

St Arnaud Primary School

THE LINK

Term 3, Week 8
5th September
2024

Today's Learners; Tomorrow's Future

Week 8
Thursday 5th
Black Ranges Athletics,
Stawell

Week 9
Tuesday 9th
9.30am Shake, Rattle &
Read;
11-14 Sept
VSSS, Melbourne
Thursday 12th
R U Ok Day @ Secondary
College

Week 10
Wednesday 18th
Pillowcase Visit & Footy
Colours Day with Lunch
Friday 20th
Last Day T3 & Prep 2025
Enrolment Date

Term 4 Dates

Week 1
Monday 7th October—T4
commences

Week 2
Monday 14th—Yr6 ACU
visit to Ballarat

Week 3
Friday 25th—World
Teacher's Day

Week 5
Monday 4th November—
Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5th—Melbourne
Cup Day
Friday 8th—Runt Film
Fundraiser

Week 6
Monday 11th—
Remembrance Day

Week 8
27/28/29—EBT



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Principal's Report

8:45 is the Time to Arrive

By arriving at 8.45am students have time to socialise; enjoy breakfast in the Brekky Room or run around to burn off energy and use the toilet before classes commence. Staff have noticed a small but persistent number of students who are arriving between 9am and 9.15am (even when their siblings have arrived on time...) These late arrivals are not only missing the first instructions of the day but are interrupting the learning for others. Any help you can provide at home to get kids to school closer to 8.45am is most appreciated by teachers and learners alike. Thank you in advance!

Sun Smart at School

The Department of Education has very clear expectations about the protection of students and staff from the sun's harmful rays which is a leading cause of skin cancer and one of the most preventable cancers. There are a number of strategies we use at school;

- Curriculum ; classroom education about sun smart behaviours, starting in Term 1
- Clothing; Sun smart uniforms and dress code
- Hats are required when the UV index levels are 3 or above, generally September to the end of April, for everyone.
- Shade; provision of shade for eating areas and play areas
- Role modelling by staff of personal sun-protection behaviours
- Sunglasses; wrap around sunnies are encouraged for added protection
- Sunscreen is available in each classroom (students are encouraged to apply sunscreen at home before coming to school, and then to reapply through the course of the day).

Our Sunsmart Policy can be viewed on our website. Parents are urged to remind their children about the importance of wearing a hat at school. There is a very firm rule in place that requires students without hats to stay under the veranda—which they do not like!

Prep 2025 Enrolment Date—20th September

A reminder to any parents who are yet to enrol a Prep for 2025, while our 20th September date is a guide only, enrolments that are not processed before October run the risk of not being in place for the School Saving Bonus. Term 4 commences on Monday October 7th—please do not miss out on this financial assistance for 2025.

Indigenous Literacy Day

This week our classrooms celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day by sharing books and stories written by Indigenous Authors. With around 8% of our students having Indigenous heritage and a further 8% of students from culturally diverse backgrounds we love to include a range of authors and cultural aspects in our curriculum.

Vacation Care Bookings

It is important that any parents requiring Vacation Care for children on any or all days available, get their bookings in to the provider so that staffing can be confirmed. A reminder also that children who attend 4YO preschool are eligible to attend After School and Vacation Care sessions.

R U OK Day

We will be walking up to the Secondary College for some R U OK Day activities on Thursday 12th September. Anyone who has offered to make cupcakes can drop those at the Primary School General Office before 11am or up to the Secondary College before 12noon on Thursday 12th September. We have been absolutely blown away by the generosity of community members and their offers to contribute—Thank You!

Principal's Report

Important Parent Payment Information—School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025.
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.
- **We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice in October: Please go into your Compass app to check your details are correct on or before Friday 20 September. You can update your email address in Compass. If your details are correct, please confirm so to us by either phone call, verbally to the office, or email the school at st.arnaud.ps@education.vic.gov.au**

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.

Last Day of Term

There will be a BBQ lunch for students on the last day of term as a celebration for those who have achieved their Bronze and Silver Awards this year. Lunch will be followed by Assembly at 1.30pm and dismissal at 2pm. There will be no lunch orders on this day.

Term 4 Breakfast

We will be starting Term 4 with a family breakfast on Monday 7th October from 8.30 -9.30am. There will be no Assembly on this day. All families are welcome to attend.

