I would like to officially welcome you to the second edition of ‘DIDJUNO’ for 2015. ‘DIDJUNO’ is a newsletter for Blue Haven Public School Indigenous students, by Blue Haven Public School Indigenous students. ‘DIDJUNO’ is written during class time and is published for our Indigenous students. It is a great way to promote our culture, represent ourselves, and develop our research and writing skills. So… LET’S GET INVOLVED!

We have recently entered the Schools Reconciliation Artwork Competition for 2015. This year’s theme was all about ‘Homegrown Heroes’. Students from year 6 were asked to think about a hero they admire. We did some lessons about what being a hero means and how we can be heroes in the future too.

We worked with Miss Montgomery and Mr Toomey to create a massive artwork to show our heroes and the message of reconciliation. We each had our heroes heads printed in black and white and then used our hands, dot paintings and bush art to tell our story.

We can not wait to see how we went!
On the menu this issue:

**Chocolate and wattleseed self-saucing pudding**

What you will need:
- 2 tbsp wattleseeds, toasted
- 220 g (1 cup firmly packed) brown sugar
- 35 g (¼ cup) dark cocoa powder, sifted
- 80 g unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 55 g (¼ cup) caster sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 150 g (1 cup) self-raising flour, sifted
- 125 ml (½ cup) milk
- vegetable oil, to grease

Method:
Soak wattleseeds in boiling water for 20 minutes, then drain. Combine 165 g brown sugar and 2 tbsp cocoa powder.

Preheat the oven to 180°C. Using an electric mixer, beat butter, caster sugar and remaining 55 g brown sugar until pale and fluffy. Add egg and beat until well combined. Combine flour and remaining 2 tbsp cocoa powder and stir into butter mixture, alternating with the milk, until smooth. Stir in wattleseeds. Bring a pan of water to the boil.

Meanwhile, grease 6 x 150 ml ramekins and place in a roasting pan. Divide pudding batter among the ramekins, top with cocoa mixture and then top pudding with boiling water. Fill the roasting pan with enough hot water to reach halfway up the side of the ramekins, cover the pan with foil and bake for 25 minutes or until puddings have risen and the sauce has thickened.

A Mark Olive recipe
This year at Star Struck Angel Cribb, Chelsea Hay, Chloe Jamieson, Carley Pringle, Molly Sutherland, Lily Reynolds, Preston Williams and Jiah Reynolds all performed an Aboriginal item at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre. We performed in 4 concerts over two days on Friday the 12th of June and Saturday the 13th of June. We caught buses up for both days and some students went with teachers.

We learnt, practiced and performed two items. One dance was our Indigenous composition and the other was for the finale to finish the show. For our Indigenous item the girls learnt four really important moves to represent the sun, wind, rain and earth. The boys learnt moves that represented hunting. We danced with other Primary schools and teenagers from High Schools around the Central Coast and Hunter region. We are really grateful to the teenagers Tahlia, Chandler and Chloe that choreographed our dance and helped us learn the moves to our dance.

Thanks to our parent helpers and teachers our costumes were just as awesome as our dance. The boys got to wear lap laps and the girls wore chiffon dresses in earth colours with red leotards underneath. We also got to paint ourselves up with white paint like ochre. Preston and Jiah were really great at helping boys from other schools get painted up.

On the night we were being filmed and Jiah even got to admire himself on the big screen. The girls all danced very gracefully and the boys danced with style. Miss Montgomery said she felt like a 'proud mum'.

There were really early mornings, including 6.50am starts and late nights until 11.00pm. We want to say thankyou to our teachers for teaching us, practicing with us, taking us and looking after us. We all LOVED it and it was an amazing experience to dance with other Indigenous children and have so much fun.

By Molly Sutherland, Lily Reynolds and Jiah Reynolds.
Hello from the editor!

Didjun is a newsletter produced once a term by our talented Indigenous students. We take turns thinking of fun and interesting Indigenous topics to create for the newsletter.

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The students and I have really enjoyed working on this issue and are excited to continue next term with a new and exciting issue 2.

Miss Montgomery :)

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Welcome Mr Toomey

Mr Toomey is the new Aboriginal teacher at Blue Haven Public School. He teaches the Aboriginal students how to play the didgeridoo. A week ago Mr Toomey and the Indigenous boys had a performance at the assembly and they all had fun performing.

When Mr Toomey came to the school he organised with the principle to fix up the bush tucker garden. A couple of days ago Mr Toomey and the Aboriginal boys went up to the new houses and performed in front of the Minister of Aboriginal Education and a couple of other important people. We were all really proud to be a part of something special like this.

All the boys have really enjoyed working with Mr Toomey so far and we cant wait to do more things together.

Dance Programs

Miss Montgomery and our Year 6 girls along with Jiah, Preston and Mr Toomey are going to help the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 kids learn Indigenous dances. We will be teaching them all about what the Aboriginal people done back in the day.

We want to help these kids so when they are older they will know what it means to be a proud Aboriginal student and will continue to share our traditions. We want them to do the same thing that we done when they grow and help the next generation of Kindergarten Year 1 and Year 2.

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- There are 36 species of poisonous funnel-web spiders in eastern Australia.
- The world’s largest reef system, the Great Barrier Reef, is found off the North-Eastern coast of Australia and is the only living thing that can be seen from space.