

# St Patrick's Primary School Newsletter

15th June 2017 Term 2 Week 8

CEDP Attendance Benchmark Target Level = 90%

**St Patrick's Current Attendance Level = 92.4%**

Dear Parents,

Over the last few years at St Patrick's Parramatta there has been an increase in the use of devices such as laptops, ipads and chromebooks. The methodology has moved from a 'computer room' style application to students using individual devices in many key learning areas. Children of all ages are learning to log in with their own personal username and password and are able to use apps such as Explain Everything to share with their peers their work samples and thinking. The process of explaining what they are learning and how they have solved a given problem or process is very powerful in embedding new knowledge and skills. It assists students to gain confidence and use the language of learning (metacognition) and in turn improve general learning outcomes.

Children in Stage 3, that is Years 5 and 6, have trialled the use of Google Classroom. Google Classroom involves giving each student in the class a secure Google account within our system's intranet. By having an account, it will allow the children to login into a secure, digital 'classroom' to interact with others in the class, submit work and see feedback from work submitted; from any device that has internet, anywhere and at any time. The account is different from a normal Google account as all elements are controlled by the teacher. There is even a Guardian feature which alerts parents to information shared also. Teachers are able to set lessons to be undertaken at home and for children to comment on each others' ideas in a collaborative way. From all accounts Google Classroom has been a very popular and motivating method of learning and this increased motivation has served to provide students with a range of skills that can easily be transferred to their high school years. Of course this is one way of learning and is combined with many other strategies and learning opportunities.

One of the most significant aspects for students in the use of collaborative platforms such as Google Classroom and Blogging is learning to use the technology in a mature and responsible way. Children often have difficulty recognising that they must adhere to the same social norms online as they would in person. Sometimes the distance offered by the keyboard can cause them to forget that talking about other children online, whether in public or with one other person can be extremely hurtful. In some cases this discourse can be so severe it is termed **cyberbullying**. Children need to be taught and reminded of the responsibilities of using the internet in a productive and ethical way. Parents can assist the school in monitoring student behaviour by reporting to the class teachers, Mrs Benkovich or myself, any cases of inappropriate online chatter between children. This issue takes continual vigilance from adults and can be time consuming, but certainly worth the effort.

The topic of appropriate online behaviour is continually addressed in the classroom and this ranges from not sharing passwords, safe device storage, responsible use of the internet and appropriate online behaviour. The Commonwealth Government and our system (CEDP) are committed to supporting students and parents in the fight against cyberbullying. For some excellent and up to date information on how to keep children safe when online please follow the link to this government website.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au>

This website addresses many topics and concerns parents have in an interactive, entertaining way. So let the message be, **'Don't be frightened, be informed, be Cyberwise!'**

God Bless you and your family

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# st patrick's award



The St Patrick's award is given to the child who lives their life through Faith in Action

KA	Eimear Mitchell
KM	Kenzie Murphy
1C	Jazmyne Drosos
1S	Marcelino ElHalabi
2M	Aireen Kwa
2Y	Noah Romanos



