From the Principal’s Desk

Congratulations to:

- Ira Friedberg in Year 11 who won second prize in the 2016 SBS Australia-wide script writing competition. This is an outstanding achievement for Ira who continues to show great promise in the creative arts area. He excelled at the SSCIM showcase held last year and successfully participated in the recent Midsummer Night’s Dream performances.

- All SRC members who participated in their training day last week. This is a vital opportunity for students to have their say about life at South Sydney High School. I am pleased to announce the following positions for 2016:
  - Ketti Ketmontri: SRC President
  - Leo Charnas: SRC Vice President
  - Serafina Accetta: SRC Secretary

- All Year 7 students who were so engaged in the Medieval Day activity. There were many excited and happy faces as students were immersed in the costumes and artefacts provided.

- Our Open girls Netball team who participated in a knock out competition against a variety of different schools. Ms Graham was very proud of the way the girls played.

- Our Open Boys Touch Football team who played against Alexandria Park Community School last Thursday. They played extremely well and won by 5 points. Mr Wood was very pleased with their performance.

- The following students who performed successfully at the Regional Swimming Carnival held on Tuesday 15th March:
  - Jake Aguilar
  - Simon Mravec
  - Haley Wells
  - Liam Parkee
  - Shira Arakawa
  - Liam Mungovan
  - Brendan Wardrop
  - Easton Churchill
  - Baylei McGuigan
  - Declan Parkee
  - Tim Bohnert
  - Robbie Spencer
  - Samuel Vaja
  - Sandi Makowksi
  - Jessica Hausman
  - Andrew Klimentev

- Simon Mravec in Year 7 who has progressed to the CHS Swimming Carnival. This is an outstanding achievement and we wish Simon all the very best as he competes at this elite sporting level.

- Moana Smith who successfully made the CHS team for tennis and recently competed in Bathurst.

- Emily Cooley who has forged a successful career at Crown Street Public School. Emily features in a moving story about her career aspirations and achievements after leaving school in 2015.

  Click here to listen to Emily’s story.
• All students who received awards at the Achievement Assemblies held this week. It is wonderful to see so many students working hard in all aspects of school life.

**Beacon Opportunity Program**
We are very fortunate to have some influential business links providing outstanding opportunities for our students. Ms Stell organised a group of Year 10 students to visit Macquarie Telecom and saw first hand the workings of an innovative communications company. Thanks to Ms Stell for organising this excursion. Another very exciting event is the Empowering Young Women’s Day held on Thursday at Genworth Headquarters in North Sydney. This was a wonderful opportunity for the Year 10 girls to foster and nurture leadership aspirations and ambitions.

**Spreading the good word about South Sydney High School**
I would like to acknowledge the generosity of Genworth and in particular, Lyn Stroud, who has provided the resources to fund a promotional video about South Sydney High School. This clip will be used to spread the good word about our school across social media, our local feeder schools and to the wider community. Lyn’s input to our Business Partnership Committee is invaluable and we look forward to her continued support in the years to come.

**For your diary**
On Tuesday 5th April from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm, the Year 7 and Year 11 interim report night will be held in the Hall and Common Room. Information is available on the School App and Website about this important event. The April P&C meeting will be held in the Common Room from 7.30 pm.
I hope to see many parents in attendance for the final meeting for Term 1.

Kind Regards
Ms Robyn Matthews
Principal

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**Time to Get Organised**
It is important that students pack their school bags the night before to ensure they have everything needed for the next school day. This includes sport uniform and sport shoes if they have a PDHPE practical lesson.

In the morning students should ensure they also have their recess and lunch or money for the canteen.

It would be appreciated if any items left at home were not delivered to the school office as it is most disruptive.

Thankyou for your cooperation.

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**School Holidays**
The last day of this school term is Friday 8th April.

Please remember that at the start of Term 2 there is a public holiday on Monday 25th April for ANZAC Day, and a school development day on Tuesday 26th April which is a student-free day. This means that students return to school on Wednesday 27th April.

We hope you have a happy and safe holiday with your families.
Chess Tournament at The French School, Maroubra

On Thursday 10th March South Sydney High School took a team of six students to compete in a chess tournament at The French School, Maroubra. Those students were Matthew Sanders of Year 7, Nikki Ketmontri of Year 8 and Jaeyong Sim, Ketti Ketmontri, Stefan Popa and Syahmi Mohd Nasir of Year 10.

The students were outstanding representatives for the school, always conducting themselves in an exemplary manner, displaying good sportsmanship, and making many new friends in the process. It was a pleasure to be associated with such a wonderful group of young people.

