

# Celebrating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

On Tuesday, 5th August, the Junior Primary Students at Kapunda Primary School participated in a memorable excursion hosted by the Kapunda Kindergarten to celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day. This year the theme is **Little Footsteps, Big Future** which honours the journeys First Nations children take as they grow - each step guided by culture, community and connection to Country. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with and honour the rich culture and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

## Morning Activities at Kapunda Town Square

Students from Rooms 1, 2, 3, and 4, along with our Aboriginal learners, gathered at the Kapunda Town Square for a morning of cultural activities with Ngadjuri community members. They enjoyed storytelling sessions, traditional music and dancing, and participated in cultural art workshops. The event also featured "Animals Anonymous," which was a hit with the children. Laughter and learning filled the air, and a special highlight was a didgeridoo performance by a talented Kapunda High School student, Tali.





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## Afternoon Tree Planting at Kapunda Mine Site

In the afternoon, students from Rooms 5, 6, and 7, along with our Aboriginal learners, headed to the Kapunda Mine Site. This special day offered them the chance to plant trees alongside Ngadjuri community members. Through this hands-on activity, the students connected with the land and learned about the important role of environmental care.

Celebrating National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day was a tremendous success, enriching our students' understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. We are deeply grateful to the teachers, Ngadjuri community members, Kapunda Kindergarten, and all who made this day possible.

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