# Honour Award

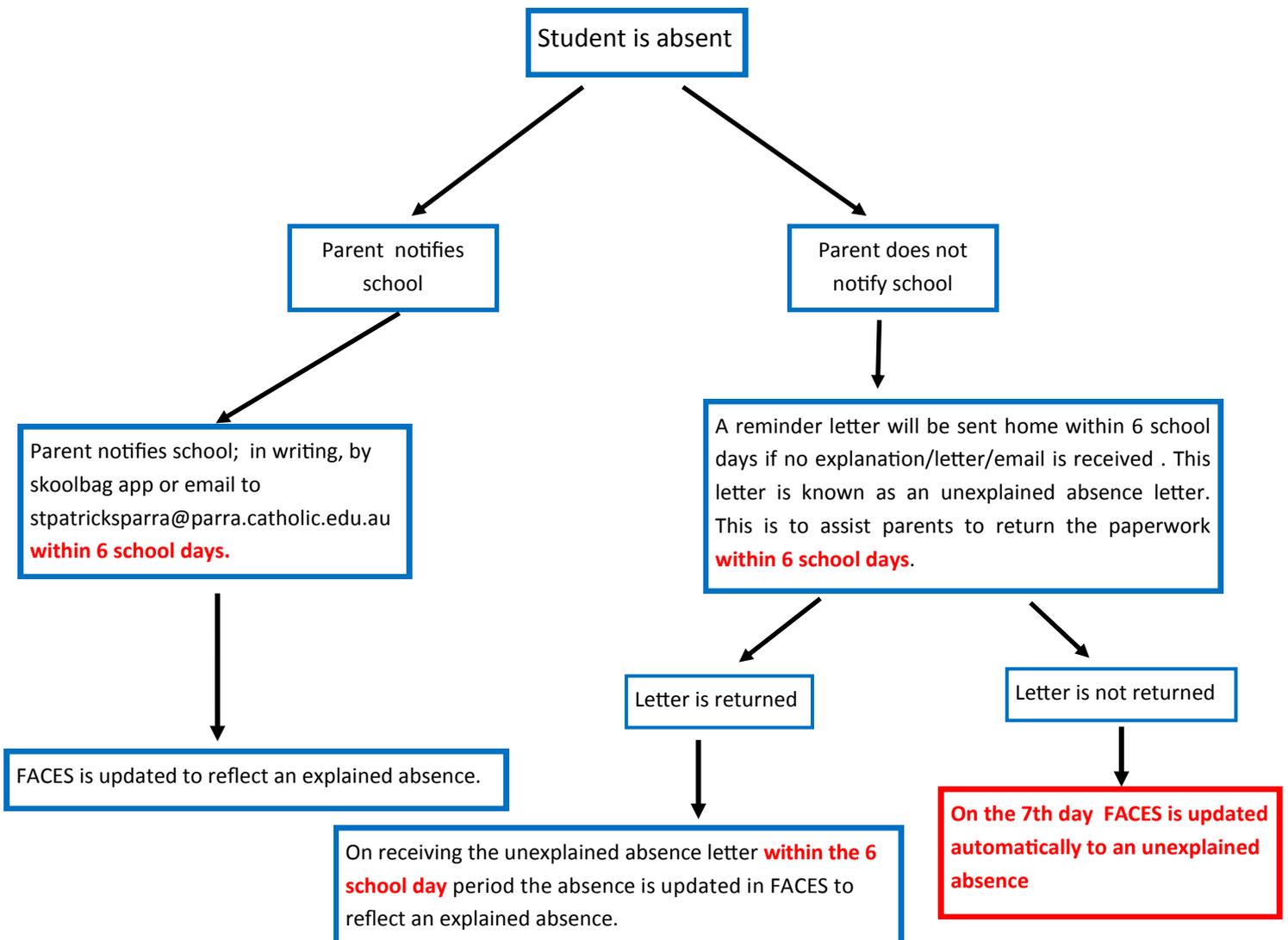
The Honour Award is awarded to the child who demonstrates outstanding behaviour shown in the Student Charter

KA	Nicholas Reyes-Mangabat
KM	Eden El-Chaar
1C	Stephanie Jabbour
1S	Makayla Kalouch
2M	Tara DiChio
2Y	Thomas Aguilera

## Absences

Dear Parents,

The procedure for notification of attendance has been refined further by Catholic Education Office. The information can be found in this flowchart.



## SAFETY ALERT - NEW ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL ARRANGEMENTS

Dear Parents,

Late last week we received a safety alert from our head office. The Police had advised us that there has been a higher than usual number of 'stranger danger' alerts recently, involving young children; in particularly one CEDP COSCH. Whilst there was no specific reference to the Parramatta area we feel it is best to adjust our arrival and dismissal arrangements slightly to add more security.

In response to this alert we will be keeping the Villier's Street gate locked in the morning and afternoon and only open the Ross Street entrance. In this way we can add extra security and are better placed to monitor who enters and leaves the school grounds. We understand that this will cause some inconvenience as parents and students will have to walk further.

We will review how this procedure goes and make a decision for future dismissals and drop offs. We will keep you informed if any new information comes to light.

