



National Sorry Day

Thursday 26th May

National Reconciliation Week

Friday 27th May – Friday 3rd June



The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, “Be Brave. Make Change.” is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organizations, and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can make change for the benefit of all Australians. (<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/>)

All students at St Peter’s Primary School will take part in a *Caring for Country* initiative. Each class will be provided with a Bush Tucker plant to plant in our Bush Tucker Garden.

No matter where you are in Australia, or for how long you have lived here, what unites us all is that we are all standing on Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Land. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have sustainably lived with the Land for more than 120,000 years, and the continued imperative to care for Country/place represents an integral part of our shared history. With Country/place being so important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and cultures, and with environmental sustainability representing one of the big challenges of our modern times, this activity supports all students to build a personal sense of responsibility for respecting and caring for the Country/place around them, all the while building an awareness and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contributions to sustainable land management. (<https://www.narragunnawali.org.au/>)

Students will also have a chance to take part in a competition to design a stepping stone for our garden. Each design must either represent National Sorry Day, National Reconciliation Week, or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander’s histories and cultures. The winning students will paint their designs onto a stepping stone, which will be placed in our garden. **(This will not be Aboriginal artwork)*