Some interesting points!

• National Sorry Day is held every year on the 26th of May.

• On this day we remember the mistreatment of Aboriginal people.

• National Reconciliation Week is about bringing people together.

• Reconciliation literally means "healing old wounds".

RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Sorry Day 26th May

National Sorry Day is an event held every year when we remember the mistreatment of Australia’s Aboriginal people. It is also the day when we remember the formal apology from our Government acknowledging the Aboriginal children, who were taken from their families, known as the “Stolen Generation”.

In 2008 Kevin Rudd formally apologised to Australia’s
Aboriginal people for the suffering and loss to those families who had their children taken away. This was seen as a positive step towards reconciliation.

**National Reconciliation Week**

**27th May to 3rd June**

National Reconciliation Week is an annual event which aims to build stronger relationships between Aboriginal Australian’s and other communities through awareness and community events. This year the theme for Reconciliation Week is “Change it Up”.

You can see here Mr Perry’s class have written messages on the back of their Reconciliation hands on how they would like to “Change it up”.

*A message from Melissa (Aboriginal Community Education Officer)*

*Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week are significant days for us all to share and enjoy together by learning something new about Aboriginal people and our culture. We are all Australian, let’s show each other our Australian pride!*

*A message from Naomi (Aboriginal Education Teacher)*

Reconciliation means bringing people together. It means learning about one another, talking to each other and understanding one another. Reconciliation is about recognising Aboriginal people as the first occupants of Australia.

*Happy Reconciliation Week!*