The tournament was conducted by Chess NSW. Our thanks to the host school, The French School, Maroubra. Matthew and Jaeyong won their early round matches and quickly moved into the lead group of players. The other students had more mixed results. Jaeyong went on to win his first five games, and was well in the running to be the individual tournament winner, but losses in the last two games saw him gain third position overall. In addition, the school team placed third in the secondary division. My thanks go to all students involved for their excellent efforts.

Mr M. Wagg

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Harry Friedberg- UNSW Co-op Scholarship Recipient

South Sydney High School would like to congratulate Harry Friedberg, joint DUX from the class of 2015, on being awarded the UNSW Co-op Program Scholarship in Business Information Systems. Harry is joining the largest and most co-operative scholarship program of its type in Australia for high achieving students. It is a highly competitive scholarship program with Harry being one of 70 selected from over 300 applicants. The program involves a three-way partnership between UNSW, Australia’s leading companies and high achieving students and is an amazing opportunity. The Principal, Ms Matthews and Year Advisor, Ms Mifsud attended the induction ceremony in the Scientia Hall at UNSW on Friday 18th March and were pleased to congratulate Harry as he starts his next journey.
Girls KO Touch Report

On Friday 18th March the Girls Knockout Touch team travelled to Heathcote to take on Heathcote High School in Round 1 of the Combined High Schools Knockout. The girls have been training well over the last few weeks before school and at lunchtime to learn the fundamentals of the game and this effort was evident throughout the game. Heathcote started the stronger of the two teams scoring a few run away tries in the first half, taking advantage of their speed. In the second half our girls stood up and played a much better brand of Touch Football, showing the skills and tactics they have learned in their training.

The final score ended with Heathcote being victorious 7-2. The next challenge for the girls is the Year 9-10 Touch Gala Day and NSW Touch Gala Day. With more training, and continued enthusiasm from the girls the future looks bright for this young team.

A big thanks to Ms Kelso and Mr Hutchinson who assisted in transporting the girls halfway to Wollongong for this game.

Mr Wood

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SRC Planning Day

On Thursday 24th March the SRC got together for a whole day, planning the 2016 school events.

We started with some ice-breaking activities to get to know everyone, especially our new members. This was followed by a formal meeting where we elected our President, Vice-President, treasurers and secretaries. Congratulations go to Ketti Ketmontri, Sera Accetta, Leo Charnas, and Miya Thornton. To top it all off, everyone brought in some food so we could all enjoy a fun lunch.

SRC is about making a difference in our school community and giving a voice to students. It is free to join, and anyone is welcome to attend our meetings on Tuesdays at lunchtime.

Lilou & Easton - Year 8
The South Sydney High School Open Boys Basketball team has been competing in the state knockout competition. The team consists of James Grimshaw of Year 9; Michael Lyons, Jordan Hoersch, Liam Collins, Rhys Farrelly, Owen Waetford, Franco Catroppa and Matthew Dyer of Year 10; and Hayden Taylor, Alexi Smailov and Alex Liang of Year 11.

The first round game was a home game against Gymea High School. The opposition had quite a tall team, but the South Sydney teamwork and strong defence worked to our advantage. The scores were quite close at half time, with South Sydney just in the lead at 17 – 11. In the second half, our strong defence thwarted the opposition attack, limiting them to just six points. South Sydney ran out winners, the final score being 31 – 17. Players of the match were Rhys Farrelly and Franco Catroppa.

The second round was played at the central venue of the Sutherland Basketball Stadium. Our opponents were Rose Bay Secondary College. They were very strong, tall, fast and talented, and overwhelmed our young team. Despite valiant efforts, particularly from Hayden Taylor, the centre and captain of the team, we were outclassed by the team that became the eventual winners of our section of the tournament.

I would like to thank Ms Farrelly and Ms Scruse, the parents of Rhys Farrelly and Matthew Dyer, for their invaluable assistance in giving up their day to drive members of the team to the stadium early in the morning for their game. Not only did they act as drivers, they also assisted in operating the score bench for the games. The match could not have taken place without their assistance.

This is a young team, and their experiences should aid them in being better prepared next year. The boys conducted themselves in excellent fashion at all times, and displayed good sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Mr M. Wagg

National Day of Action Against Bullying And Violence

The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence was held on Friday, 18 March 2016. This annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond. At South Sydney High School all students from year 7 to year 10 actively participated in workshops throughout the day. These workshops were facilitated by our school prefects and peer support leaders who did a fantastic job. All students received wristbands in support of this day. South Sydney High School has a zero tolerance policy in regards to bullying and violence.

