SORRY DAY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 26 MAY: AN IMPORTANT PART OF HEALING

National Sorry Day, held on 26 May, is the annual day of remembrance in Australia to acknowledge the injustice experienced by members of the Stolen Generations. This Australia-wide observance recognises the Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, known as the Stolen Generations. Acknowledgement of this day is an important step towards healing.

Tune into Darebin’s Facebook page to watch Council’s Sorry Day Acknowledgement in partnership with Banyule City Council.

**Event details:**
Sorry Day Acknowledgement  
26 May 2020  
Facebook [http://facebook.com/events/1163318127350111](http://facebook.com/events/1163318127350111)

10am - Smoking Ceremony by a Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elder, flag raising, performance by Maylene Slater-Burns and speeches from Darebin and Banyule Council Mayors.

7pm - Sorry Day talks with special guest speakers including Aunty Eva Jo Edwards, Ian Hamm, Uncle Trevor Gallagher, Aunty Muriel Bamblett AO, Aunty Cindy Bux and performance by Pirritu Brett Lee.

(Photo: Darebin Council ‘Empty Coolamon’ Stolen Generations marker; Artist: Robyne Latham. Located in front of Council Offices, High Street Preston, this specially commissioned monument publicly honours the Stolen Generations. It symbolises Darebin Council’s commitment towards reconciliation and is a space where communities can reflect and pay their respects).

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2020: 27 MAY – JUNE

This year’s theme for National Reconciliation Week – In this together – is now resonating in ways that could not have been foreseen when it was announced last year, but it reminds us whether in a crisis or in reconciliation we are all #InThisTogether.

National Reconciliation Week 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. Please join us online to share, support and celebrate National Reconciliation Week 2020 – wherever you may be. For a list of all online events visit [http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/RecWeek](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/RecWeek).
Watch a film on Kanopy


Learn more about film streaming with Kanopy at our website: www.darebinlibraries.vic.gov.au/streaming

For more information visit the following website; https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/

Reading & Singing with your Child

BOOKS OF THE WEEK

An Australian ABC of Animals
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JOsoOKNQhUU

Wilam
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jm2YhsECX0

SONGS OF THE WEEK

Inanay by Soundplay Australia
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yxW57WzrTY

If you go into the Bush by Robert Brown
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zsO_XLminlM&list=PLzmVKRBbDmwPrVHaPHyW-3iv10Y9pfQPI&index=4&t=0s

Listed are additional websites with an amazing collection of stories and songs embracing reconciliation week.

https://iview.abc.net.au/collection/2210
Messy Play in May - Creative Art

Indigenous Australians create art in many different ways, including; painting on leaves, wood carving, rocks and sand painting. The Aboriginal flag and Torres Strait Islander Flag colours have strong representation meanings: **Black** - represents Indigenous people; **Yellow** – represents the Sun; **Red** – represents the red earth; **Green** – represents the land; **Blue** – represents the sea; **White** – represents peace.

The colours can be used within children’s artwork, allowing children to explore the meaning of the colours through messy play craft ideas, and increase children’s cultural awareness and connection to their world. Listed below are ideas, you might like to try;

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**Leaf, Bark, Rocks and Gumnut Painting** – Children can engage in a nature walk to find a variety of nature items and explore the different textures to paint on, with colours representing the flag and symbols.

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**Handprints** – You can be creative with your handprints, use the colours of the flag, paint the flag on your hand, trace your handprint and use a cotton bud to paint various patterns and symbols.

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**Flag Pasting** – Outline the flag on a piece of paper and cut out pieces of coloured paper. Children can paste their own flag, if using cellophane paper, you could play it on the window and look through the stained window coloured flag.

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**Clapping wooden sticks /Australian Aboriginal Rainsticks and Warm Colourful Snakes** – Children can paint their own clapping wooden sticks, they can clap them together to different music beats. If you have empty poster cylinders or a similar hollow tubes, decorate the outside of the tube, place soft leaves in the tube, cover the ends of the tube with material and listen to the soft sounds. Folder children you can make a warm colourful snake, all you need coloured wool and cardboard. Helping your child cut out a cardboard shape snake, your child can wrap different coloured wool around the snake.
Darebin Libraries Online Events & Resources

Darebin Libraries are producing two **Storytime** sessions per week on Monday and Wednesday at 10.15am and two **Rhyme time** sessions per week on Tuesday and Thursday at 10.15am. These sessions can be viewed at any time after they are posted on the Darebin Libraries Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/darebinlibraries](http://www.facebook.com/darebinlibraries).

There will also be a semi-regular “Wildcard” session on Fridays at 10.15am, it may be a special craft activity or an author event.

**ONLINE LEARNING RESOURCES**


**COVID 19 Resources and Information**

First steps of easing restrictions into schools is gradually coming into play, Prep, grade 1, grade 2 and Year 11 and Year 12 Students have commence back at school on Tuesday 26th May, while grade 3 to Year 10 will commence Tuesday 9th June.

Further restrictions are being lifted, outdoor Playgrounds, skateparks and outdoor gym equipment will re-open on Tuesday 26th May. From 1st June you are allowed to have 20 people in your home, including the residents living in the home. Camping will also be allowed at state and national parks, but the facilities will be closed.

**DHHS** - For further information, please visit [http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au)

As part of Service Australia’s response to COVID-19 the agency has sourced an Easy Read product to help communicate to people. This product will help break down some of the complex aspects of the claiming process and extra payments available.

The Easy Read document is now published on the [COVID resources for community groups page](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/community/community-resources-and-help/coronavirus-covid-19-resources-community-groups), and is attached for your reference. It can also be downloaded from the Covid-19 eKit link on the page.

**Raising Children Network** website has valuable information and resources in relation to talking with young children about coronavirus, social distancing and isolation.


**Australian Institute of Family Studies** are conducting a survey to understand how Australians are coping with and adjusting to the Coronavirus pandemic. Please feel free to complete the survey with the link below.

PARENTING PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

ParentZone Northern https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/events/
Raising Children - First 1000 Days: Conception to 2 years https://raisingchildren.net.au/guides/first-1000-days?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI2viZ3OOh6QIVByUrCh3nNARREAYASAAEgKkbfD_BwE

Subscription to What’s on for Families eNewsletter
You and your families can also subscribe to our monthly What’s on for Families eNewsletter at http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Your-Say/Newsletters/Subscribe

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All enquiries and feedback regarding Community Playgroups in Darebin should be directed to:
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