

# Reconciliation Week 2016 Risdon Park Primary School



This year for Reconciliation Week  
the theme was  
"Our History, Our Story,  
Our Future"



This year at Risdon Park PS, we celebrated Reconciliation Week by unveiling our fantastic Welcome Mural, by our Aboriginal students, Artist Judy Crosby and the Aboriginal Education Team. The mural represents the 4 main areas of Aboriginal language groups coming together to a safe learning place which is our school Risdon Park Primary School.

**The 4 main areas we used are:**

**River People, Hill People, Desert People and the Sea People**

The unveiling was a very proud moment as the mural project was a very structured and detailed program, building on the student's art skills. The students were incredibly proud to see it displayed on the building.



On Friday the 3rd of June the Aboriginal Education Team organised a whole school assembly and invited special guests were invited to attend to see the unveiling. Our students put on two performances, one was singing the song titled "Oh my Walla" from Buck McKenzie and the other was a dance. We created our version of the Kangaroo and Emu dance - this was taught to students by a volunteer, Kristopher Hutson. We had our 2 Aboriginal leaders and School captains open the assembly and give a speech on The Reconciliation Week Theme 2016. They also explained the reason why we celebrate an such important event.

**"Our History, Our Story, Our Future 2016"**



# Youth Leadership Summit

The qualities of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, CONFIDENCE and PERSISTENCE, leadership skills and school/ community involvement were the focus of the Combined Schools Youth Leadership Summit held in Port Pirie recently. Maciej Jankowski (John Pirie Secondary School) and Kate Kilpatrick (St Marks College ) led the students in motivational and inspirational activities that reinforced the qualities. They were to think of how to promote them in new and innovative ways at school and in the community.



*"It was a very fun day and we learnt about the qualities and we met people from all around the Port Pirie schools." – Beau*

*"In one of the activities, we came up with ideas to put the qualities into the community. One of our ideas was to put the qualities on sports balls." – April*



*"One of the activities was called Plasticene Pictionary. We had to get a word, and then make it with playdoh. The people in our group had to guess it. The quality was persistence." -Asher*

*"At the Youth Leadership Summit, we did a lot of activities about the four qualities. My favourite activity was writing three questions on the paper plane to throw it across the room and people had to guess whose it was." – Jada*

*"On the day we participated in many activities. We also looked at ways that we can both promote the qualities in Port Pirie and ways we can improve our school." – Brody*

*"I thought it was a very interesting day, meeting new people. The rock, paper, scissors game was very interesting and fun. I learnt more about respect, responsibility, persistence and confidence." – Tyson*

*"It was a really good day. I learnt so many different things, met new people from different schools in Pirie and there were really fun activities." – Blake*

Students who attended were the School Captains and six potential leaders from Risdon Park PS. A commitment was made by all students to continue school and community progress of the qualities. Two students from each school will be invited to join a community group to continue the focus of the Summit.



Interested students are involved in an application process with Mrs Clinton.

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