



Language & Culture Program

Wominjeka!

Term 1 was a fantastic start to a new year in the Koorie Room! Students' enthusiasm was uplifting and inspiring!

In term 2, students are continuing to practice basic Woivurrung greeting, conversation and classroom commands. We roleplay situations, where students greet one another and enquire about/provide basic information regarding name and wellbeing. They will also learn Woivurrung animal names that have been chosen for class totems and make up simple 'Who am I?' riddles in Woivurrung. All grades are learning about the pronunciation of sounds in the Woivurrung language. Particular attention is being paid to identifying sounds that are similar to or differ from English, with explicit practice in the articulation of those that differ. Grades 2 – 6 are also learning about the orthography/spelling used to record Woivurrung language.

All grades are learning about:

- Totemism in indigenous culture – clan, family, personal; animals selected as class totem
- Indigenous Stories – linking to class totem, school values; differences and similarities between indigenous and non-indigenous literature/storytelling.
- Significance of indigenous events such as 'Sorry Day', Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC
- Stolen Generation
- Wurundjeri seasons – regular/incidental reference to the key features/characteristics that distinguish each season

Please feel free to come and check out the Koorie Room, and have a chat about what your child is learning. The side door, near the junior play area, will be open on Tuesday afternoons, between 3.30 and 4.00.