Thanking you for your cooperation and understanding



## Infants Fun Afternoon!

On Tuesday, June 27th, Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 will be walking to Old King's Oval, 3 Marist Place Parramatta, to enjoy a fun afternoon of games.

Students will be arriving at the park at approximately 1:00pm for a picnic lunch. They will be asked to bring down their own lunch and water bottle in a small bag (such as their library bag) clearly marked with their name. We ask that no take away food be brought to the fun day.

Students will have the opportunity to play a range of games with their parents and friends before walking back to school at approximately 2:20pm. Normal dismissal procedures will apply.

We look forward to spending the afternoon with you and your family.



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**SCHOOL  
INTERVIEWS**

[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Online code: cyy3y

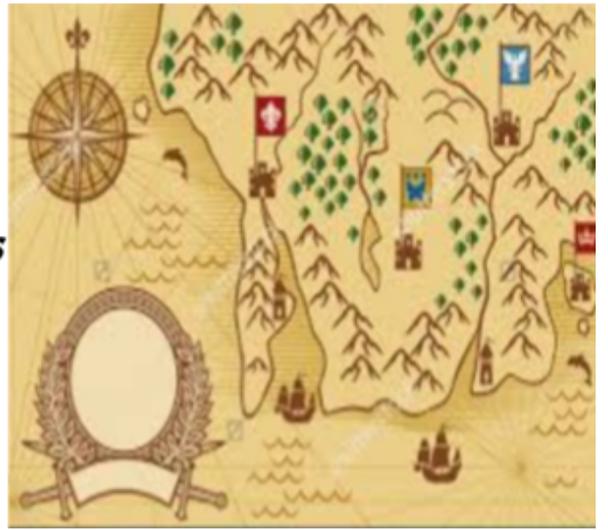
Bookings close tomorrow

During Week 9 teachers will be undertaking teacher/parent interviews.

This is an 'official meeting time' set aside for you to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher. At this meeting the teacher will also explain your child's half yearly report and how the grades from A to E are determined based on work samples and assessments. Of course, parents are always welcome to make an appointment at any time throughout the year to meet with the class teacher/s, just as teachers can contact parents to organize meetings.

It is important, when attending these meetings, to remember that each child develops at his/her own rate and in his/her own way. Children do not all walk and talk at the same age and accordingly each child moves along the learning continuum at their own pace. Some children arrive at school already reading and writing while others master these skills a little later. The role of parents and teachers is to acknowledge and build on each child's strengths and at the same time help our children to work on achieving in areas that they find challenging.

*A weary traveller,  
Homeward bound  
Will leave a case on our play ground  
Full of treasures from near and far  
From beneath the sea to beyond the stars  
Will you then, accept your quest?  
To write about this covert chest?  
In week 9 you will find the clues,  
For our travellers tale to continue...*



All students are invited to compose a piece of writing based on the traveller's chest which will be installed in the playground during Week 9. All published pieces of work are to be submitted with the student's name and class to Miss Kashian by Wednesday of Week 10. Keep your eye on the Author's Corner in the library to see some of the work submitted!

Happy Writing!

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to a number of children who made their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral at Harris Park last Sunday. The mass was filled with family and friends from some local schools including St Patrick's Parramatta. Congratulations to the following children:

Ethan Bechara  
Talia Lahoud  
Jack Gittany  
Christine Kahwaji

Christina Elzahoul  
Michael Ayoub  
Elisa Daher  
Talia Kalouch

Christian Barakat  
Sharbel Georges  
Michael Aboumelhem  
Olivia Wehbe

This Sunday 18th of June more children will be making their First Holy Communion at two masses: St Patrick's Cathedral at 9.30am at which our school choir will be singing and Our Lady of Lebanon Harris Park at 2.00pm. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Due to the weather we have had to postpone the Athletics Carnival until next term. The new date for the carnival is:

**Friday 28th July**

A new permission note will go home at the beginning of Term 3 and we will once again ask for parent volunteers. We do apologise for the inconvenience but as you can appreciate the weather is out of our control.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays in the following week:** Aiden Ebrahim, Jacob Wehbe, Remon Wehbe, Thomas Aguilera, Carmela Poblete, Anthony Sassen, Jacob Tamaro, James Loader, Eliza El Bayeh, Barbie Koima

## NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

Starting Term Three St Patrick's Primary School will be migrating to a new system for our school finances – **Technology One**. Over the past 7 weeks Mrs Sharon Nutter and Mrs Jenny Jones have been attending training courses to enable a smooth transition onto this new system.