Melissa Mitchell,
Principal



RUSTY'S HOME READING



50

Harlow Newton

75

Leeara Williams

175

Ivy Ezard

SILVER AWARD WINNER



ALISTAIR GRAHAME



LATISHA JACKSON



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BRONZE AWARD WINNERS



DOMINIC DAVID



JAMES
MACTAGGART



BRIDGET CULLIVER



ALARIC RYLATT
ARPEA



NIAMH GREEN



KAYDEN KEATING



SYLVIA CULLIVER



ARLO WRIGHT



VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
DOMINIC DAVID



1/2P
JAMES MACTAGGART



3/4T
FAITH BROOKE



4/5J
OLIVIA BENNETT



45J
ANNA INGRAM



45J
CHAES WILSON



45J
LOGEN CROSS



6W
DAHLA PROMMA



H & P.E
ALARIC RYLATT-ARPEA



ART
SIENNA THOMSON



ART
ALEX EVANS



BAKERY BUCKS
ELOISE GREEN



ICT
LEEARA WILLIAMS



SCIENCE
NIAMH GREEN



ACADEMIC GROWTH
TYLER THIEM

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R U OK DAY

Thursday 12th September 2024

12.30-2pm At Secondary College

Teachers V Students Activities-
Who will take out the trophy?

Sack Races, Bocce, Jenga, Spike ball, Egg and spoon, Rock paper scissors, Wheelbarrow races, 3 legged races, Connect 4, Bean bag toss and more

BBQ available

\$2 Sausage

\$3 Hamburger

\$2 Cupcake

(will contain eggs, milk, flour & possible traces nuts)

Face painting &
Hair spray

Wear a splash Yellow

Families welcome

R U OK?



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in



R U OK? DAY

September 12th, 2024

Ask
R U OK?
ANY DAY

A conversation could change a life.

**ASK R U OK? ANY DAY
BECAUSE LIFE HAPPENS
EVERY DAY.**

Regular, meaningful conversations with the people close to you can help prevent small things from becoming big things.

HOW TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION

It's not always easy to keep the conversation going when someone says they're not OK, but it could change a life. Here are 4 steps to having an R U OK chat.



1. Ask

How are you travelling?
You don't seem yourself, want to talk?



2. Listen

I'm here to listen if you want to talk.



3. Encourage action

Have you spoken to anyone about this?
What might help?



4. Check in

Just wanted to check in, see how you're doing?

13 YARN (24/7)
13 92 76
13yarn.org.au

headspace
1800 650 890
headspace.org.au

Beyond Blue (24/7)
1300 224 636
beyondblue.org.au

1800RESPECT (24/7)
1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

Lifeline (24/7)
13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Mensline
1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

Kids Helpline (24/7)
1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

Head to Health
1800 595 212
headtohealth.gov.au

Open Arms (24/7)
1800 011 046
openarms.gov.au

Suicide Call Back Service (24/7)
1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

