your family will be taking extended leave over the December/January holidays and your child will be returning to school later than Friday 29 January 2021 (it is essential we have written documentation stating your proposed date of return) or
- your child in Kindergarten – Year 5 will not be returning to MPS in 2021

I would politely request that families who fit into these categories please fill out the form included in this newsletter or complete the form electronically via School Stream.

Thank you for your support with our 2021 planning.

Change of start of year dates 2021

It was announced yesterday by the Department of Education that there will be two staff only development days to start the 2021 school year.

This will mean that the first day for students K-6 in 2021 will be FRIDAY 29 January.
The last day of the 2021 school year will be Thursday 16 December.

2021 classing

At the end of every year, teachers and executive staff put many hours into forming classes for the next year. Teachers take into account how children work, who children work best with and friendship factors. As a school community we need to remember that children are in class for the best possible education, and classroom teachers have a deep understanding of class dynamics and how the students in their classes work best.

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If you are concerned that your child has significant special needs that your 2020 classroom teacher is unaware of, or there are significant extenuating circumstances that need to be taken into account in 2021 classing, you can contact the office to make an appointment to meet with me or schedule a phone discussion. Appointments must be made before the 13 November.

Alternatively you can send an email to the school to explain your child's significant special needs. Emails should be sent to mowbray-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject line 'Attention Principal re: 2021 classing'.

Any requests made will be considered, but are **not** guaranteed. Any request sent through after the 13 November 2020 will not be able to be considered.

School entrances, student safety

The student entrances to the school are via *Mowbray Rd* or *Hatfield St*. It has been noticed that a few families are entering and exiting via the carpark on Willandra St. This is not a safe access point to the school as cars and delivery vans enter and exit this carpark at all times of the day.

Swim School change for 2020

Traditionally all our MPS students K-6 have participated in the Swim School Program. This program is a daily swim lesson for a week in Term 4. Due to the turbulence of 2020, we have had to make a change to the program for this year.

All students from K-2 will participate in the traditional Swim School program in Week 6 (16 November – 20 November inclusive).

All students in Year 3–6 will participate in the Surf Ed program, learning beach swimming and safety skills. Surf Ed will be a one day program on Wednesday 2 December.

Currently the plan is to return to the traditional Swim School program in 2021. Thank you for your understanding in regards to this change.

Selective High School Application for 2022 – Year 5 students

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply online using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

An intention to apply note with detailed information was handed to all Year 5 students in Week 1 of Term 4. It has also been included in this newsletter. This note is not an application. Applications need to be made online.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

Last Reminder: Tell Them from Me

In 2021 we are embarking on a new school planning cycle. An essential part of preparing a new school plan is parent/carer voice.

As COVID is preventing on-site meetings and parent forums, to collect input from parents/carers, we are going to use the *Tell Them From Me* parent/carer survey as a starting point.

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The survey data helps us:

- understand parents' perspectives on their children's experience at school, including teaching, communication and the school's support of learning and behaviour
- understand parents' perspectives on activities and practices at home related to their children's learning
- provide evidence of areas of strength to support self-assessment and reporting
- engage the school community in discussions to identify strategic directions for school improvement
- establish quantitative improvement measures and help schools track achievement against them.

Traditionally we have not had many parents/carers complete the parent survey.

It would be greatly appreciated if our parents/carers could take the time to fill in the survey at this link <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/mps20> The survey is anonymous.

It is understood that we are in unprecedented times with significant COVID-19 restrictions, but we will be using this planning for the next 3 years, so please respond keeping your experiences of 'normal times' in mind too.

The link will also be sent via School Stream and email.

CAROLINE ALFORD
PRINCIPAL

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who will receive the following Awards:

GOLD AWARDS – K-2

KS	E Tsai, Aaliyah G,
KL	Aiden T, Alexander B, Zoe L, Enoch S, Lucas Y
KC	Marcus W, Basia Z
KT	Ivy P
1L	Evelyn C
2F	Bridget M, Adam E, Tom H
2M	Jackson Y, Laura Z, Sophie R
2H	Benyamin DK

GOLD AWARDS – 3-6

3V	Mikail B, Eloise C
3M	Walter B, William R
3E	Jenny K
3/4H	Victoria L
5C	Celeste G, Harmony C
5T	Lucy B

BANNERS – K-6

3E	Thomas R, Matilda C, Georgia D
3V	Ada W
3M	Collette L
4A	Max B, Hugo D
5T	Parkes C

OFFICE NEWS

Term Accounts – Term 4 accounts will be sent out in the next few weeks, through School Bytes. You will be sent an email when the term accounts have been sent so you can look out for it.