SSHS Welfare Team
Meet Our School Leaders

David Mould – Year 11 Prefect
Biggest fear? Sharks.
Hobbies and interests? Sport, photography and music.
Describe yourself in three words? Friendly, outgoing, creative.
Ideal holiday destination? South America.
Favourite movie/TV show? Avengers.
Favourite sporting team? Manchester United and Sydney Roosters.
Future goals? To become an architect & travel the world.
Favourite memory so far at SSHS? Year 9 camp.
Inspirational leader? Martin Luther King.
Inspirational quote? “It’s not about how many breaths you take, it’s about how many moments take your breath away”.

Leonardo Calli-Trejo – Year 11 Prefect
Biggest fear? Going bald.
Hobbies and interest? Food.
Describe yourself in three words? Friendly, outgoing, creative.
Ideal holiday destination? South America.
Favourite movie/TV show? Bogan Hunters.
Favourite sporting team? I don’t have one.
Future goals? To be rich.
Favourite memory so far at SSHS? Being a peer support leader on Year 7 camp.
Inspirational quote? I don’t have one.

Seina Arakawa – Year 11 Prefect
Biggest fear? Death.
Hobbies and interest? Going to the beach.
Describe yourself in three words? Friendly, Positive, Outgoing.
Ideal holiday destination? Peru, Bora Bora.
Favourite movie/TV show? Orange Is The New Black.
Favourite sporting team? I don’t really support a team.
Future goals? To be happy and successful with my life.
Favourite memory so far at SSHS? Making new friends.
Inspirational leader? Stephen Hawking.
Inspirational quote? “YOLO” You only live once.

Serina King – Year 11 Prefect
Biggest fear? Swimming at Tamarama.
Hobbies and interest? Rock climbing and photography.
Describe yourself in three words? Kind, Small.
Ideal holiday destination? Cuba or Asia.
Favourite movie/TV show? American Horror Story.
Favourite sporting team? South Sydney.
Future goals? Travel the world.
Favourite memory so far at SSHS? Year 7 camp.
Inspirational leader? My mum.
Inspirational quote? “Lead by example not words”.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 13 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html)
Drama News

Year 12 Drama Take over Belvoir Street Theatre Boardroom

On Monday 28 March, South Sydney’s Year 12 HSC Drama cohort took over the boardroom of Belvoir Street Theatre. Their day-long lesson involved the class watching, discussing and making notes on archival footage of Belvoir Street Theatre’s productions of two the plays they are studying for HSC. Being in a position to discuss theatrical productions of these plays maximizes student ability to respond at a level where they can access strong marks.

Ira Friedberg, second in an SBS Australia wide competition

Well done to Ira for coming second in a short film competition run by SBS. His passion and ability for telling stories effectively with the camera was strongly in evidence when he returned from SSCIM camp last year with a short film featuring actors from his Year 10 Drama class.

Easton Churchill and Thomas Brander at the Arts Unit

Easton Churchill and Thomas Brander, Year 8, are to be commended for auditioning for the DEC Arts’ Unit Year 8 Drama Ensemble with students from around the state. While Easton made the final selection, both boys have been nominated to represent our school at a two-day devising drama workshop to be held at Bankstown Arts Centre next term.

Year 7 & 11 Interim Report Evening

From 5-7pm Tuesday 5th April

A parent / teacher evening is scheduled on Tuesday 5th April from 5.00 pm to informally meet the parents of our Year 7 and Year 11 cohort. An interim report for each student will be handed out on the evening.

The aim of this report is to indicate to parents/guardians how your child has settled into high school in terms of:

- **Completing work set** in class and for homework, both theory and practical
- Displaying a **positive attitude** to their education by **demonstrating consistent effort** to achieve to the best of their ability in work
- **Behaving in an appropriate manner** which contributes to their own education and that of their peers

This will be an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child’s progress with teachers at school.

A sausage sizzle will be provided on the night. We would be delighted if you could attend.

D. Haggart
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**Term 1 Achievements in Chess, Creative Arts**

Congratulations to our school’s chess team who came third overall in their first Inter School Chess competition for this year. This competition that was held at the French School in Maroubra on Thursday 10 March. It gave our school’s chess team a chance to try out new recruits from year 7. We reigned supreme at last year’s Inter School Challenge so let’s hope things go just as well for us this year.

