



Upper Coopers Creek Public School

Respect, Understanding and Responsibility

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Term 2 Week 6

"We wish to recognise the generations of the local Aboriginal people of the Bundjalung Nation who have lived in and derived their physical and spiritual needs from the forests, rivers, lakes and streams of this beautiful valley over many thousands of years as the traditional owners and custodians of these lands."

Dear Families and Friends,

StoryBoard: Tomorrow Thursday June 5, the whole school will be joining the students from Corndale, Whian Whian and Tunttable Creek at Corndale School for the StoryBoard Writers' Workshop. Our students will have the option to purchase books direct from the author Zanni Louise, order forms are attached.

Federal Film Night: Don't forget that **Federal Film Night is this Saturday night** (June 8). This is the P&C's major fund raiser for the year and they need your help to cater for 60+ people. We are asking all families to donate a cake (or two if you can manage) Extra volunteers are also needed on the night.

Archibald: On Friday June 14 the whole school will be joining with Goonengerry PS and travelling to Lismore Art Gallery to view the Archibald exhibition. We will be sharing a bus with Goonengerry and the cost will be \$11 per student. Permission notes will be sent home soon.

In the classroom: In English this week, we have been looking at biographies. Read the excellent biography about Eddie Mabo that the students wrote together for Mabo Day. In Maths the older students have been investigating decimals with Danya while the younger students have focused on subtraction. In History the students have been investigating the First Fleet and the reasons for coming to Australia. In CAPA the children have been working with clay and learning breakdancing and capoeira.

Nude Food Day: In Science the students have been looking at materials and packaging. As part of this unit we will be looking at the impact of the packaging that we use every day, with the aim of reducing our own environmental impact. Our ultimate aim is to create 'nude lunch boxes' – 'nude food' is food without excess packaging. Next Wednesday, we will be holding a 'nude food' littlest lunchbox day and we ask all parents to help their children to take on the challenge of packing a lunch with little or no packaging.



Our P&C are catering for Federal Films this Saturday June 8 and need volunteers to help on the night and donations of homemade cakes.

Teamwork in action. Our students were very excited when our new soccer goals arrived this week.



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Eddie Mabo

Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo was a Torres Strait Islander who fought for the rights of indigenous Australians.

Eddie Mabo's early life was spent on the island of Mer (Murray island). He was born Eddie Sambo but he was adopted by his uncle Benny Mabo. He was married to Bonita and had ten children. He left Mer to find work. When he worked as a gardener at James Cook University he was furious to learn about Terra Nullius.

Terra Nullius means 'no man's land' and Eddie discovered that this meant the government could take his people's traditional land. He was enraged and decided to change the law. A lawyer from the university offered to work with Mabo to fight the Queensland government in court.

After ten years in court, the judges finally agreed that Aboriginal people were the rightful owners of the land. Eddie Koiki Mabo destroyed the myth of Terra Nullius. It also led to the Native Title Act which freed the path for other indigenous people to claim their land.

Tragically Eddie Mabo did not live to see his victory against the Queensland Government but his legacy lives on. That's why Eddie Koiki Mabo was a great Australian hero



Dates To Remember

Thurs	June 6th	Storyboard at Corndale PS
Sat	June 8th	Federal Film Catering
Wed	June 12th	Nude Food Day
Fri	June 14th	Archibald Exhibition
Fri	June 21st	Widjabul Day at Whian Whian



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