Book Club - Issue 7 orders will close **Friday 23 October**.

Please note that **all Book Club orders should be placed online** through Book Club Loop. The Office will no longer be handling any cash orders. Instructions on how to order are outlined in the flyer following.



Kindergarten 2021 – If any family has a child starting in kindergarten next year, please enrol them as soon as possible. Forms can be collected from the office or on the school website. Details for the Orientation Program in October will be given on receipt of enrolment forms.

Office Hours – The School Office hours are 8.30am to 3.30pm and you may contact us between these times. Please adhere to the new sign – **One family in the Office at any one time.**

SUE LEECE
ADMIN MANAGER



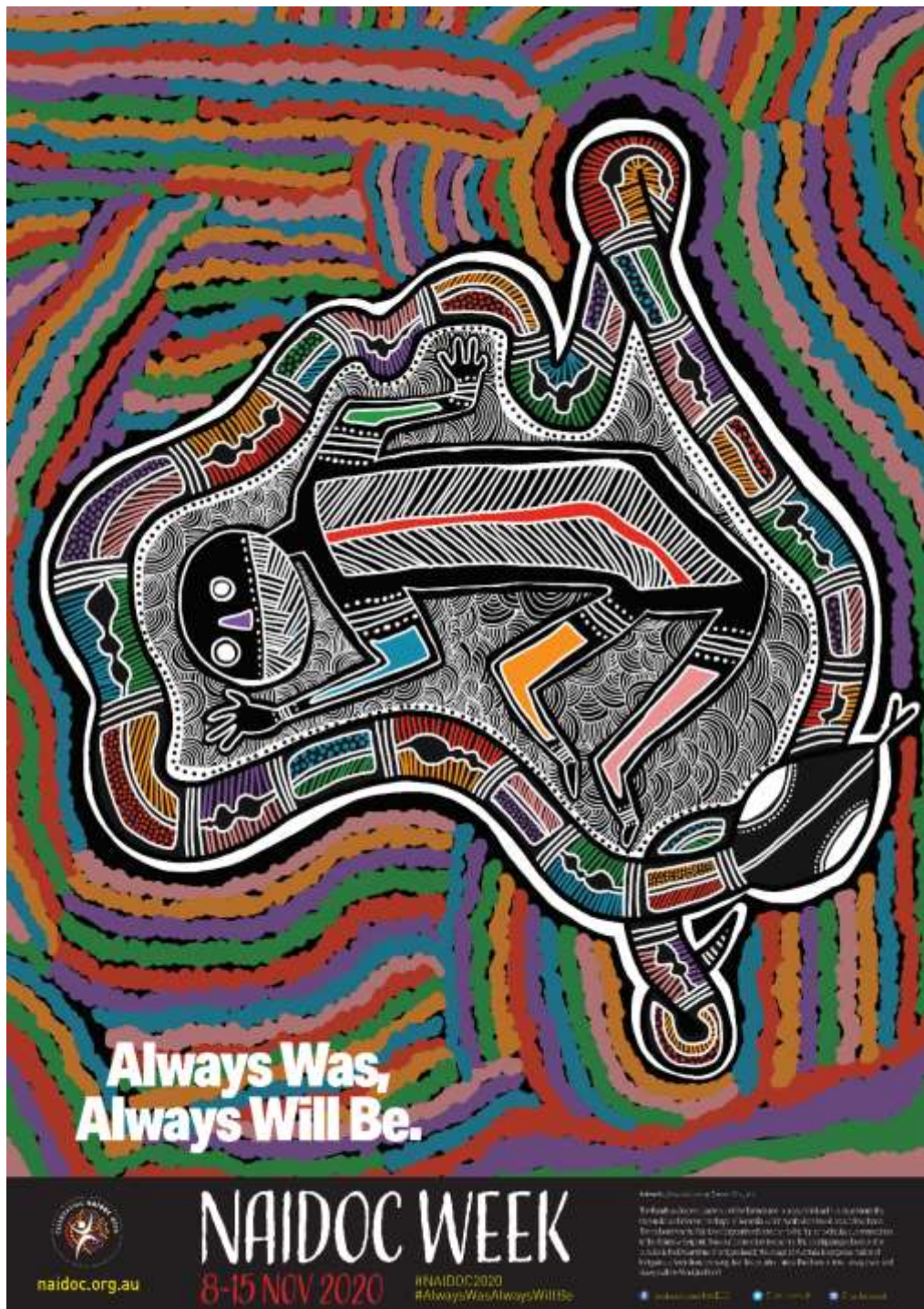
SCHOOL NEWS

NAIDOC WEEK 2020

8-15 November

Always Was, Always Will Be

In Week 5, Mowbray will be celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Students will be participating in storytelling, games, language and Caring for Country activities.



SCHOOL NEWS

SRC Fundraising



Congratulations to the students of Mowbray Public School for doing an amazing job getting dressed up in our pyjamas on pyjama day in week 10 last term.

We were able to fundraise an incredible **\$906.50** for the Salvation Army. Together we have made a difference to the people in need around Australia.



\$2602!

Well done to all of the teachers who stepped up this September! Special mention to our top steppers: Mr Williams Veazey, Mr McElhenny, Miss Evans, Mr Horsley and Mrs Ryan. A BIG thank you to the Mowbray community for their generosity in donating for this important cause.

THANK YOU MOWBRAY!
Tara Foster & Jacinta Bradshaw

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



Bushcare

@Mowbray

Become a Bushcare volunteer right here at school!

When: Friday 6 November
***Followed by the first Friday of every month**
Where: Basketball Courts
Time: 3:15pm
EVERYONE WELCOME

Tools provided. BYO gloves.

For more information contact Willoughby Council's Bushcare Coordinator on 9777 7875.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Edible Garden Grant

Mowbray Public School together with the P&C Environment Subcommittee were successful in winning a grant to further assist with our school edible garden, signage and wayfinding, tools for the garden, soil and plants. A big thank you to the Sydney Edible Garden Trail for supporting our school!