Congratulations too to Easton Churchill who has made it into the Year 8 State Drama ensemble. Ira Friedberg another creatively gifted student who enjoys what SSCIM has to offer also deserves strong commendation for coming second in an SBS short film competition.

**What we can look forward to in Term 2, 2016:**

*Culture Vulture SSCIM Camp*: A Specialist Gifted and Talented Camp for year 9, 10 & 11 students to facilitate Project Based learning with a creative focus.

**Where?** Cockatoo Island, Sydney Harbour, camping in pre-erected tents

**Doing What?**

Enjoying the facilities, environment of the island and Sydney’s Exciting Biennale that is being held over a wide range of venues on the island while we are there.

Cooking/cleaning and assisting with the catering is expected from all participants. Most importantly however attendees need to come up with a project to complete while on the camp. This will be showcased & presented at our school’s CAPA night or perhaps entered into a competition on your return to school.

- Make or act in a Short Film (Film Competition)
- Writing Project (Poetry or writing Competition)
- Photography (of Cockatoo Island’s Biennale Installations and documentary photos of camp)
- Performance: Decide on a performance project that you can rehearse for CAPA night at the conclusion of Term 2.

Chess training for Inter-School Chess Team (Giant Chess set at Cockatoo Island).

**When? Wednesday 4th May - Friday 6th May**

**How do I apply?** See Ms de Paor in the Drama Room at SSCIM Club on Monday 4th April to get an application form and discuss a possible project.

**Chess Lessons & South Sydney Inter School Chess Challenge:** We are currently making arrangements with the Sydney Academy of Chess to offer Chess Lessons in Term 2. Come to SSCIM Club on Monday 4th April in the Drama Room at lunch time to hear more about this opportunity.

Our school will be hosting the Inter School Chess Challenge on Monday 9th May in our school hall. We look forward to hosting many Sydney schools in our school hall.
AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS

Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability – 2016

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability. The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.


If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete the attached form and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2016.

A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive. Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please contact Mr Brendan Benischke at the school on 93493868.

Kind regards

Ms Robyn Matthews
Principal

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection, please complete below and return it to the school before the end of Term 2, 2016.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – 2016

I/we ____________________________________________________________________________

Name of parent/carer

do not wish my child ____________________________________________________________________ to be counted

Name of child

for the purposes of the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

Parent/Carer signature: ___________________________ date: __________
Aboriginal Education News
A Positive Start

Aboriginal Education has a renewed focus in 2016 at South Sydney High School. Mr Hugh Hutchinson was appointed Aboriginal Programs Coordinator for 2016 and many positive and exciting opportunities lie ahead for our students this year. The aim of the Aboriginal Education Team is to increase parent and carer engagement and reinvigorate the programs offered to our students.

Aboriginal Education Open Afternoon  In Week 3 the first SSHS Aboriginal Education Open Afternoon was held. The afternoon was a great chance for parents and carers to get involved in the opportunities available to our students. In attendance were World Vision Young Mob and Souths Cares who spoke to the programs they offer. All PLP’s were completed on the day with the help of our SLSO Leonie Stevens, teaching staff and Young Mob facilitators.

World Vision Young Mob  SSHS has renewed their working relationship with Young Mob. The program runs every Thursday afternoon in the Student Learning Centre. The program is offered to all students in years 7-10 this year with the view to extending the program next year as the Year 10 students progress through to stage 6. The program has been well received by all junior students who participate enthusiastically each week.

Souths Cares  Thomessa Copeland completed her School Based Traineeship with ANZ Bank and graduated from South Sydney High School in 2015. SSHS has continued their working relationship with Souths Cares for 2016, the program running every Tuesday afternoon. The School To Work Program involves speakers from associations such as NSW Health, Head Space, and Link Up with an Industry Visit.

On Saturday the 12th March, Souths Cares took 10 students to the Graduation ceremony for ‘Nanga Mai Marri’ at ANZ stadium for the participants from the 2015 program.

SSHS Homework Club  SSHS Homework Club has started again for the year. The club runs on Tuesday afternoons and is available to all students. It is supervised by teachers and student support officers, and provides assistance for homework and assignments. Students are given afternoon tea which is funded by our wonderful P & C. In Terms 2 and 3 the program is run by Sydney University’s Compass program and further supported by Souths Cares.

SSHS Breakfast Club  Breakfast Club runs on Tuesday mornings and is well attended each week, giving our students the best possible start to the day. The SSHS P&C now fund the program with the full support of all SSHS Staff.

