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Learning about Aboriginal Culture and History

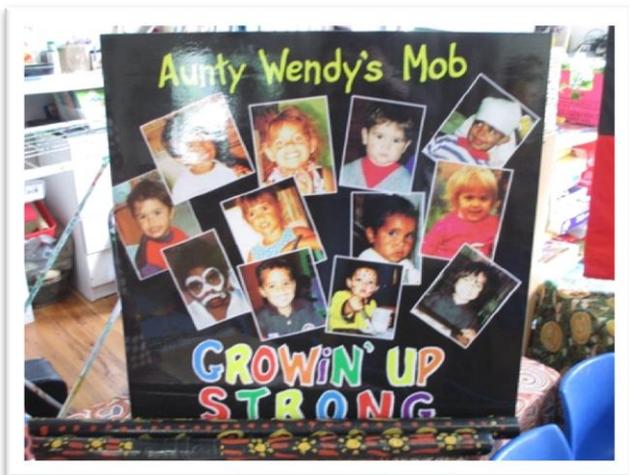
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At kindy we learn about other cultures and ways of living so that our children can begin to respond to diversity with respect. We have recently been learning about Australian Aboriginal people. We have celebrated Sorry Day and also National Reconciliation Week.

The Koala children are beginning to notice and react in positive ways to the similarities and differences among people. We hope that as the children grow older they will listen to others' ideas and respect the differences between people.

On Thursday 8th May, the Koala children enjoyed a show by the delightful and very talented Aunty Wendy.

Aunty Wendy's Mob is a fun, interactive and educational presentation about indigenous Australians, living in both rural and urban areas. Wendy herself is a non-indigenous teacher who taught for many years in Redfern and her interactive show talks a lot about the children she has met along the way...

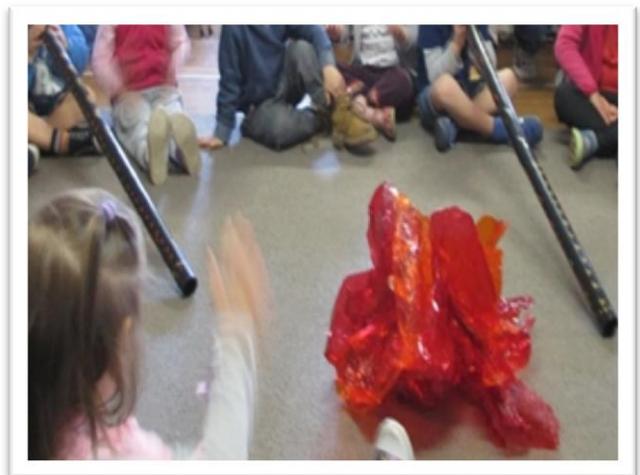


Our Koala children performed with Wendy, participating in songs, dances, language and drama experiences that presented authentic, contemporary, urban images and ideas about Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people. The children listened so attentively as Wendy read them one of her many authentic stories – she taught us different actions to go with the story as it went on.

And then Aunty Wendy revealed what was under the big cloth behind her... it was a Holden Ute with seats, hats and sunglasses for everyone! The children climbed with much excitement into the car, putting on their hats and sunglasses, and of course seat belts, for some fun songs in the Holden Ute. "The wheels of the Holden go round and round, all the



Then it was time to sit around the campfire and cook some fish and fruit for dinner. We sang more fabulous songs as "Uncle" Taylor and "Uncle" Tom played the Didgeridoo.



At the end of the show all of the children thanked Aunty Wendy for her great show and all the wonderful learning she shared with us. What a fantastic experience we had!

EYLF Learning Outcomes:

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world, responding to diversity with respect.