With the grant money we have so far purchased some additional tools for gardening and encourage all students to get involved in gardening on Wednesdays at lunchtime with Ms Power and Miss Thomas. Some further gardening opportunities will take place after school this Friday with some students who attend Cubby House OOSH and Primary OOSH. Once COVID restrictions are lifted we hope to be able to extend the opportunities for students to garden to all students who are interested.

P&C Environment
Subcommittee





MOWBRAY
PUBLIC SCHOOL

Leaving the school in 2020 or Arriving late in 2021?

Dear Parents/carers,

The first day of school for Year 1 – 6 students next year will be **Friday 29 January, 2021**. **Kindergarten students will be starting on Friday 29 January at 9:30am.**

It is vital, for class and staff organisation purposes, that we know if your child/children will not be returning to Mowbray PS or be returning late (after 29 January) next year. Some families take extended holidays in January/February and we need to know your return date so your child's enrolment can be counted.

This note does not apply to any 2020 Year 6 students.

Please return this note to the office as soon as possible

Not returning in 2021

Name	Class

Arrangement or if moving - new school name _____

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____

Returning later than 29 January in 2021

Name	2020 class	Expected return date

Reason for late return _____

Signed _____ (parent/carer) Date: _____

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 11 March 2021.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2022, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available in late September 2020 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

The application website opens at that link on 6 October 2020 and closes on 9 November 2020. You must apply before the closing date.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after 6 October 2020.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

The tear-off slip below is not an application and the school cannot apply on your behalf.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Alford

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by 23 October 2020.

THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2022

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2022 through the High Performing Students website between 6 October 2020 and 9 November 2020.

Signature of parent/carers: _____

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MOWBRAY PUBLIC SCHOOL



FAMILY PORTRAIT

FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY 14th OF NOVEMBER 2020

BOOK YOUR PROFESSIONAL PHOTO

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084EA4AA22A4FC1-family>

For only \$25 – you get an 8x12" professional colour or b&w photo as well as its digital file.

