A NOTE FROM PRIMARY YEARS

LEADERSHIP

Reconciliation Week 2015

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated across Australia each year between 27th May and 3rd June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. Reconciliation Week is a celebration of unity and respect between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and non-Indigenous Australians. It is about respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and valuing justice and equity for all Australians.

The reconciliation movement began with the 1967 referendum in which 90 per cent of Australians voted to remove clauses in the Australian Constitution that discriminated against Indigenous Australians. As a result of the referendum, Aboriginal people were counted in the census for the first time. The referendum established citizenship status and confirmed voting rights for all Indigenous Australians.

In 1992 the High Court of Australia delivered its landmark Mabo decision that legally recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights called Native Title.

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