



Dates of Significance

27 May

1967 Referendum
anniversary

27 May to June 3

National Reconciliation
Week

3 June

Mabo Day

1 July

The coming of light Festival

7 to 14 July

NAIDOC Week

4 August

National Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
Children's Day

4 September

Indigenous Literacy Day

A message from SAAETCC

Dear Families, Students and Community,

As we move through 2025, we reflect on the strength and resilience of our communities and the power of connecting. Our team has been on the road, traveling to regional areas across South Australia to listen, learn, and support Aboriginal families in shaping the future of education for our young people.

Thank you to every family, student and community member who has welcomed us, shared their stories, and contributed to our ongoing work. Your voices are at the heart of everything we do.

We also take this time to reflect on National Reconciliation Week 2025, held from May 27 to June 3. The theme this year, "Bridging Now to Next," reflects the ongoing connection between past, present, and future. It calls us to honour the strength of our ancestors, walk with purpose today, and build a better tomorrow for our children.

Across schools and communities, we saw powerful acts of truth-telling, celebration and solidarity. Thank you to everyone who participated in events and helped bring this year's theme to life. Your commitment to reconciliation makes a lasting difference and not just for one week, but every day. Let's keep building the bridge—together.

Stronger Together at Port Augusta's Family Fun Day

SAAETCC was proud to attend the Community Wellbeing 'Stronger Together' Family Fun Day on March 26 at the Central Oval Complex in Port Augusta.

The event brought together families, service providers, and community organisations to strengthen connections and support wellbeing across the region. Our team welcomed the opportunity to yarn with families about their hopes and priorities for Aboriginal education.

Hosted by the Aboriginal Health Team (FUNLHN) and the Department for Health and Wellbeing, the day was full of colour, culture and connection with information stalls, activities for kids, and vital health and wellbeing services on offer.

SAAETCC thanks the organisers for creating such a welcoming space. Events like these show the power of working together—building bridges between services and community, and helping families feel heard and supported.



Connecting in Whyalla: Listening and Learning at Nicolson Avenue

During our recent visit to Nicolson Avenue Primary School in Whyalla, Shane and Matt had the privilege of spending time with staff, students, and family members engaged in meaningful conversations around Aboriginal education.

We're always grateful for the opportunity to hear directly from community about what's working, what needs improving and how we can keep strengthening culturally responsive education across the state.



Rec in the West - Taoundi Aboriginal College

We had a great time at the "Reconciliation in the West" event at Tauondi Aboriginal College, connecting with community, chatting about education and enjoying the positive vibes.

Our team loved yarning with families and community members about what matters most in Aboriginal education and sharing a few laughs along the way. A definite highlight? The yummy Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-themed donuts from Vili's that we handed out... they sure didn't last long!

Big thanks to the organisers and everyone who stopped by for a donut and a yarn. Events like this remind us how important it is to stay connected, listen, and keep working together.



Parent Voices at Christies Downs Primary School

SAAETCC recently joined families, staff and community members at Christies Downs Primary School for a powerful morning event combining a warm Aboriginal Families' Breakfast with an open and engaging parents' forum.

Over a shared meal, families had the opportunity to connect with each other, school staff, and our team in a relaxed and welcoming environment. This gathering opened up space for honest conversations about what matters most in Aboriginal education—from cultural safety to student wellbeing and stronger school-community partnerships.

SAAETCC deeply values these forums as a way to centre family voices in shaping educational outcomes. We thank the Christies Downs community for their hospitality, and the families who continue to guide this important work with strength, wisdom and pride. Forums like this are at the heart of what we do. They allow us to listen directly to the people who matter most and ensure that their voices help shape policies, programs, and priorities going forward.



Reconciliation in Action: Whyalla & Port Augusta Events

During National Reconciliation Week 2025, SAAETCC was proud to attend and support community-led events in both Whyalla and Port Augusta. These gatherings brought together schools, families, and local organisations in the spirit of this year's theme: "Bridging Now to Next".

Across both regions, we witnessed powerful moments of cultural pride, truth-telling, and community connection. From student performances and art displays to yarning circles and shared reflections, the events highlighted the strength and resilience of Aboriginal voices—especially our young people.

We thank the communities of Whyalla and Port Augusta for their warm welcome and commitment to building a future grounded in respect, equity, and shared understanding.