One of the changes that will occur is the emailing of all receipts to families. We will no longer print receipts at the time of over the counter payments. A letter will be sent home asking all families to supply an up to date email address which will be entered onto the system to enable us to email you your receipt. When this letter arrives home we ask that you print clearly your preferred email address and return it as soon as possible to enable us to update your details before the Tech1 migration.

As this is a completely new system and very different to our previous eSchool Finance System we ask for your patience when you come to the office to pay over the counter.



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### PRC INFORMATION

The Term 3 PRC Meeting will be between 7-9pm on Monday 21 August at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School - Villiers St, Parramatta.

The PRC meets once a term providing an opportunity for all caregivers (parents, guardians, grandparents) to attend, network and contribute to discussions of interest. Meetings also assist parents to develop as educators through discussion and training, often delivered by guest speakers. Guest speakers present on a range of educational, parental and spiritual topics.

Our Guest Speaker for this event is to be confirmed.

For further information contact the PRC at the details below.

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## 2017 School Calendar

### Term 2

#### Week 8

Friday 16th June	Year 4 Excursion—Two Cultures Infants Assembly—2.15pm—Kinder Captivate Evening Performance
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#### Week 9

Monday 19th June	Parent Teacher Interviews commence
Tuesday 20th June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 21st June	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 22nd June	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 23rd June	Primary Assembly—Year 6—2.15pm Parent Teacher Interviews

#### Week 10

Tuesday 27th June	Infants Fun day from 1pm—More details to follow
Thursday 29th June	Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day
Friday 30th June	Infants Assembly—Year 2—2.15pm

**Last day of Term 2**

### Term 3

#### Week 1

Monday 17th July	Term 3 commences—Children return to school
Tuesday 18th July	Life Education commences
Wednesday 19th July	Life Education
Thursday 20th July	Life Education
Friday 21st July	Life Education No Assembly



*sub tuum praesidium*

Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –

Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all Experience belonging.

***Opportunity for all***

#### **MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA**

##### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

##### **Weekday Masses**

Mon to Fri	6.45am, 12.30pm
Public Hol	8.00am

##### **Pastoral Team**

**Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.  
Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV**

Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini

Fr George Azhakath

Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Margaret Gale ( Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary)



# JUNIOR SCIENCE ACADEMY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - [juniorscienceacademy.com.au](http://juniorscienceacademy.com.au)

At the Junior Science Academy, children are introduced to science concepts and skills in a safe and supervised environment at Macquarie University.

The courses aim to teach the concepts through experiments, art, drama, physical activity, craft and other hands-on activities.

We provide students with experiences and activities that help them to understand a concept or gain knowledge in an active way.

We add and rotate courses each school holidays and drop off and pick up times are designed for the working parent. The Junior Science Academy is for children in years K-6 in primary school.



Drop Off	8:30am-9:30 am
Activities	9:30am-4:30pm
Pick-Up	4:30pm-5:30pm
Cost	\$120



INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE FOR Youth Futures



## BRIGHT FUTURES School holiday program at UTS

Bright Futures is for primary and early secondary students who are curious about the world, passionate about learning and starting to think about the paths they will take in the years ahead. The program offers a unique combination of eye-opening experiences based around subjects studied at UTS. All workshops are open to Year 4 - 8 students.

