

# MANORVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Department of Education  
and Training

Newsletter 17  
Tues, 10th Oct 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### Carparks

The carparks at the front of the school are for the use of staff and families approved by the Principal for specific reasons such as disability and security. The beginning (8:40 am to 9:15am) and end (3:00 pm to 3:30 pm) of the school days are busy and dangerous times and parents using the car park for dropping off and picking up children are putting others at risk, as children especially toddlers are unpredictable and sometimes wander into the carparks during those times. There have been a number of "near misses" lately.

### Coorombong Street

A drop off zone exists in Coorombong Street at the Greaves Street North end. Parking in this area is restricted from 8:15am to 9:00am and 2:45pm to 3:30pm. Please check the signs and ensure that you are not blocking access to the zone by parking and leaving your car. If you need to come into the school please park further up the road. Reversing into Greaves Street North is illegal and dangerous.

As a courtesy to our neighbours please ensure that you do not allow toddlers to play in gardens and destroy property including plants. Our neighbours often assist us with holiday surveillance so please help the school to maintain friendly relations.

Please ensure that your children are using the correct safety belts etc and are not hanging out of open car windows.

### Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10:00am** in the school gymnasium. Two tickets will be allocated per student and allowances made for separated families. There is no cost for this event.

### Graduating Students Dress Code

On graduation day, students are expected to dress modestly and neatly with these restrictions:

- **Minimum of make up**
- **No bare shoulders or midriff etc.**
- **No T-shirts with offensive writing or pictures/graphics**
- **No hats**

### Pupil Free Day and Public Holiday

Our next pupil free day will be held on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. The next day is the public holiday for the Melbourne Cup. Students are not required to attend on those days.

### Referendum Day Sausage Sizzle

The School Council will be running a sausage sizzle on the referendum day, Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2023. If you are able to assist please contact the school.

### Year 1 and 2 Camping Event

Year 1&2 students will remain at school at the end of the day and participate in a range of activities and have dinner at school. They will leave with their parents/cares at 6:00pm.

Thankyou to Camp Australia for providing the special entertainer.

Thankyou to the staff who have organised and managed the event this evening.



### SCHOOL MISSION

The school's purpose is to develop optimistic and aspirational students who have the academic and social foundations to become responsible citizens.

### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday 3:00 - 3:30pm and  
Tuesday 8:50 - 9:15am

### Re-opening Term 4

Please refer to our "Dates to Remember" section of the newsletter.

**Out of Hours School Care**  
**Camp Australia**  
**Ph: 0405 428 328**

### Happy Families

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### SCHOOL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

**Phone:**

9741 6300

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manorvale.ps@education.vic.gov.au

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

- \* Cash
- \* Eftpos
- \* Cheque
- \* BPay



### Sunsmart Term 4

It was very pleasing to see how many students have now located and are wearing their sunhats. All students must be wearing a school sunhat this term.

Only the approved school hats should be worn as they offer the best protection from the sun. Baseball style caps are not acceptable. Hats can be purchased at the school uniform shop for \$15.

From now on the No hat, No play policy is active.

### School Uniform Shop

Students should now be wearing their summer uniform.

Please note that students should not be wearing items clothing that is not on the uniform list such as hoodies, multi coloured tops and black or coloured leggings. The uniform list is attached to this newsletter.

### Uniform shop

The uniform shop will be operating on Monday 3:00pm to 3:30pm and Tuesday 8.50am to 9.15am.

All items are very cheap, clean and plentiful. For \$10 you could get 5 items.

### Prep Enrolments 2024

Families wishing to enrol a prep student for 2024 should complete an application form as soon as possible.

**The application forms are available from the office and can be downloaded from the website.**

The kinder to school transition process will start next term.

### Building Upgrade

Today we met with the architects to begin the building design stage. They met with some year 3&4 students to get ideas of what they hope for with the new building. The expectation is that the administration block will be demolished and rebuilt.

### Students NOT Returning in 2024

Parents of students from Prep -5 who will not be returning to Manorvale next year are asked to inform the school in writing. Please include the intended school placement for next year.