Reconciliation in Action: Whyalla & Port Augusta Events



Reconciliation Week Open Morning at Kurna Plains School

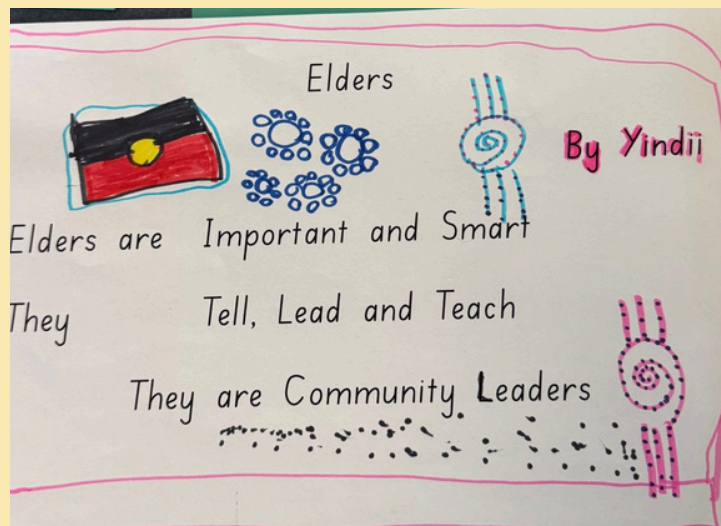
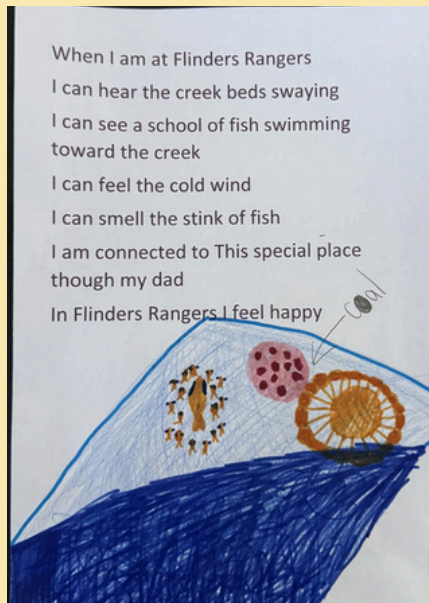
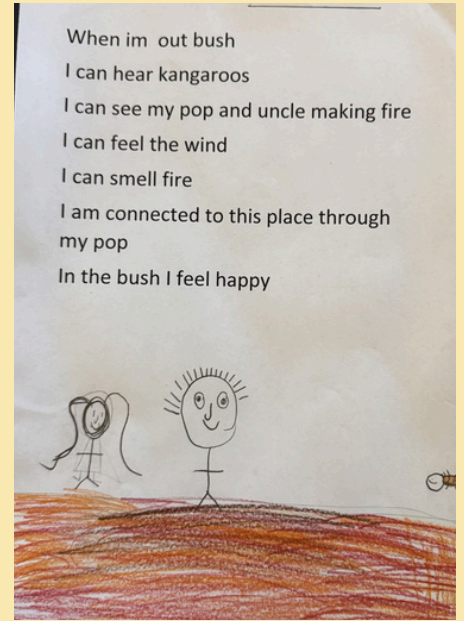
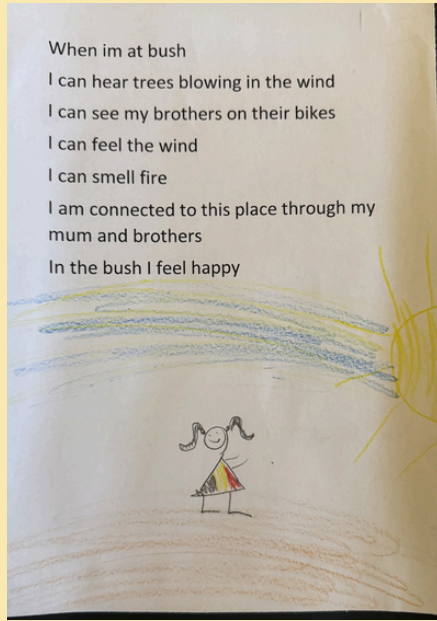
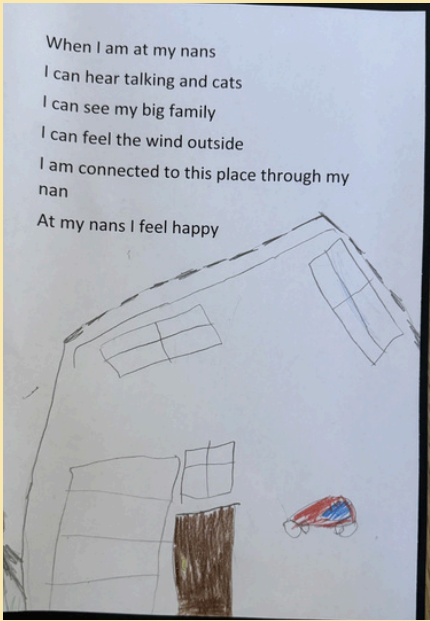
As part of Reconciliation Week 2025, SAAETCC was honoured to attend the Open Morning at Kurna Plains School, where students, staff and families gathered to reflect on this year's theme, "Bridging Now to Next."

The event showcased powerful student learning, including poems about special places students feel connected to and the emotions these places bring –highlighting deep ties to country, family and identity. It was moving to hear students express their experiences with such honesty and pride.

The morning wrapped up with a shared morning tea, offering space for conversation and connection between families, educators, and community members. SAAETCC thanks the Kurna Plains School community for their warm welcome and for continuing to champion culture, storytelling, and reconciliation through education.



Reconciliation Week Open Morning at Kaurna Plains School



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

THERESA
SAINTY

COUNTING IN

PALAWA KANI

‘Hear about palawa kani, the language of Tasmanian Aborigines, and how we have transformed from a community without a spoken language for about 150 years, to one that not only has a language we can once again speak and sing in, but one which we can write in and count in.’

Image by Paul Hoelen



ATSIMA 2025 CONFERENCE

palawa kani pumili waranta rrala

Our Language Our Strength

Wednesday 1 October to Friday 3 October 2025
Lunawuni (Bruny Island), Lutruwita (Tasmania)

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