Thank you again to our parents and their support throughout term 2, as getting your little ones to school everyday is hard especially in winter as the common cold has hit our community. A big thank you to the Da’flukes for taking the time to perform to our students who all sang word for word to most of the songs we played, and no doubt our students enjoyed the experience of a live band.

I am currently visiting parents re; your child’s Individual Learning Plans if I have not caught up with you I will continue to do so after the school holidays. Please feel free to come into our Nunga Room (rm4) for any reason or maybe just a quick coffee and a yarn, as your input in your child’s educational needs is important for us to support their learning goals.

Thank you again hope you all have a relaxing school holiday, drive safely and we will see you in Term 3.

Lavinia Coffin
Aboriginal Community Education Officer

Hello to all families ~

We are working hard at Kirton Point Primary to ensure that Aboriginal students achieve high results, particularly in the literacy and numeracy fields. Research has demonstrated that Aboriginal children can achieve higher standards if expectations are high, teaching is of high quality, teachers are inclusive and rigorous and expect high of Aboriginal students, and the children are attending school on time every day. It is also important to provide cultural studies and a culturally inclusive curriculum with involvement of families and community personnel. Thank you to all parents who have attended school on various occasions this year to support our learning programs. Thank you to the community personnel who have assisted with the learning programs such as Nunga kids cafe, Reconciliation, Aboriginal Cultural studies, health checks and canteen program. Your support is very much appreciated.

It is important to hear your children read every day. It is also important to ensure children get to school on time every day so that they are involved in the reading program.

Congratulations to all students who have progressed to the next reading level this term. Studies show that the children who read well also do well in other subject areas - so make sure your child reads, reads, reads in every spare moment that they may have, especially during the holiday break.

Happy Holidays,
Heather
This term students from rooms 19, 10, 14 & 17 have been participating in Aboriginal Education. The focus was learning about Australia's Aboriginal history, in particular looking at gaining knowledge and understanding of the facts and issues surrounding Reconciliation and the Stolen Generation. The students put together their feelings and thoughts about the Stolen Generation through the arts. Their constructions are on display in the Reconciliation Art Gallery in the staff room.

We were lucky to have Willie Carbine share his artistic talents with the students. Willie shared his background and emphasized the importance of working hard at school. He demonstrated how to do a landscape painting. The students were truly immersed in watching Willie's techniques and painting their own landscape.

Kate Hynes (Aboriginal Education Teacher)

I really enjoyed the art lesson. Willie showed us, step by step how to do a landscape painting on a canvas. My favourite part was seeing how he painted the background and how he used his brush to stroke.

Kate Hynes (Aboriginal Education Teacher)