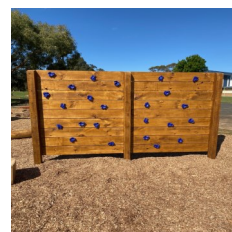
Helen Watson  
Principal

### Year 5-6 Big Day Out - Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The year 5-6 Big Day Out will be held the day after the year 6 graduation on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023. The students will be enjoying a day celebrating their year with their peers and teachers at Strike, Point Cook. The students will play 2 games of ten pin bowling and have an organised lunch at the venue comprising of pizza, chips and a drink. The cost of the event is likely to be between \$35 - \$40. Once all the details have been confirmed we will give families sufficient notice for payment.

### New Nature Playground and Gaga Pit

Manorvale Primary School's new nature playground opens to students on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks to a grant from the Department of Education's 'Active Schools' team, we were able to create a new nature play space. The playground was built between the oval and basketball court. The design of this playground was completed with the support of a number of our 5/6 students who wanted more equipment they could climb on. The new nature playground includes bouldering walls, climbing poles, logs and rocks to run along and platforms to climb on. The nature playground also has a 'Gaga Pit' for students to play Gaga Ball. Mr Boulter will be teaching all the students how to play Gaga Ball in PE this week, so be sure to ask your child/ren the rules of how to play! A special thanks to the team at 'Rocketbox' for designing and constructing the new play space.





## Whole School Incursion - Italian Performance Incursion

On Monday, 30th October 2023 there will be an Italian incursion at Manorvale PS. Spectacular Spettacolo Productions will be visiting to perform the show called Vacanze Romane (Roman Holidays) for the whole school. The students will be preparing for this show by learning the songs and vocabulary that will be used throughout the performance. The show will be performed in Italian and English and relates to the Languages curriculum.

**Date:** Monday, 30th October 2023

**Location:** Manorvale PS, gymnasium

**Cost:** \$6.50 per child (Families can use CSEF or credit funds for this extra-curricular event.)

Notes went home with all students last week.

Please complete, sign and place money in the envelope provided with your child's name and class, and return it the classroom teacher **no later than Monday, 23rd October 2023.**

## Lego League Challenge

On Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September the selected 5/6 students went to their second event at Wyndham Tech School for the First Lego League Challenge.

The students had the opportunity to experience a mock competition before their big day this term. The students worked together to problem solve, code, and use their engineering skills to build and program their Lego robot to navigate the missions of the game. They all did an excellent job, and we are eager to see how they go on their competition day.

Mrs Cole.



## Bandanna Day

October 27<sup>th</sup> is National Bandanna Day. Leading up to this day, the Junior School Councillors will be selling bandannas at school.

Canteen provides support to young people aged 12 - 24 who are impacted by cancer. Whether they are dealing with their own diagnosis, close family member's cancer or the death of a loved one, Canteen provides support such as counselling, peer support and youth friendly services.

We will be selling amazing printed bandannas for **\$5** to help support Canteen. We will set up at the bench near Miss Khalif's room every 1st break for the first half.

We look forward to raising money for a great cause and seeing everyone in their bandannas.

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## The Focus For Term 4 Is RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, ASPIRING, CARING

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students for being named as STUDENT OF THE WEEK.