QLife
1800 184 527
qlife.org.au

National Debt Helpline
1800 007 007
ndh.org.au

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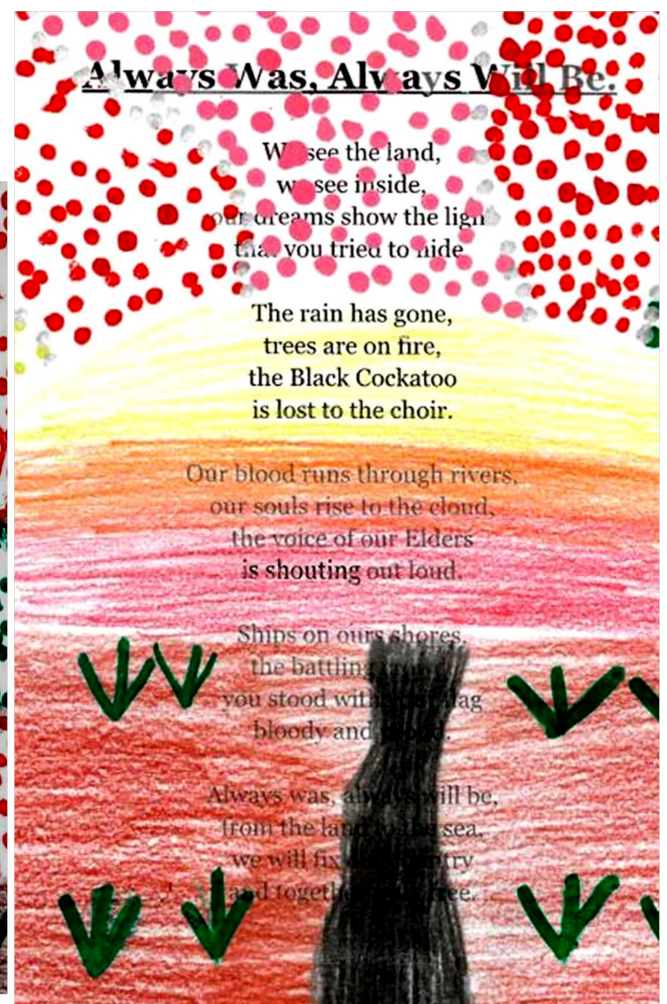
