



ALWAYS WAS. ALWAYS WILL BE.

**NAIDOC Week is a week-long event where we celebrate the culture, history and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.**

It started back in 1938 as a protest to raise awareness about the treatment of Aboriginal people. It is a week-long celebration of the First Nations people and their cultures. It is a special time for

Aboriginal culture to be celebrated, respected and acknowledged.

This year's theme is ***Always Was, Always Will Be***. It recognises that the First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. The theme also acknowledges this nation's story didn't begin when the Europeans colonised the continent.

During last week 5T continued to bridge the gap in their knowledge. I asked them to open their minds to listen, read, learn and stand to make a change.

*"I used to think that the Aboriginal people had a lot of food, but now I know that they fought for their life" - Lily. H*

*"I used to think that the Aboriginal people were bad and attacked the British, but now I know that the Aboriginal people were only protecting their land and that they didn't start the war" - Evangelina.P*

*"I never knew that the British covered up some things that happened to not get a bad reputation" - Ayden.T*

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*\*First Nations people refers to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.*

*\*NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.*