



National NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Dear Parents/Carers,

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

As students and staff will be on holidays during the first week of July, Woy Woy Public School will celebrate National NAIDOC Week from **Monday 27 June to Friday 1 July**. The theme this year is **Get up! Stand up! Show up!**

On **Wednesday 29 June**, students are encouraged to wear an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander themed cultural shirt to show their support for NAIDOC Week. If students do not have a cultural shirt, they may wear a shirt that's colour is representative of either the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flags. This includes black, yellow, red, green, blue, or white.

There will be a special NAIDOC Week assembly that will take place at 10 am underneath the COLA. This will involve a smoking ceremony performed by Uncle Tim Selwyn, performances, and award presentations.

All families are invited to attend the assembly if they wish. After the assembly concludes, families are invited to stay for lunch with their child/ren in our Bush Tucker Garden and Dreaming Trail area. At the end of lunch, students will return to their classrooms before participating in a range of activities that recognise and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

We look forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week at Woy Woy Public School.



Regards,

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