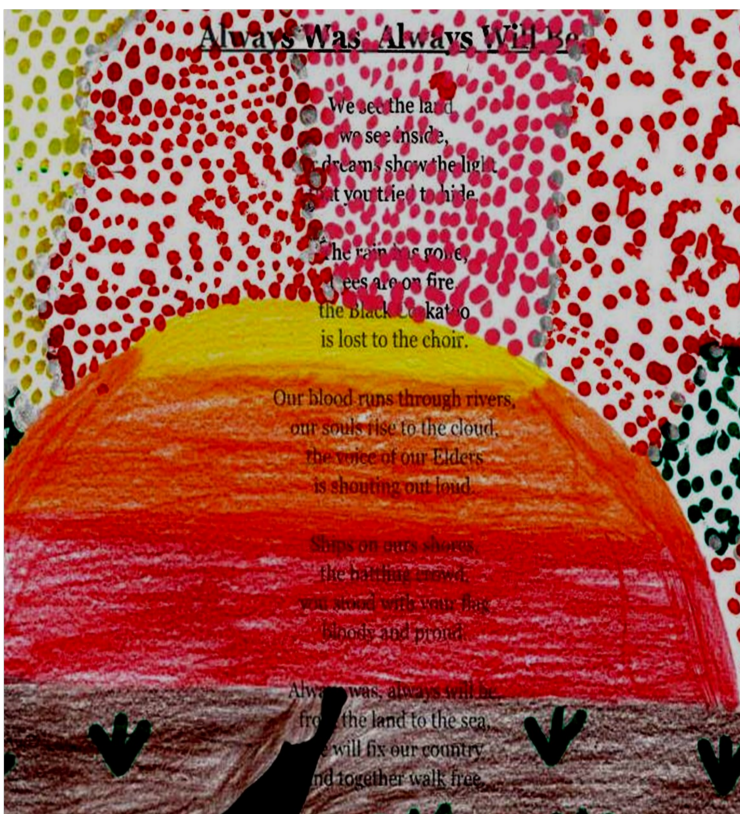
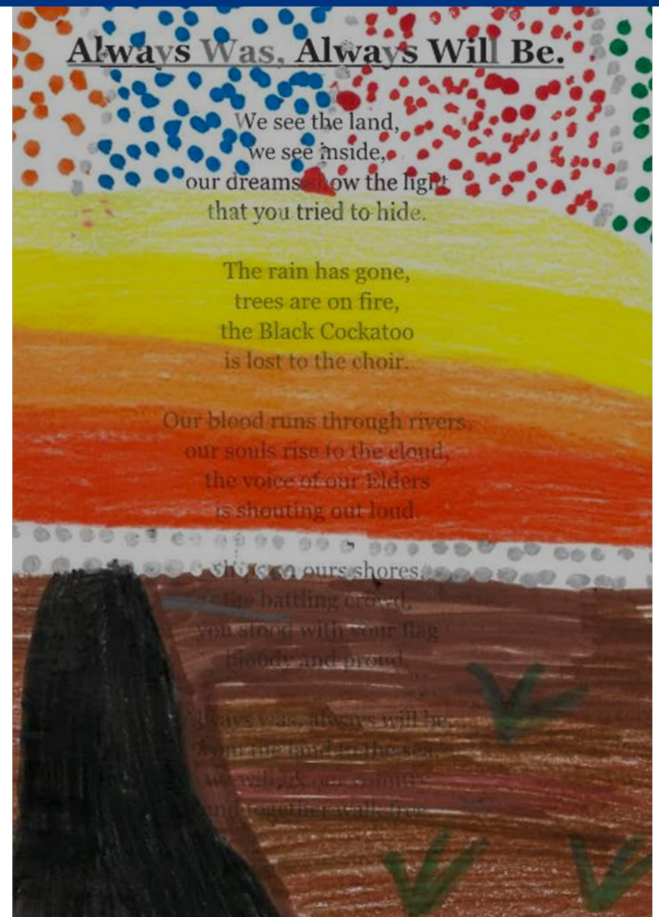
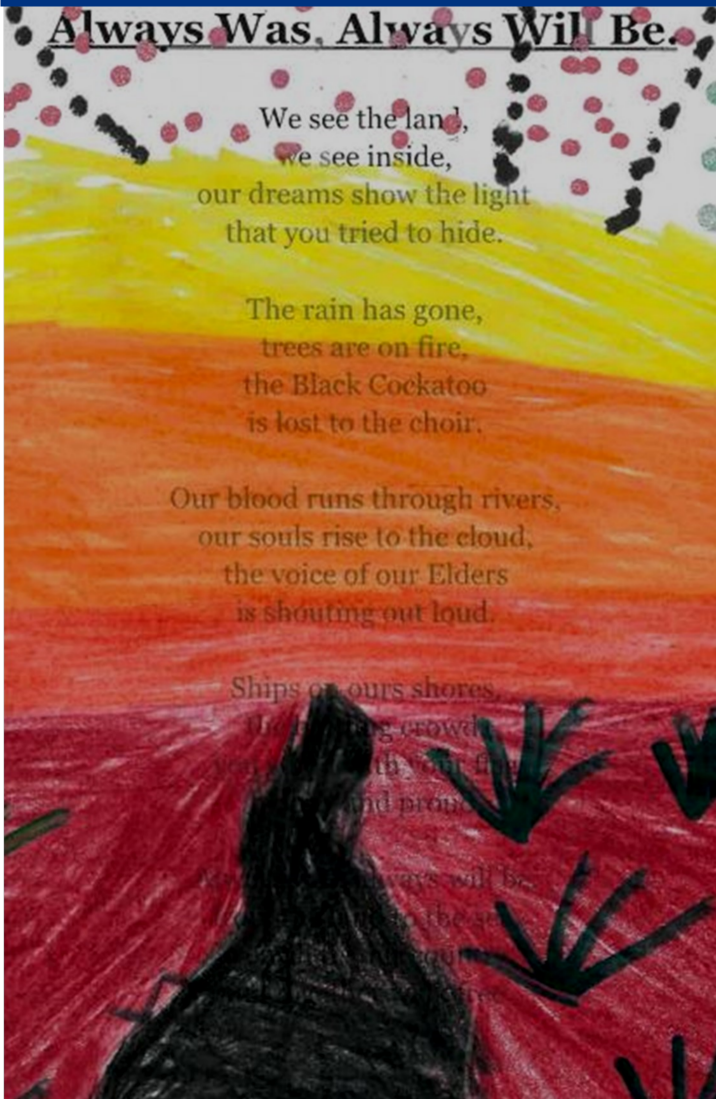
ASPIRATION

