



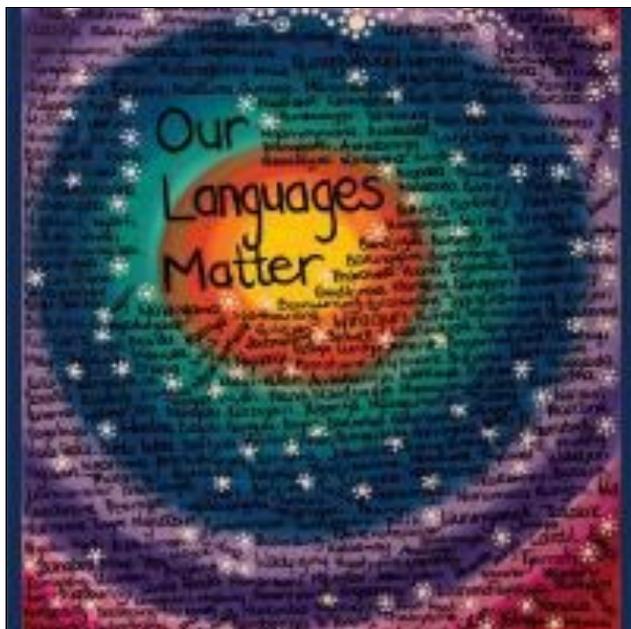
Building Blocks July 2017 Newsletter



This month at Building Blocks we will be exploring activities for children to keep them busy over the winter—we also have a short break over the school holidays to tidy up and get ready for next term. Thanks to everyone who has come along to programs this year—we have been busier than ever!

There are also lots of community events coming up this week for NAIDOC week—see information below, culminating in the launch of a traditionally built canoe at St Helens. Look forward to seeing you there

What is NAIDOC Week?



NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920's which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Indigenous Australians.

NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

All Australians can participate in the celebrations and activities that take place across the nation during NAIDOC Week. Building Blocks will be exploring clay, making shell necklaces, reading stories and cooking some delicious damper to share.

Do you have children who love to be songs, stories and music? Building Blocks presents **Rock n Rhyme** at St Helens Library every Friday 10.30-11.30 and at St Marys Library alternate Tuesdays 11-11.30. This is a fun early literacy program that suits children 0-5 years. Its Free and Fun!



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All Building Blocks sessions are free of charge for all children from 0-5 years old, along with their parents, carers & grandparents