Indigenous Story Stones

Australian traditional storytelling handed down from generation to generation has always been part of the landscape. Since the beginning of time (the Dreaming) storytelling played a vital role in Australian Aboriginal culture, one of the world’s oldest cultures.

In Year One they have been learning about Narratives in English, and as a cross curricular with Aboriginal Studies, Mrs Campbell had read to the student’s Aboriginal dreamtime stories. They also looked at the pictures and patterns in the books written and illustrated by the Aboriginal artists. They learnt about the importance of family stories being spoken about and handed down from generation to generation.

I was fortunate to be invited into the Year One classroom last week to listen to the students telling their own stories using the pictures they had painted on their own stones. Gathered on the new Yarning mat the school recently purchased, they sat around telling their story from their stones which they had painted. Well done Year One!