<b>PREP SIOMOS</b>	<b>Averie</b> for successfully segmenting words to hear four sounds when writing. <b>Damon</b> for making an effort to leave spaces between words when writing.	<b>3/4 RUSSELL</b>	<b>Alexander</b> for listening carefully to instructions. <b>Eh Taw</b> for working hard to improve his paragraph writing.
<b>PREP McCORMACK</b>	<b>Divansu</b> for following the Prep routine on her first week at Manorvale PS. <b>Zena</b> for engaging in all tasks throughout the week.	<b>3/4 JOHNSTONE</b>	<b>James</b> for actively contributing to class discussions while also supporting others to share their own thinking. <b>Dedo</b> for selecting responsible places to sit on the floor to allow him to use whole body listening.
<b>1/2 BATES</b>	<b>Jiraiya</b> for using his sound knowledge to sound out words when writing. <b>Ryder</b> for following the success criteria and using colourful semantics to write interesting sentences.	<b>3/4 PULFORD/ BEECHAM</b>	<b>Arjay</b> for demonstrating a positive and enthusiastic attitude joining 3/4 TP, and in actively participating in whole group and individual learning tasks. <b>Thanee</b> for demonstrating perseverance during maths to rename two and three digit numbers using standard non canonical form.
<b>1/2 ANDERSON</b>	<b>Iftin and Owen</b> for using maths vocabulary to describe the features of different 2 dimensional shapes.	<b>5/6 KOCISKI</b>	<b>Ayasha</b> for her dedication during TLI which she has shown with her knowledge and achievement in Place Value. <b>Codie</b> for helping his peers during writing, especially when they need help with historical information.
<b>1/2 BOS</b>	<b>Rawiri</b> for reading fluently and using expression. <b>Mia</b> for successfully achieving her writing goal on two occasions this week.	<b>5/6 RIEKSTS</b>	<b>Leo</b> for being polite and respectful towards the teacher. <b>Amana</b> for working hard at her reading.
<b>1/2 TOMPKINS</b>	<b>Elise</b> for coming back to school with a positive attitude and working hard towards achieving her maths and writing goals. <b>Winter</b> for taking responsibility for her own learning goals by communicating that she needs to be challenged more.	<b>5/6 KHALIF</b>	<b>Toby</b> for his effort in completing his explanation text about tsunamis. He crafted a text that makes for an engaging and informative read. <b>Balreet</b> for consistently showing kindness and respect to her classmates, and actively listening during discussions by attentively tracking the speaker.
<b>SIGNORA MAIORANA LOTE</b>	<b>Andrew</b> and <b>Zarlia</b> for very good pronunciation of the Italian transport words.	<b>MRS HOOPER LIBRARY</b>	<b>Elayna</b> for choosing to make responsible choices that help others. <b>Lois</b> for thoughtful contributions to our book discussions.
<b>MR BOULTER PE</b>	<b>Sophia</b> for great initiative in Junior School Council for letting the students know about the new Gaga ball court use.	<b>MS CARLISLE ART</b>	<b>Craig</b> for working hard and helping to clean the art room.
<b>OSHC</b>	<b>Joseph</b> for being helpful and Showing respect to peers while at OSHC.		





**Dates to Remember**

<b>Term 4</b>		<b>Event Date</b>
Yr 6 students	Passport to Success Program (Tuesday - 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> from 1.00pm)	10/10 - 31/10/2023
Yr 1/2	Camping Experience 3:15pm to <b>6:00pm at school</b>	10/10/2023
All students	Bandanna Day - \$5.00	27/10/2023
All students	Italian Performance Incursion <b>\$6.50 due by 23/10/23</b>	30/10/2023
Yr 6 students	Graduation Day	13/12/2023
Yr 5/6	Big Day Out	14/12/2023

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**TERM DATES 2023**

<b>Term 1</b>	27th January to 6th April
<b>Term 2</b>	24th April to 23rd June
<b>Term 3</b>	10th July to 15th September
<b>Term 4</b>	2nd October to 20 December

**SCHOOL HOURS 2023**

<b>Start</b>	9:00 am
<b>Lunch in rooms</b>	11:30 am to 11:40 am
<b>Lunch Play</b>	11:40 am to 12:10 pm
<b>Snack in rooms</b>	1:50 pm to 1:55 pm
<b>Recess Play</b>	1:55 pm to 2:25 pm
<b>Dismissal</b>	3:15 pm
<b>OHSC Bell</b>	3:12 pm

**REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES**

To avoid receiving a phone call or a note/letter from the school when your child is absent please remember to contact the school using one of the following methods:

1. Reporting on the Compass Portal
2. Contact the school by telephone on 9741 6300
3. Send an email to [manorvale.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:manorvale.ps@education.vic.gov.au)
4. Write a letter or note to the classroom teacher explaining your child's absence
5. Verbally inform the classroom teacher.

**If families have not advised the school of a student absence, a text message will be sent at 10:00am alerting the family. Families are expected to respond to the school with a reason for the absence as soon as possible.**

**Parents' Club News**

**Mondo Recycling**

Thanks to everyone who donated items to the Clothing recycling this morning. Your efforts are appreciated and Manorvale receives \$0.10 for each kg we collect and donate. We will update you as to how much was collected as soon as that information becomes available.

