







NATIONAL SORRY DAY

National Sorry Day is held on 26th May every year to remember and recognise all those who were affected by the Stolen Generations.

It also reminds us of the negative impact of Australian government policies, practices and attitudes towards the First Nations Peoples* throughout history.

On Wednesday in 5G, we looked at what National Sorry Day means and how it affects us today. We coloured in a hand using the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag colours, we read some of 'Young Dark Emu' by Bruce Pascoe which opened up thoughtful discussion and reflection, and we watched 'The Apology' video from then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd.

We learnt that the purple Hibiscus flower is a sign of spiritual healing and compassion. The flower represents the people of the Stolen Generation and the people who survived. We drew and coloured in our own purple hibiscus that is now displayed in our classroom with the hand art as a reminder.

"I never really knew about this, I think it is a good he (Kevin Rudd) apologised but it won't bring

the children back...” - Matisse.P

“This day helps us to grow together as a community” - Sophie.I

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**First Nations Peoples is used to refer to both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*