The 20-minute sessions will run from 9 am till 5 pm.

The shoots take place outdoors (weather permitting) on the school grounds.

Additional photos will be available to purchase at a discounted rate from Stine.

Digital files of the purchased photos will be provided with orders \$200 and above.

One booking per family and pets are welcome.



DON'T WAIT TO BOOK, SESSIONS BOOK OUT FAST

100% of the booking fee will be donated to the school to help with the purchase of much needed supplies for our school.

Visit www.stinebaska.com to view more of her amazing work

Stine Baska
photography





MOWBRAY P&C

Limited Stock

2ND HAND UNIFORMS TEMPORARY SHOP

**Term 4
WEEK 2 ONLY**

via Facebook Mowbray Families and Friends GROUP

Donate any good, clean uniforms at the Office. It's a very useful service and benefits the whole school.
Sales are final. Items sold in 'as is' condition.







FREAKY FRIDAY

How to Enter

If you wish your child to be in the running for a prize, please submit a photo of your child in costume to the Mowbray P&C Facebook group (Mowbray Public School Families & Friends (MPSFF)) by midday ON FREAKY FRIDAY

OR

email it to mowbraymemo@gmail.com.
(We'll remind you.)

Prize winners decided by panel.

SPECIAL MOWBRAY SUPPORTER OFFER

List your house (or refer a friend who lists) which results in a sale through Cobden & Hayson and \$1000* will be donated to Mowbray Public School! *\$500 for units.

Contact Justine Collins 0410 601 707 (justine@ch.com.au)





JOIN OUR MOWBRAY P&C FACEBOOK GROUP

'Mowbray Public School Families and Friends'

Connect with Mowbray families, from other Years.

News, people, chat, reminders, photos, competitions, special offers, buy/sell/trade ...

You will be asked to provide your name, email address and child's name and class, to join this closed-access Facebook Group.

These details will be confirmed with the school.

www.facebook.com/groups/MPSFF



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MOWBray advantages

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www.liftandbox.com.au



www.boxdivvy.com

MOWBRAY



DEALS for our community - from our community

Did you know we have a directory of Mowbray parent/carer businesses which provides advantages to our Mowbray community members?

Let our community know about YOUR business?
Join our directory for free AND be part of our November special feature.

Go to **www.mowbraypandc.org.au/MCBR**
to see some of our current businesses and/or to add YOUR business to our directory.
Any queries, contact mowbraymemo@gmail.com

Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

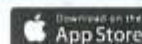
1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.

2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.

Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.

Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?



Item No

FIND

3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.

4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.



School Travel for 2021



2021 school travel applications are now open

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened from Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now [apply](#) online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

*Applications must be completed by the student's parent or legal guardian if the student is aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete the application form themselves.

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

If a student needs to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails>

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

New Concession Entitlement Cards

Transport for NSW will be replacing the below cards with Transport Concession Entitlement Cards (TCEC) from October 2020:

- Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also used by Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students
- Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
- Boarder Rail Pass.

All previous cards will be valid until they expire. Students who require a Transport Concession Entitlement Card should speak with their school administration staff.

Enquiries regarding school student travel can be submitted to Transport for NSW at:
<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback>



OPEN STUDIO WEEKEND

7-8 NOVEMBER 2020 • 10-4pm

Meet the artists, see their work, buy direct

- Oil and acrylic paintings •
- Printmaking • Watercolour paintings •
- Ceramic, wooden and bronze sculptures •
- Fine art photography • Pastel and ink drawings •
- Encaustic paintings • Ceramic homewares •
- Felt & textile art • Hand-woven bags •
- Hand-made jewellery •



