



As part of the Catholic Education commitment, staff and students at St Patrick's School Katanning came together with a whole school National Sorry Day Paraliturgy. This acknowledgment was held on Friday 26th May in the school hall, which was led by our Indigenous students and school leaders.

To welcome all present a 'Welcome to Country' was said by Ebony and Emilie and a candle was lit for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were taken away. Hibiscus flowers were placed on our prayer table, the national emblem of the Stolen Generation. Prayers of the Faithful were read so that we could pray together to show compassion and understanding for Reconciliation. The whole school held a minutes silence to remember the Stolen Generations. The service concluded with the school community placing their 'Sea of Hands', at the foot of the flags, to the song 'Amazing Grace' sung by Geoffrey Gurrumul and Paul Kelly.

Sorry Day is a time to remember the Stolen Generations and the sadness from events from the past. It gave everyone a chance to come together and express sorrow.



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Board display at St Patrick's School

To celebrate NAIDOC the whole school visited Kodja Place in Kojonup. This Noongar-Indigenous experience included tasting Billy Tea, singing, hunting for message sticks and 'bush tucker', art activities and a tour of Kodja Place. This was funded by PALS, our P & F, and the school.

The whole school came together around our 'Yarning mat' for our NAIDOC Paraliturgy on Wednesday 28th July, which was led by our Indigenous students, Mr Smith, Ms Bearcroft and Miss Anderson's Year 4 class who led the Readings and Prayers. 'Welcome to Country' was said with the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian flags being displayed. Our Prayer focus was the 'The Dreamtime'. Symbols of the earth, fire, water and message sticks were bought to the prayer table by our Indigenous students. After the final blessing, the final song 'I am, we are Australian' was viewed.