**Secondhand Uniform Shop**

Uniform Shop has reopened.

Our second hand uniform shop will be open for business starting this term, Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Please come in and say hello to our lovely volunteer Tegan and check out what bargains we have. Opening hours are Monday afternoon 3 – 3.30pm and Tuesday morning 8.50 – 9.15am.

**Can you Sizzle a Sausage?**

Lend a hand this Saturday as the School Council hosts a fundraising sausage sizzle during the referendum. Please let the office know. The office contact number is 9741 6300.

Rochelle Reynolds  
Parents' Club President

Outside School Hours Care

# Newsletter

October 2023

Manorvale Primary School

Your  
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## World Play Day

Be part of  
something big!  
12.10.2023  
in After School Care



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Your  
OSHC.

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### Welcome to term 4!

During our Spring Rocketeers, we were busy with some non-stop action filled experiences.

First week we enjoyed creating some galaxy jars, going on an adventure to the Rocketeers Dance Party, participating in a Plus- Plus block Challenge and having an experience takeover with someone coming to the service for Soccer Strikers Shootout to enjoy some team building activities.

In the second week, the children enjoyed some space alien themed experiences, going on an adventure to The Rock Adventure Centre and participating in a giant game adventure to create their own giant board games.

The children have had many opportunities for cooking experiences, sport activities and getting creative when here at Base Camp.

### EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!

Camp Australia has teamed up with LEGO and Startime, to bring you some ongoing fun filled activities!

This will launch on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at After School care and will continue in our Summer Rocketeers!



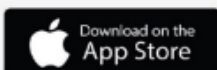
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Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your

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### Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustalia.com.au](http://pp.campaustalia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campaustalia.com.au](http://www.campaustalia.com.au)



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**Manorvale Primary Uniform Pricelist Valid to June 30th 2023**

<b>uniform</b>	<b>Windcheater ( Navy with Logo )</b>	All sizes	\$33.50
	<b>Bomber Jacket ( Navy with Logo )</b>	All sizes	\$50.95
	<b>Polar Fleece Windcheater ( ½ Zip with Logo )</b>	All sizes	\$37.95
	<b>Summer Dress (Gingdress)</b>	All Sizes	\$29.95
	<b>Polo Short Sleeve ( Gold with Logo )</b>	4-16	\$31.95
		S-M-L	\$33.95
	<b>Skort ( Navy )</b>		\$26.00
	<b>Shorts Navy Rugby Knit</b>	4-16	\$24.50
	<b>Shorts Navy 120CH</b>	from	\$24.95
	<b>Winter Tunic</b>	All sizes	\$63.95
	<b>Trousers (Navy, Double Knee, Drawstring 134)</b>	from	\$39.95
	<b>Double Knee Track Pant ( Navy )</b>	4-16	\$29.95
	<b>Straight Leg Track Pant ( Navy )</b>	4-16	\$29.95
	<b>Netball Skirt ( Navy )</b>		\$29.95
<b>accessories</b>	<b>Socks</b>		\$16.95
	<b>White Sports 3 Pack</b>		\$16.95
	<b>White/Navy Ankle 3 Pack</b>	from	\$15.95
	<b>White / Navy Knee Hi 2 Pack</b>	from	\$14.50
	<b>Tights (Navy Cotton)</b>	from	\$18.00
	<b>Slouch Hat ( with Logo )</b>		\$16.50
	<b>School Back Pack (no logo)</b>		\$56.50
	<b>Artsmock ( Navy, Paint Resistant )</b>		\$21.00
	<b>Rainjacket (Waterproof, Polar Fleece Lining )</b>		\$49.50
	<b>Scarf</b>		\$10.95
	<b>Beanie</b>		\$10.95
	<b>Gloves</b>		\$9.95
	<b>NAME LABELS Pre-ordered Garment Labels (Sew or Iron on)</b>	Per 50 Units	\$24.50

All prices are subject to change without notice.

