Far beyond NAIDOC week Gunggay language matters

This year's NAIDOC Week has come along at the perfect time to celebrate new funding for a project to support revitalising the Gunggay language in the community.

"Our languages matter" has never been truer after the Learning Workshop and Yarrabah Elders Groups' Gunggay language teacher Nathan Schrieber (pictured) successfully applied for funding from the Endangered Language Fund in the United States of America.

The Language Legacies Grant will be used to transcribe 36 songs from a little known tape 'Songs from Yarrabah' sung by local Gunggay speakers in 1969 and collected by Dr Alice Moyle.

The songs and their translation will form material for Nathan to use for Gunggay language teaching material at the school, and be shared with members of the Gunggandji tribe throughout the Yarrabah community.

The project is part of a wider Gunggay language revitalisation strategy.

Yarrabah Elders Chairperson



Gwen Schrieber said language was important.

"Elders need the language to pass on knowledge and culture to the younger generation," she said.

"Young people will lose their identity and sense of self without their language.

"Language tells Aboriginal people who we are, and where we come from and is critical to young people's mental and spiritual health."

Jaimi Adams and her daughter Taynara are this year's winners of the draw in Yarrabah's 'First Five Forever' reading classes, which have been taking place weekly at the IKC building.

Jaimi is committed to helping Taynara realise her full potential by sharing with her the full benefits of reading with her daughter.

Reading helps children succeed in their lives by expanding their vocabulary, allowing them to think outside of the box, developing a passion for reading aiding in positive personal growth.

The aim of the program is to encourage ALL mothers, young & old to participate and those who attended the 'First 5 Forever' were in the draw to win a Baby & Mum Basket.



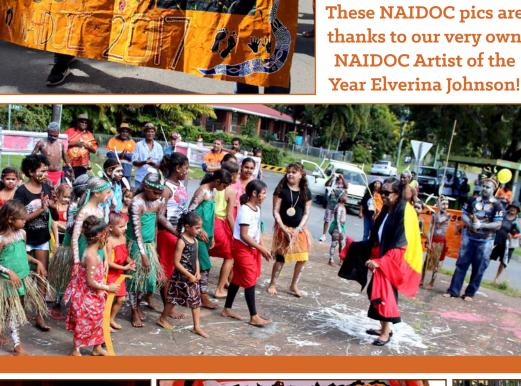








These NAIDOC pics are thanks to our very own NAIDOC Artist of the Year Elverina Johnson!









LEFT: At the High Tea in Cairns; BELOW LEFT: Woorabinda NAIDOC King Jaylon Mimi with his dad Yarrabah Cr Colin Cedric Snr; ABOVE, RIGHT & BELOW: Daycare NAIDOC celebrations.







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