

BABYCCINO PARENT NEWSLETTER

ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. (National NAIDOC Secretariat). Due to this year's circumstances, NAIDOC Week was celebrated between the 8th-15th November which Babyccino participated in activities that acknowledge the long, rich history of Australia and discover how much we can learn from the custodians of the land.



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM

- That Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are able to see themselves, their identities and their cultures reflected in the curriculum of each of the learning areas, can fully participate in the curriculum and can build their self-esteem
- That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures cross-curriculum priority is designed for all students to engage in reconciliation, respect and recognition of the world's oldest continuous living cultures.

We also looked at Dust Echoes on a children's series that revolves around ancient Dreamtime stories.

We introduced the children to Dot painting today now internationally recognised as unique and integral to Australian Aboriginal Art.

We started with the discussion of NAIDOC and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, Indigenous story telling. We looked at some aboriginal art work, We then read " Wilam a birrarung story".

We also danced along Australian Animal Action Dance Songs for Children Kids Preschoolers Kindergarten Exercise Song Music and Austrian native animal songs Video for kids song and dance. We danced like some of our Australian animals.

We looked at photos of Indigenous women who have helped shape Australia; Truganini, Fanny Cochrane Smith, Celeste Liddle, Nakkiuh Lui, Cathy Freeman and Emily Kame Kngwarreye.