St Arnaud Primary School
MOVIE NIGHT
fundraiser



FRI 8TH NOVEMBER, 2024
6:15 PM
SAVE THE DATE!

St Arnaud Cinema

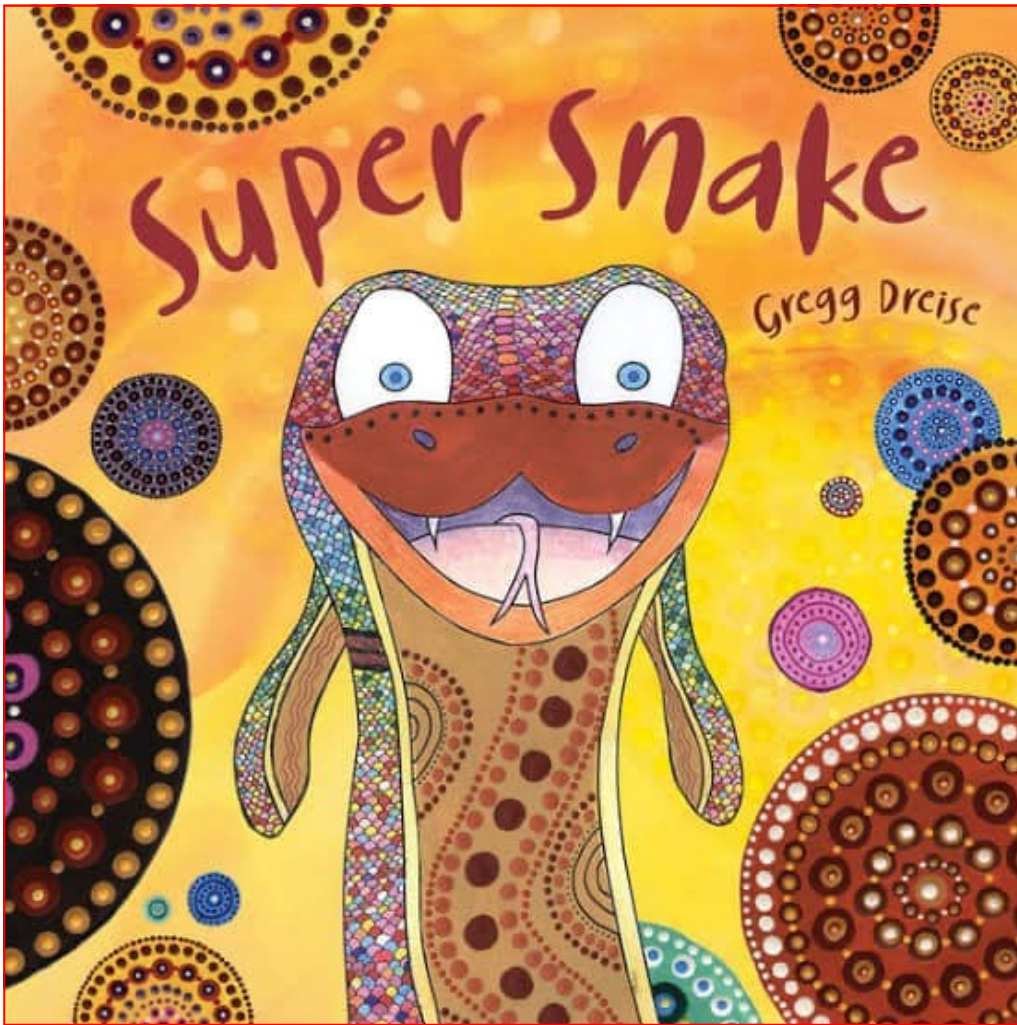


Indigenous Literacy Day at St Arnaud Primary School

In 1/2P, we read a book called 'My Deadly Boots', written by Indigenous author Carl Merrison, and designed our own boots.

In 4/5J, we watched an episode of Indigenous series Little J and Big Cuz, and talked about the barriers to reading that a character's grandparent had faced. We discussed how stories are passed down through generations of storytelling, and talked about things we like to do with our own families.





We celebrated
Indigenous
Literacy
Day with a story
by renowned
author
Gregg Dreise.

Super Snake tells
the Dreaming
story of how riv-
ers and lakes
were created
during a
drought.

We made a
beautiful snake
in the Art Room.



Super Snake



School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by Friday 18 October 2024:

- **Complete enrolment**

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- **Check your contact information**

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus. Translated information will also be available on the School Saving Bonus website in the next few weeks.

FOOTY LUNCH

18TH
SEPT



FOOTY LUNCH

18TH SEPTEMBER



NAME	
CLASS	

HOT DOGS \$5
PRIMAS \$2

ITEM	QTY	PRICE	AMOUNT

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2024

TRANSITION PROGRAM

- Thursday 14th November 9-11.20am
(Classroom)
- Tuesday 19th November - 2-3pm
(Art)
- Thursday 28th November - 9-11.20am
(Classroom & PE)
- Thursday 5th December 2-3pm
(Music)
- Tuesday 10th December - 9-3pm
(Whole School Step Up Day)



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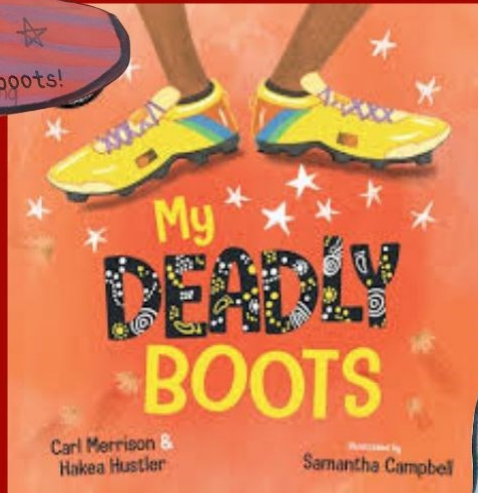
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1/2 PURKISS
CELEBRATE

INDIGENOUS LITERACY DAY



A story about
learning we are
'deadly' just as we
are!



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