



GRACEVILLE STATE SCHOOL

Established 1928

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Dear Parents

As you are aware, the Junior Choir performed a song at our NAIDOC assembly on Thursday 21 June. This song was part of the Reconciliation in Queensland Schools Project and 2018 Commonwealth Games Action Plan. It was written by some local Elders and leaders, indigenous and non-indigenous students from local schools and music teachers. The students from our school who attended were Evie G, Tessa K, Annabelle H and Toby W and I also attended these song writing sessions. Together the song Yuggera Djarra-Na was created, which means 'On Yuggera Country' and it includes many lyrics about the Yuggera land we live on, the sounds and all of the beautiful nature around us – water, animals, trees, colours and the people and their spirit. It was written to be shared within our community, especially our students. We received lovely feedback after this performance from staff and families within our community and have been invited to sing it at Milpera State High School's NAIDOC assembly on Friday 17 August during the first session of the school day.

As this performance will be held out of school grounds at Milpera SHS, all students will need to return the permission slip below to be able to attend and perform the song. We are hoping to have all of our Junior Choir and the year 6 students involved with the project attend, along with our Choir Captain Megan B. Mrs McKeaten and I will walk students to and from Milpera SHS for the performance. We will have a quick rehearsal in the hall on Friday 17 August at 8:25am for students to run through the song, then they can go to their normal classes and have their names marked off the roll. Mrs McKeaten and I will meet students at the front gate at approximately 9:00am and walk with students to Milpera for the performance.

It is a privilege for us to be invited to represent the school at this performance. Can you please complete the permission slip below and return it to the music room (Ms West or Mrs Lindh) or to the office to enable your child to attend and perform the song?

Thank you for supporting your child's involvement in our choral program.

Kind regards

Mrs Naomi Lindh
Classroom Music Teacher

Mrs Lisa McKeaten
Deputy Principal

(Please return this slip ASAP or by Friday 3 August)

Choir permission slip

I give permission for my child _____ (please print full name clearly)
to walk from Graceville SS to Milpera SHS on Friday 17 August to perform at their NAIDOC assembly and walk
back to Graceville SS with Mrs Lindh and Mrs McKeaten.

Date _____ Signed _____