

5/6A Newsletter

Week 10, Term 2



As the term is drawing to a close, a quick recount of events this term show us how much we have done this term. Maybe this is because 5/6A is **AWESOME!**

National Sorry Day saw Corey lead an assembly for all the Indigenous students and their non-Indigenous friends. During this event, we recognised the importance of Reconciliation. The theme for National Sorry Day was "Sorry- Still Living on Borrowed Time".

Everyone in our class contributed to making the feet which represented the track leading back home. Corey presented a moving speech on what Sorry Day meant. Corey has allowed us to publish his speech. Thankyou Corey!

"Today Wednesday 26 of May is National Sorry Day. The theme of National Sorry day 2010 is "SORRY Still Living on Borrowed Time".

The first National Sorry Day was held on 13 February 2008 when a National Apology by the Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the Australian Parliament to the Stolen Generations and Indigenous Australians was given.

Today at Wadalba Community School, we will place feet in our native garden to represent the feet of the stolen generation victims tracking their way back home. The feet represent the stolen generation of the aboriginal children who were taken away from their homes to live with white families.

There were approximately 50 000 aboriginal children separated from their families between 1910 and 1970. This decision caused immense pain and heartache and brought fear to the children and their families.

These children not only had to cope with the loss of their families but they were also robbed of their indigenous heritage and were taught to be ashamed of being black.

Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is vital to Australia's future. Many who were removed as children are now trying to find their families. "The Stolen Generations Track Home" which we have made in our garden, is symbolic and representative of a new direction we as Australians are taking.

Reconciliation is 'important'. The community is ready, so to quote Prime Minister Kevin Rudd "Let's turn this page together." Doing this together represents our partnership as Australians."



WHERE IN THE WORLD???

This term in HSIE, we have travelled around the world. We have discovered lots of new things about the world. We've travelled from Australia to America to

Japan to England to Italy to Germany and Chile. While we were visiting Italy, our plane was delayed and we had an unexpected stop over, allowing



us time to catch up on a few countries. In Italy, we published our own recipe books of our favourite recipes. Some of



us even cooked the recipes we had discovered. Pizza proved to be very popular.

Miss Healy, our prac teacher, helped us make Spanish fans, which allowed us to be creative with our decorative skills.



While we were in Paris, we built the Eiffel Tower. They are now hanging in our room. Who said the Eiffel Tower is only in Paris?



Congratulations to Paris and Candace, who sat for selective high school placements in 2011. Paris won a place at Gorokan selective High School. Candace gained third spot on the "A" reserve list for Hunter

Performing Arts High School. Hopefully, we will receive good news soon.

In Week 9, we all started the Premier's Sporting Challenge, which will run for 10

weeks. It is designed "to have more students, more active, more often". We have to participate in physical activity which increases our heart rate for more than 20 minutes in a session. We record our activities in our participation book, and then this is recorded on our class chart. We are measuring our fitness using the beep test. Matt and Andrew got up to level



8.4 in their first run on the beep test and improved to level 10 on their second try two weeks later. Great job, guys!!!!