

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Wonnarua people as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land who have walked and cared for this place for thousands of years, and their descendants who maintain their spiritual connection and traditions. We thank them for sharing their culture, spirituality, and ways of living with the land in this place that we now call home. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging. May we continue to walk gently and respectfully together with each other.

Year 4 Explores the Creation Story of the Butterfly

Story below re-written by Armanii-Lee Mason

The Butterfly

Long ago, in the Dreaming, a caterpillar was helping Birrave the painter of Country, carry his paints. When the caterpillar was done, he saw a Willie Wagtail. The Willie Wagtail asked Caterpillar, "Why don't you try to fly?" Caterpillar responded, "I do not have wings like you, so I cannot fly like you."

Willie Wagtail tricked the caterpillar by telling him to eat all the leaves from a bush, and if he did, he would grow big and beautiful wings. Caterpillar believed him and started to eat all the leaves. Willie Wagtail was just waiting for the caterpillar to get all fat, so that he could eat him up.

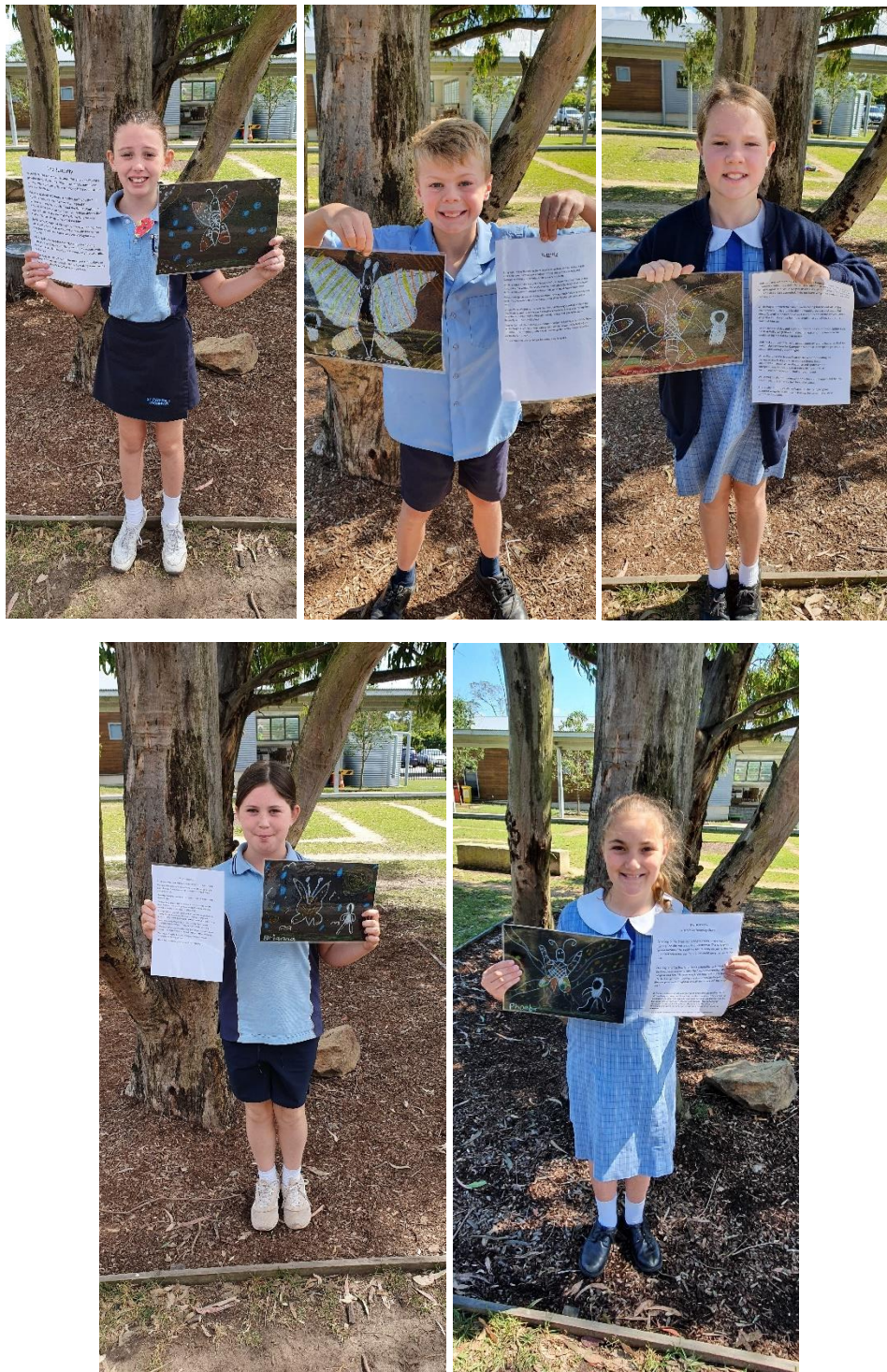
Caterpillar ate all day and night, but before he could finish, Spider told him that Willie Wagtail was making him eat all the leaves so he would get big and fat for him to eat.