10 – 13 July 2017

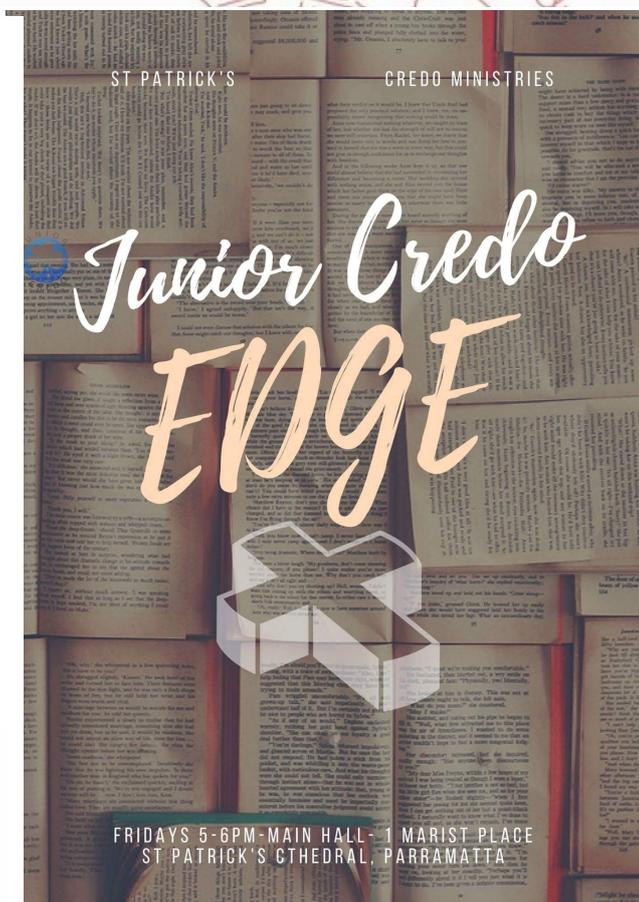
Bright Futures workshops	Date	Year groups	Fee	Venue
1 STEM workshop: Exploring the universe	Monday 10 July	Years 5 - 6	\$100	University of Technology Sydney, Broadway Campus
2 Robotics workshop: Maze Runner	Tuesday 11 July	Years 4 - 8		
3 Creativity workshop: Curious Creatives	Wednesday 12 July			
4 Becoming a true detective: Inside the world of forensics	Thursday 13 July			

3 – 6 October 2017

Bright Futures workshops	Date	Year groups	Fee	Venue
5 ABC for young entrepreneurs	Tuesday 3 October	Years 4 - 8	\$100	University of Technology Sydney, Broadway Campus
6 Engineering workshop: Reach for the Skies!	Wednesday 4 October			
7 Music workshop: Composition, Percussion, Creativity	Thursday 5 October			
8 Becoming a master in communication	Friday 6 October			

UTS staff have exclusive 5% discount. Please request the promotion code via [rcyf@uts.edu.au](mailto:rcyf@uts.edu.au).

Full program and registration: [www.bit.do/brightfutures17](http://www.bit.do/brightfutures17)



FRIDAYS 5-6PM-MAIN HALL- 1 MARIST PLACE ST PATRICK'S CTHEDRAL, PARRAMATTA

Join the Junior Credo Edge youth group this Friday from 5—6pm at St Patrick's Cathedral for some great fun games and activities.