**Rushfords Store Trading Hours**

Monday to Friday 9:00am-5:00pm

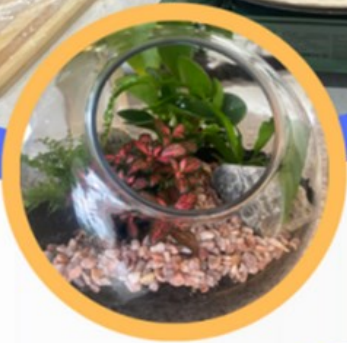
Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm

Shop 1 / 13 Barnes Place Werribee VIC 3030

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Phone: 03 9741 3211 Fax : 03 9741 3155 Email : rushfords@noone.com.au





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON 8742 3688**

**Commences 5pm!**

- Learn about our Community Garden
- 5pm Make your own terrarium
- Dinner supplied by the Wyndham Women's Support Group
- 6.30pm Annual General Meeting

**IRAMOO COMMUNITY CENTRE  
84 HONOUR AVE, WYNDHAM VALE 3024**

**THURSDAY  
12TH OCTOBER  
5PM – 7PM**





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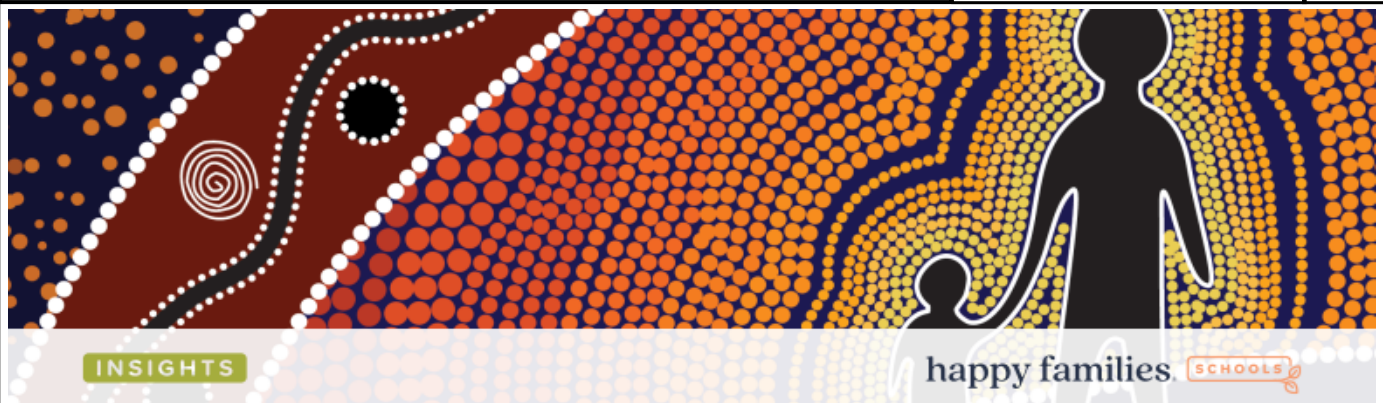
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## How to talk to your kids about the referendum

On the 14th of October, Australians will have the opportunity to decide if an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament should be enshrined in the Australian constitution.

Given the extensive media coverage as the voting day draws ever closer, our kids are likely to hear about the referendum and want to understand what is going on.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to have values based discussions with our children about culture, community, democracy, and history. Here's some tips on how to frame those conversations in a positive way, whichever way you plan on voting.

### 1. Lean in to what you don't understand

Getting our heads around politics can be difficult at the best of times, let alone working out how to explain political processes to children! And then add to that discomfort the fact that many of us grew up without a solid understanding (or even a complete misunderstanding!) of First Nations history and culture.

Start by acknowledging the gaps in your own knowledge. It's great for our kids to hear us admit that we don't have all of the answers. Demonstrate for them the process you're going to take to find answers to questions or concerns you might have.

### 2. Get clear on the basics

#### What is a referendum?

##### *For younger children*

Imagine the Australian Constitution is like a big rule book for the whole country. It tells the people who run the country, called the government, what they're allowed to do and what they're not allowed to do. It's super important because it helps keep everything fair and organized.

Sometimes the government wants to change the rules in this big book. But they can't just change it all by themselves. They have to ask the regular people, like your mum and dad and other grown-ups, if they agree with the change. And that's where a referendum comes in.