Spider asked the caterpillar to go get some twigs and leaves so that he could make a cocoon for Caterpillar to hide in. Caterpillar got into the cocoon and waited day and night.

Willie Wagtail came to see if caterpillar was done eating all the leaves and saw that caterpillar was not there, but a cocoon was instead. Willie Wagtail asked spider where caterpillar was. Spider said that Caterpillar was in that cocoon and then a beautiful butterfly came out.

Willie Wagtail did not understand how this could happen and he tried day and night to grow his own beautiful wings.

This is why to this day; Willie Wagtail is still trying to grow beautiful wings by building a nest using the same materials as Caterpillar's cocoon.



Years 4, 5 and 6 Students help in the Bush Tucker Garden

It's been a busy time in the Bush Tucker Garden over the last week. Our native bees hive was relocated to a more sheltered site, much closer to the garden. It seems to have made a huge difference with the bee activity somewhat revived.

Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 also planted 12 new plants in the garden to complement the Bush Tucker Plants collection already present. Two cubic metres of mulch were also added to the surface as cover to help conserve moisture as we move into warmer temperatures.

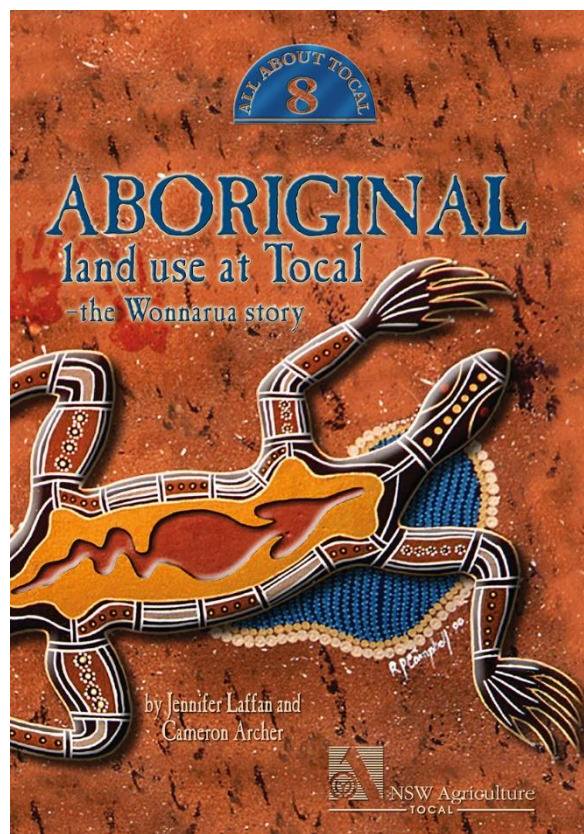


A big thank you must go to Mrs. Rowan and the Mailand City Council for providing us with our seedlings and mulch, as well as a hose to water our garden.