Congratulations to Alana Pasikala and Ryan Daniels who have been accepted into the Indigenous Work Experience Program at the Sydney Opera House from Monday 4th until Friday 8th April. What a wonderful opportunity!

Speak Up and Great Debate  Students will be involved in the Speak Up with Ms Hasking, and the Great Debate with Mr Hutchinson throughout Terms 2 & 3.

ANZAC Commemoration Service  Following is a poster for the 10th Annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Servicemen and Servicewomen Commemoration Service on Friday 27th May, at the ANZAC Memorial in Hyde Park. Our students will be in attendance representing the school. Please see Mr Hutchinson or Leonie Stevens if you would like to attend.
The ceremony will be held at the Anzac Memorial Hyde Park South, commencing 10.40 am Friday 27th May 2016 with a smoking ceremony.

The ceremony is being held to recognise the contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans have made to this country.

The Organising Committee encourages all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans and their families, the wider veteran community and the general public to take part in the ceremony.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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In close partnership with Australian businesses, we seek to turn the unemployed into the employed, short-term work into long-term, candidates into valued staff members, job seekers into career seekers, and workers into professionals.

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Deaf Aboriginal Cultural Youth Camp

Join us for a unique cross cultural learning experience to further develop your knowledge and understanding of Indigenous Culture and Deaf Culture.

Are you 10 to 20 years of age and Aboriginal? Deaf or hard of hearing? Join us for this fantastic camp experience! Take part in fun cultural, social and recreation activities. Make new friends who share similar experiences. Meet Deaf Aboriginal mentors and talk about being strong, deadly and proud.

- Smoking Ceremony
- Communication skills
- Exploring identity and self-esteem
- Building support networks
- Role models for deaf Aboriginal youth
- Story telling / life stories
- Learning traditional dance
- Bush tucker
- Animal tracking workshop
- Visits to culturally significant sites
- Art / artefact making workshop

When: 19th – 21st May
Where: Ngunra Bu, Hunter Valley NSW
Accommodation will be provided at Wollombi Barnstay

There is no cost to attend, however you will need to arrange your own transport. Talk to us about your travel plans in case we can help coordinate with other camp participants.

Want to join us?
Go to www.deafchildrenaustralia.org.au/aboriginal-camp/ for more details and to download the application form. Applications close: Friday 6th May

or contact: DCA Community Development Worker Greg Frost - helpline@deafchildren.org.au - Ph 1800 645 916

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**Significant Dates**

**Survival Day**
26 January
This is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and peoples. Events are held all around Australia showcasing different aspects of culture including dance, literature, music, food, language and history.

**National Apology Day**
13 February
To mark the anniversary of the formal apology by the Parliament of Australia to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly the Stolen Generations, for past injustices.

**Harmony Day**
21 March
This is a day of cultural respect for everyone that calls Australia home. The purpose is to promote belonging and cultural diversity and to reaffirm Australia as an inclusive nation.

**National Close the Gap Day**
19 March
This is the annual event held to raise awareness about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health crisis in Australia, and promote equality in life expectancy and health status between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

**National Sorry Day**
26 May
On Sorry Day, thousands of Australians from all walks of life participate in memorial services, commemorative meetings, survival celebrations and community gatherings to honour and commemorate the Stolen Generations.

**National Reconciliation Week**
27 May – 3 June
The dates of Reconciliation Week commemorate two significant milestones in the Reconciliation Journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 Referendum and the High Court Mabo Decision. It is a time to celebrate and learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and explore how each of us can contribute to the national Reconciliation effort.

**Mabo Day**
3 June
This marks the anniversary of the High Court's historic decision, led by Eddie Koiki Mabo, which overturned the legal fiction of terra nullius and recognized Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the original custodians of this land.

**Coming of the Light**
1 July
The anniversary of the day the London Missionary Society arrived in the Torres Strait for the first time. Torres Strait Islanders mark this day by holding cultural ceremonies.

**National NAIDOC Week**
3 – 10 July
NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Held from the first Sunday to the second Sunday in July, this week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**National Aboriginal + Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day**
4 August
This is a day to reflect on the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children: their right to be educated, cared for, protected, and to have the opportunity to understand and practise their culture.

**International Day of the World’s Indigenous People**
9 August
This day affirms the importance of protecting and promoting the rights of indigenous peoples all around the world. It also celebrates their unique contributions and diverse, rich cultures.
2016 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

K-9 students - start reading now!

OPENS 7 MARCH  CLOSES 19 AUGUST
Online Student Reading Records must be complete.