Mpalitjanh. Xiru Ngombur. Kuuku-yani. Djadjawurung. Ngurrailan. Naverro. Diéri  
 Anggamudi. Kala Lagaw Ya. Nagiman. Djabwurung. Ngarrindjeri. Buandig.  
 Gagudju. Meriam Mir. Kungarakany. Kalkadon. Yalarrnga. Yirandali. Iningai  
 Muralag. Yachhaigana. Jaboyn. Nangkangurnu. Karangura. Atta-Pitta. Kullilla  
 Wuthathi. Kuuku-yany. Djabugarjdi. Ngamini. Yawaranarka. Maawali.  
 Uutaalinganu. Kuini. Mbukarla. Ngandi.  
 Tiwi. Mutumui. Lamalama. Nangkamana.  
 Kaaritju. Kuku-yalanji. Wardaman. Bundjalung. Kaveengapa.  
 Ngan'gimurri. Margarayi. Ngalinuru. Dhirari. Nadigali. Iwaidia. Alawa.  
 Nungali. Yangman. Karangpurru. Miwa. Nunggubuyu. Iiergala. Yarluyandi.  
 Ngarrinman. Bilirara. Mudbura. Gurindji. Maranunggu. Ngargad. Ngandji. Yanda.  
 Yuggera. Birpi. Ngarrabal. Nonmatua. Nadi Nadi. Barika Baraba.  
 Mirning. Norimi. Gumbainggir. Darkinung. Nari Nari. NembaNemba.  
 Nirangu. Jaru. Nganyaywana. Awabakal. Latje Latje. Dadi Dadi.  
 Bangarla. Eora. Daingatti. Antakanija. Geawegal. Kokatha. Kunja. Gungukigoni.  
 Kuyali. Nani. Ngalea. Guwa.  
 Andyanthanh. Mahyangaba. Sarindji. Barkindji. Yitha Yitha.  
 Ngadju. Ngarti. Nukunu. Kaytej. Kaurra. Kuring-gai. Nongai. Bon. Wiljali. Dangali.  
 Narangga. Limilingan. Dhorawaka. Kaoma. Bigamali. Muru. Muri. Gunu.  
 Peramangk. Gugu-Badhun. Walangama. Boonwurrung. Girrainurung. Djargurdwurung. Budjari.  
 Bukurindji. Ngatatjara. Wathaurong. Wiradjuri. Kumai. Noiworong. Badjanud.  
 Kurjar. Bindal. Mardu. Gulidjan. Jaitmatjara. Bidwell. Warlmanpa. Namungu.  
 Mayi-Thakurth. Nawula. Jirri. Pimp. Luritja. Arment. Pinjantatjara. Nambayi.  
 Kukatja. Wangkathaa. Nyoornatara. Nykaiji. Anmatyere. Alyanarre. Bulamu. Nartuwana.  
 Baradha. Kuwara. Yambina. Mayi-Kulan. Antakarinja. Wakaya. Pintupi. Yinggarda.  
 Gummal. Walmatjari. Mangala. Kareejari. Xulpanja. Nyangurnarda. Nangan.  
 Yagulingu. Woolna. Bayali. Gangulu. Gayia. Darumbal. Gabalbara. Nadjari.  
 Waka Waka. Gubbi Gubbi. Badjala. Wul Wul. Yiman. Gungabula. Garingbal. Kuwema.  
 Ngawun. Ngarluma. Martuthunwa. Kariyara. Jabumara. Gureng Gureng. Bidjara.  
 Laimairrener. Yinbawangk. Thalanyu. Kurrama. Palyku. Yindjibarndi. Nhuwala. Nyamal. Mardjan.  
 Paredareme. Peerapper. Ngolawangka. Jiwarli. Sanjina. Pitjara. Guniwingu. Nunumara. Kunjen. Wik.  
 Nuennonne. Toagee. Ngalkun. Pyemairrener. Tamjeginnic. Thiin. Huningangk. Takalak.  
 Nyaki-Nyaki. Bibbulman. Purduna. Balardung. Tyene notepanner. Badimaya. Jmalpa.  
 Dangbon. Mayi-Xipi. Wajuk. Wadyiginy. Ngatjuma. Goreng. Ngaria. Jerrati.  
 Kaniyang. Wiilman. Pinjarup. Kalaamay. Amangu.  
 Yuat. Ngaburiji. Winda Winda. Nimanburu. Ngambar. Jabinjibirr. Nnanku. Mayi. Yawuru.  
 Kadjerong. Doolboong. Miriwoong. Unngumi. Nyking. Gooniyandi. Unggarangi. Warnindilyakwa. Kuthant.  
 Gunindiri. Umbindramu. Yatha. Hunambul. Nguringini. Nyul Nyul. Yawuwa.  
 Gunbalana. Lukin. Xingu. Mbara.

# Our Languages Matter



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2-9 JULY 2017

## CELEBRATING NAIDOC Week

Languages are the breath of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. For tens of thousands of years they have played a unique and essential role in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

They are the original languages of this nation and a priceless treasure, not just for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, but for all Australians.

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