A referendum is like a special vote where all the grown-ups in Australia get to say 'yes' or 'no' to the government's idea for changing the rules in the big book. If most of the grown-ups say 'yes,' then the change can happen. But if most of them say 'no,' then the rules stay the same.

So, it's like a big decision that all the grown-ups make together to decide if they want to change the important rules in the country's rule book or not. It's a way to make sure everyone's voice is heard.





### What is this referendum about?

Right now, in our big set of rules called the Constitution, it doesn't say anything special about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. But some people think it should.

They have an idea called 'The Voice.' The Voice would make a group that speaks for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This group would tell the government what they think about things that affect these people.

Now, there's going to be a big vote, like when we vote for our favorite things, but this time it's about changing the rules. People will say 'yes' or 'no' to this idea of making The Voice part of our important rules, the Constitution. If more people say 'yes,' then it will happen. If more people say 'no,' then it won't change.

So, on a special day, people will decide if we should have The Voice in our rules or not. It's like a big decision we all make together."

### Why might someone vote "yes"?

- The Voice would mean that the First Nations people get to talk about things that are important to them.
- People who vote "yes" think that the Voice will help First Nations people and the government make better rules. They also think it will bring all Australians closer together.
- If we put the Voice in our important rules (the Constitution), it can't be taken away or stopped by a different government. It stays there but can change a little bit.
- Lots of First Nations people like the "yes" vote idea, and it came from a special message made by Indigenous Australians called the Uluru Statement of the Heart.
- The Voice would make sure the First Nations people are remembered in the Constitution.
- It shows that Australians want to keep being friends and making things better together.

### Why might someone vote "no"?

- Some people are saying "no" because they don't think the Voice will be good enough to help Indigenous people. They think the government might not listen to the Voice, and there might be better ways to help.
- Other people are voting "no" because they worry that the Voice might make people feel different because of their race. They want everyone to be treated the same.
- Some people say "no" because they think the Voice will cost a lot of money and make it harder to make new rules.
- Finally, some people think a Voice isn't needed because there are already Indigenous people in the government who are supposed to speak for everyone, including First Nations people.

### "Yes" or "No", not "Right" or "Wrong"

It's highly unlikely that all the adults in your child's life will vote the same way on the referendum. Emphasize to your children that people on both sides of the argument care very much about First Nations people. Consequently, it's important to frame the discussion so that there are no "goodies" and "baddies". (Even First Nations people are not unanimous on how to vote in the referendum, so clearly there is no right answer.)

## 3. Give context

Many First Nations people in Australia don't have as good a life as others. They face challenges in their health, happiness, and how long they live.

This happens because of things that happened a long time ago, like when people from Europe came to Australia and didn't treat Indigenous people fairly.





The government makes a report called 'Closing the Gap' each year to show how they're trying to make things better for Indigenous people. But some people say the government isn't doing it quickly enough.

The Voice is an idea that some people think could make the government work harder to help Indigenous people and close this gap faster.

#### 4. Model Values Based Voting

The referendum will be a big lesson for Australians. It's a chance to learn about Australia's history, how our government works, and how we make important decisions together. But the most important thing to learn is that it's okay to have different opinions, even if we care a lot about something. Everyone thinks differently based on their own feelings and ideas, and it's ok to be different.

#### More resources:

The topics discussed in this article are heavy, but there are many books suitable for children and teens that can be used as a springboard for engaging in discussions about these moments in history.

[Somebody's Land: Welcome to Our Country](#) address the mistaken belief of Terra Nullius,

[Stolen Girl](#) talks about the Stolen Generation, and

[Say Yes: A Story of Friendship, Fairness and a Vote for Hope](#) talks about the 1967 referendum that finally saw Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples recognized as Australians.

[Finding Our Heart](#) explains the Uluru Statement from the Heart in a way that even young children can understand.

More resources for learning about the history of First Nations people and important Indigenous topics can be found at [AIATSIS.gov.au](http://AIATSIS.gov.au) , [ulurustatement.org/history](http://ulurustatement.org/history) , and [abc.net.au/education](http://abc.net.au/education).



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