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Cool music knowledge!*



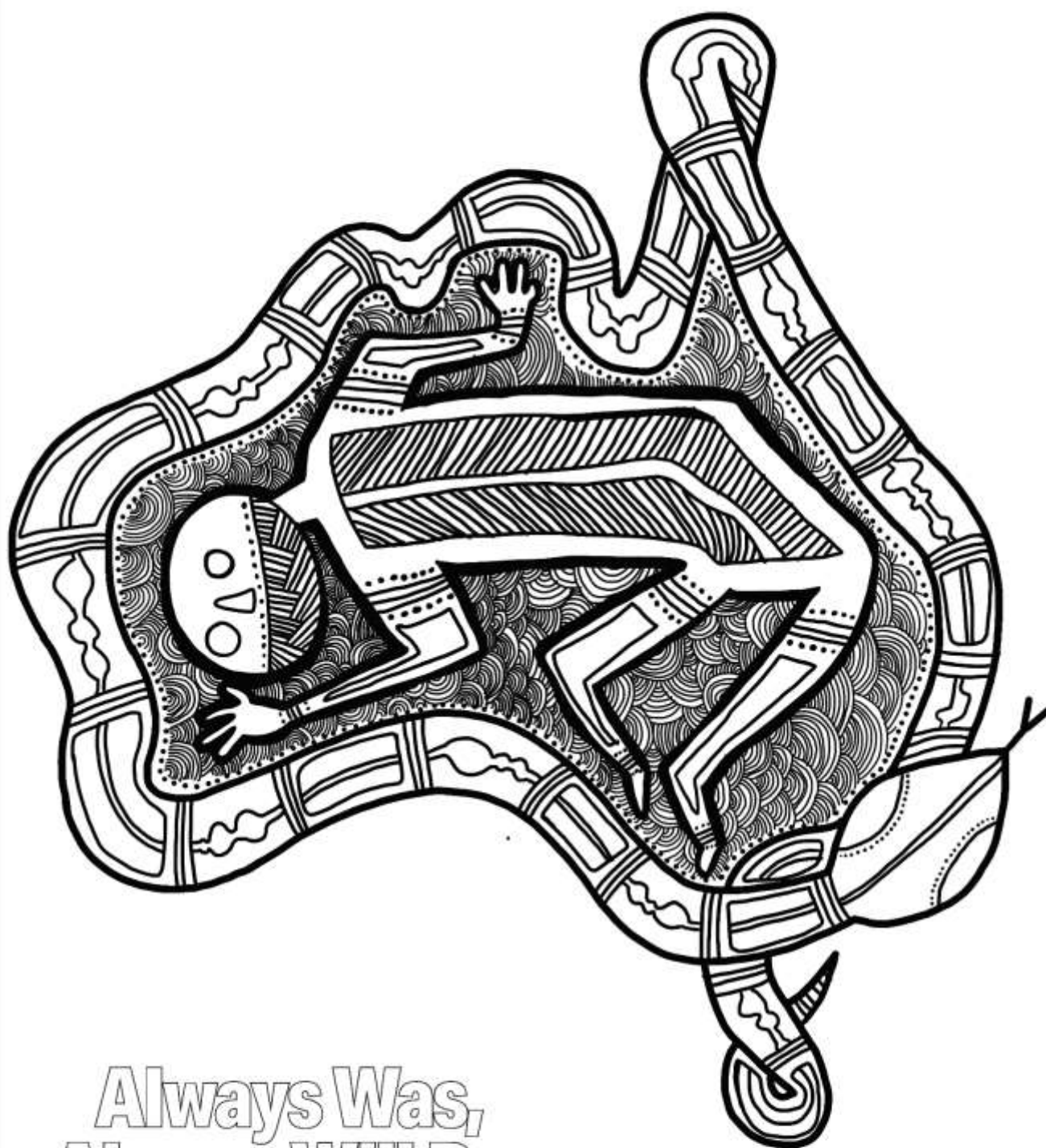
- Convenient at-school venue
- Small group, 45-min weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
- Instrument not required initially
- Fun introduction to music



To enrol: www.learnmusicatschool.com.au
(02) 9411 3122

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regarding COVID-19.

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Always Was,
Always Will Be.



naidoc.org.au

NAIDOC WEEK

8-15 NOV 2020

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#AlwaysWasAlwaysWillBe

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The Rainbow Serpent came out of the Dreamtime to create the land. It is represented by the snake and it has the shape of Australia, which symbolises how it created our lands. The colour from the Rainbow Serpent is white and on the figure to display our connection to the Rainbow Serpent, then our connection to country. The overlapping colours on the outside is the Dreamtime. The figure inside the shape of Australia is a representation of Indigenous Australians showing that this country - since the dawn of time - always was, and always will be, Aboriginal land.

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