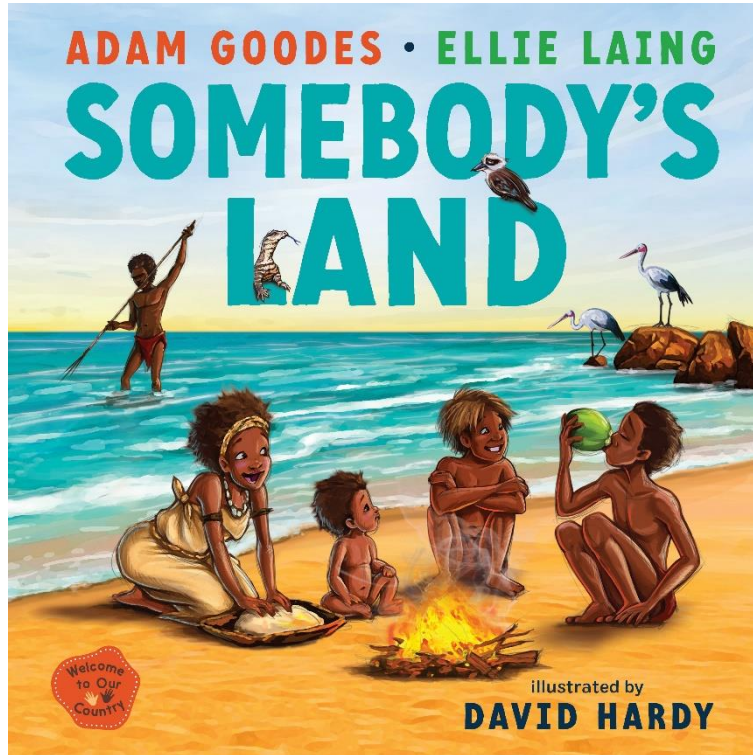
For those of you interested in the use of local plants as a source of food and other uses, the book below is a must.



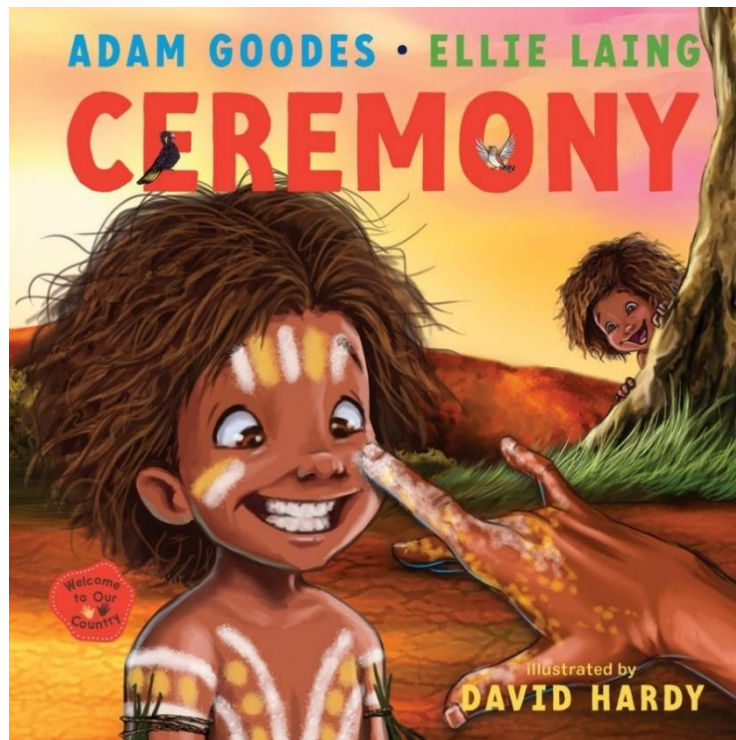
Book Recommendation for Week 6

This week, three books are recommended for you and form part of a set co-written by Adam Goodes, Ellie Laing with illustrations from David Hardy.

The first book; 'Somebody's Land', debunks the concept of 'Terra Nullius' or 'Land belonging to no One' as a precursor to Colonisation in 1788.



The second book; 'Ceremony', is a celebration of the rich traditions of dance, family, community and caring for Country from the world's oldest continuous culture in the world.



The third book; 'Back on Country', explores the concept of returning to Country where family, Elders, Indigenous languages, special or Sacred places, and stories as old as time can be shared.

