



Joint Schools NAIDOC Week Cultural Celebration Festival

Ballina CTI Local AECG surveyed local schools and listened to Aboriginal Community Members regarding hosting a Joint Schools NAIDOC Week Cultural Celebration Festival and received support to commence the planning in partnership with schools and community. This Event will be held on Wednesday 29th June 2016 at Ballina RLFC grounds from 11 am to 2pm and encompass all schools being involved in interactive Aboriginal Cultural activities from Local and visiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People/Organisations/Services and **a major component of the Festival is that all Students are invited to perform a song/poem/dance that embraces Aboriginal Culture as per the National NAIDOC Theme 'Songlines: The living narrative of our Nation'** and focus on the principles of Reconciliation.

Why:

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The aims of this Festival is to:

-Enables all schools within the Ballina Shire LGA to come together and participate in a locally driven Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Celebration Festival.

-ATSI Students and their Community are empowered through the promotion of their identity, culture and leadership in Community Partnerships.

-All Students benefit by greater awareness and understanding of ATSI Cultural Heritage and Cultural Diversity across our Nation as active citizens in society.

HOW?

Centralise Schools NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Joint Cultural Interactive Activities

Local Guest Presenters and/or Performances

More effective Community engagement & participation

Supports All Students + Schools (with no Aboriginal Students) to be apart of Our ATSI Cultural Heritage

Collaborative Shared approach (combine resources). To use the resources you normally outlay for individual schools NAIDOC big day.

Participating Years:

Due to limitation of the facility we suggested to schools that the day will incorporate years 5&6 plus years 7-10. It is a **FREE** event for Students. **NO Cost** apply.

Draft Structure of the Event:

An Official Opening Ceremony, followed by 1 hour performances, 1 hour interactive activities on rotation bases and group performance and interactive closing ceremony. **Free Sausage Sizzle, fruit and water stations available on day, access to toilet facilities.**

Commitment of ALL PARTIES:

SCHOOLS:

Normal schools guidelines apply on field event:

- Permission notes
- Staff/Student ratio's
- supervision
- Transport
- Any risk assessment to mitigate risk/s
- School performance
- Financial contribution (to be negotiated)
- Students may like bring own lunch and water
- Gather resources for

Normal School Excursion Rules apply

These aims above fall within the NATSI Education Policy and Strategies plus NSW DoE Public School Plan

Schools to be aware that this NAIDOC Week Celebration Day will replace your normal Activity/BBQ Day. BUT no impact to Schools NAIDOC Official Assembly continues.





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Ballina Cabbage Tree Island Local AECG are committed to providing this unique opportunity on a bi-annual bases and we are dedicated to make a difference by bridging and closing the gap in educational outcomes for ATSI Students and for all Students to have a greater understanding of Aboriginal Culture and Heritage within the principles of the NSW AECG & NSW DoE Partnership Agreement.

Our Local AECG have pledged funds of \$1,000.00 to support this JOINT SCHOOLS NAIDOC WEEK CULTURAL CELEBRATION FESTIVAL.

The local Aboriginal Organisations & Services are supporting with food and activity resources to achieve the aims of this Event.

Commitment of ALL PARTIES:

BCTI LOCAL AECG:

- We will work with Aboriginal Community & Service Providers
- Arrange interactive Cultural Activities, Guest Presenters
- Resources (boomerangs/clapsticks, weaving materials etc)
- Marquees/Chairs/Tables
- Free BBQ, Water & Fruit
- Refreshments Elders & Guests
- Funds of \$1000
- Application to Council for access to Ground plus fee and RLFC for Canteen etc
- Insurance through State AECG for Public Liability etc

Encourage your Students to perform an item on the day ie dance, song, short play, read poem etc within the spirit of the Event

Success of the day depends on US as PARTNERS

IN EVENT OF EXTREME WEATHER THE EVENT WILL BE POSTPONED A DAY BEFORE AND RESCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN TERM 3 ON WEDNESDAY 27/7/2016

Commitment of ALL PARTIES:

JOINT ROLES:

- Promotion of event
- Managing program
- Weather
- Breaks
- Identify key persons
- Ensuring students get the most out of the day
- Worksheets tasks for students
- Follow up in schools curriculum areas KLA's
- Risk Management Plan, ie school rules on excursions/field trips apply, OHS, First Aid (@ School to provide a Staff Member with current first aide)



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Draft Cultural Interactive Workshop Activities:

Dance/Music Workshop-Demonstrations of music/dance and how dance/music is an important part of Aboriginal Culture. Students will have an opportunity to learn all about dance/music/song on local level traditional and contemporary levels. Clapstick/Boomerangs, Didgeridoo playing exhibition.

Weaving- Students will gain an understanding of tradition resources used in creating beautiful baskets, bags, traps and in this session they will have opportunity to try their hand at weaving is varied medians. Plus, individual school based activity and opportunity to create master piece to take back to display at their schools.

Art – Local Goori Artists will demonstrate their artworks and how their Cultural inspires them to tell local Stories as well as an opportunity to use varied techniques to create your own unique memento to take home ie boomerangs, coasters etc

Canoes, Boomerangs, Tools & Spear Making- Opportunity to learn about this unique implements and demonstration how to make Canoes and Clapsticks

Local History-Learn in this workshop the life of an Aboriginal society, its lore, customs, habits, unique connection to land and changes occurred since contact.

Land Conservation/Protection-Jali LALC Cultural Sites Officer offer information on land and connection to country.

Media- Special Guests from varied Aboriginal Media outlets (TV/Newspaper/Aboriginal /Media Personality) in attendance to provide overview and engage students in some interview techniques (mock interview)

Traditional Games/Sport Drills/Health and Well-being- Engage in number of activities from local Aboriginal Sports persons

Language- Demonstrations and opportunity to learn general Bundjalung Language through songs, games and activities.

Yarning Circles: Listening to local Elder and their Stories

Information Stalls- Learn more about the local/regional/state Aboriginal Organisations/Services and Aboriginal Workers providing service in government agencies. Visit their stalls to support with resources for future Aboriginal perspective being taught in your school subject areas.

Guest Performances – all Students involved ie dance troupes, Aboriginal bands/performers etc

This Partnership Agreement recognises the critical need to work together, across schools and TAFE colleges, to achieve the aspirations and potential of Aboriginal learners. The Partnership Agreement is also critically important in fostering collaboration between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in promoting a better understanding of our shared history, respect and acceptance of both cultures and recognition of the unique place Aboriginal people have in this country. (extract NSW AECG & NSW DoE PA)



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