

Mondays at the Museum

(at home!)



This week we are celebrating **NAIDOC week**

First Nations people have lived on and cared for the land for at least 65,000 years.

The 2020 National NAIDOC Week theme has been developed to shine a focus on the length of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander occupation of Australia.

Orange Regional Museum is on Wiradjuri land and we would like to pay our respects to Elders past present and future. We would also like to extend this respect to any Indigenous families, using this resource.

Do you know...the name of the Indigenous nation group where you live or the Country of your friends and family?

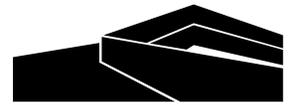
With a parent, teacher or carer, look at this Map of Indigenous Australia to find out more.

<https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia>

Do you know... an Aboriginal language?

How many words can you remember?

If you do not know any words yet in an Aboriginal language, with a parent, teacher or carer, look at this Wiradjuri dictionary online <https://wiradjuri.dalang.com.au/> Or look up four words in an Aboriginal language, for the area you live in. You will learn some Wiradjuri words while doing this activity.



This week we are going to make an artwork

What you'll need:	Substitute
A3 Paper	Back of an old poster
A4 Paper	Scrap of paper
Lead pencil	
Coloured pencils	Markers or Paint
A book (to lean on)	A clip board

Note: Special thanks to Nhunggabarra artist Sandon Gibbs O'Neill for the photographs in this week's Monday at the Museum. Be sure to visit his website. <https://burruguuart.com/>. Sandon spent his early years in Goodooga, NSW on Nhunngall country before moving to Orange where he lived on Wiradjuri land for over 20 years. He currently calls a little cabin, surrounded by gumtrees and an abundance of wildlife, home on Darkinjung country near Mangrove Mountain.

Instructions



Go for a walk in your neighbourhood or in the bush near your house and draw a map of your walk while you are walking. Take a piece of paper, a book to lean on and a pencil with you.

See if you can find all the words listed on the next page on your walk, and note where each of them is located on your map. You will need this information for your artwork.



Can you create a symbol for each of the items you found on your walk? Use the table on the next page.

In Australia, many Aboriginal artists use symbols in their artworks to show people, plants and animals in a landscape.

Try not to copy symbols which you have seen in the work of other artists. These symbols belong to the artists dreaming and their country, and are individual to them. Symbols can be sacred, meaning very special and spiritual.

For this artwork you can use the symbols that have been passed down to you by your family or you can create your own symbols, which relate to your own culture, spiritual beliefs and experience.



English	Wiradjuri	My Language	My symbol
gum-tree	yara		
grass	buguin		
bird	mulbirrang		
blossoms	yurali		



Practice writing these words in your own language. Say each word out aloud as you write it.

Ask an adult to help you pronounce it correctly.



Recreate a map of your walk on a big piece of paper, this will be your final artwork.

Mark where you found each item, using the symbol you have created and decorate the rest of the page with colour and patterns. Use your favourite colours to decorate your map, you can use coloured pencils, paint or markers.

Do you remember the words in language for each item? Repeat each word in Wiradjuri or in another language as you point to it.

You can even write the words on your artwork.



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Extra Time:

1. Look at the map again and learn more Indigenous names for places in Australia
2. Look up more words using the different languages. Can you say hello and goodbye? What other words can you learn and remember?
3. Visit Orange Regional Museum to see our current exhibition *Inherit: old and new histories*, Can you find all the objects on loan from the Local Orange Aboriginal Land Council? What do they tell us about our history and culture?