Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week our students and staff participated in a range of Reconciliation activities including enjoying our Nunga Café, group activities and making art work.

Our thought for Reconciliation Week was ‘It’s Time To Change It Up’. Reconciliation literally means ‘re-establishing friendly relations’ or ‘healing old wounds’. In practical terms, it’s about acknowledging our cultural history and the devastating and complex relationship Indigenous Australians have had with colonial Australia, but ultimately learning from that past as a way of reshaping the present and making a better future for all Australians.

Over the past month we have also held our Family Movie Night which has been connected to our celebration of Reconciliation Week.

Pupil Free Day - Modifying Student Learning

Tuesday saw our staff participate in Professional Learning with the focus on modifying student learning. Staff worked in teams to look at a range of student work samples and develop a greater understanding of the grading process related to the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. The aim over time is for consistency to be developed when reporting to parents and caregivers in school reports. We worked with two other sites during the day (Elizabeth Vale PS and Elizabeth South PS) with great success. These Pupil Free Day’s are highly valued by all staff and support our learning agenda.

Kind Regards
Dan Jarrad - School Principal
On Tuesday 2nd June the Preschool children attended an open day for Reconciliation Week at Kaurna Plains Family Centre and Marni Waiendi.

They were very excited to attend this celebration which included face painting, a jumping castle, petting zoo, arts and crafts and traditional basket weaving.

In this fun filled setting the children were able to learn about what Reconciliation means to both generations past and present and how they can contribute in their own ways to the future of reconciliation.

During week 6 the children caught this beautiful butterfly in their hands while playing in the yard. They brought it inside to show the educators and we got them a bug catcher to put it in so that they could observe it. The children crowded around to see and began talking about how the butterfly used to be a caterpillar that ate leaves and made a cocoon so that it could become a butterfly. Once all the children had seen the butterfly we released it outside into one of the trees. The children watched it for quite some time before it flew away.

This experience enabled educators to talk to the children about the life cycle of butterflies and caterpillars as well as talking about how we have many wonderful creatures to explore in the yard. Upon returning to the outdoor play area some of the children decided to check the vegetable patch to see if they could find more caterpillars or butterflies.