



A FESTIVAL OF LANGUAGES

An Intersection of
language and nature

Getoutside with Community - Wildcare

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The inaugural Festival of Languages, was an interactive celebration of the intersection of language and nature. The festival brought together students from many different cultural backgrounds to experience nature and to capture and record those experiences in many languages - reflecting that nature is our first and shared language.

The Festival of Languages was held at Kingston Beach on the 16th of March 2023 from 10am to 3pm.



Around 100 students were guided on short nature-based experiences in the beautiful Kingston beach area to experience:

- Beach
- Bush
- Lagoon
- Cliffs

Participants were able to experience culturally diverse perspectives of nature, food and sensory activities.

The aim of the day:

Language is important. It is important to help us share our stories, to tell people how we feel and to reflect our experiences.

Nature is something we all share; it connects us all regardless of the languages we speak. There are many ways to express or experience nature.

The Festival of Languages was/is a way to honour languages and nature at the same time. We aimed to take the students into nature and collect all their words to celebrate nature and language.

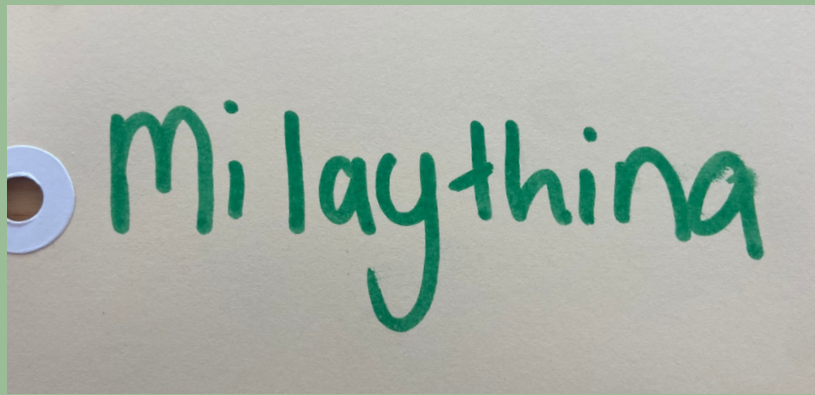
Students could use words in English or in their chosen language. Students could choose any words to describe how they felt, what they saw, what they smelled or what they were reminded of.



Welcome to Country

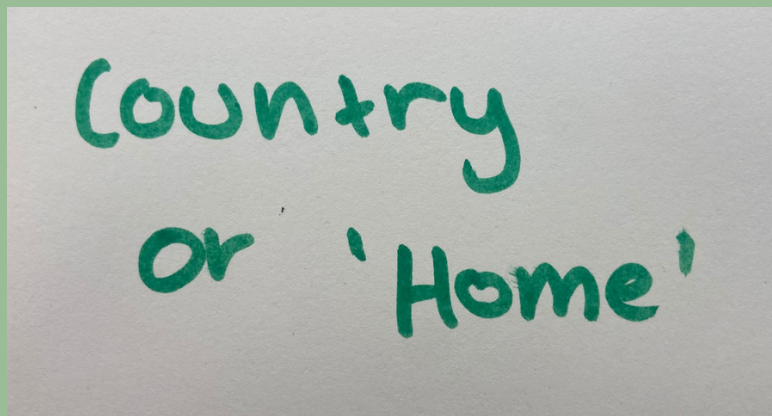


We commenced the festival with a Welcome to Country by Legana Hughes.



The first words that were written at the festival were written by Legana. We express our gratitude to Legana and the wider Tasmanian Aboriginal Community in welcoming us onto their lands and sharing the beauty of their language with us.

“Language is an important aspect of Palawa culture. *Palawa kani* is a revived language, a composite of several of the estimated dozen original Tasmanian languages that were once prolific throughout the state, a consequence of the devastating impacts of invasion in colonisation on Tasmanian Aboriginal culture.” - Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre
<https://tacinc.com.au/evolving/>



BUSH



डामिले डोमा
डरोये रमाइना
द. मेर को जिया

Ban Kisa

CLIFFS



stone
पत्थर

I Live here
I Love here
I always run along
the alum cliffs
track. I will ^{do my best to} protect
the nature of
here!

quite

Beautiful
nature

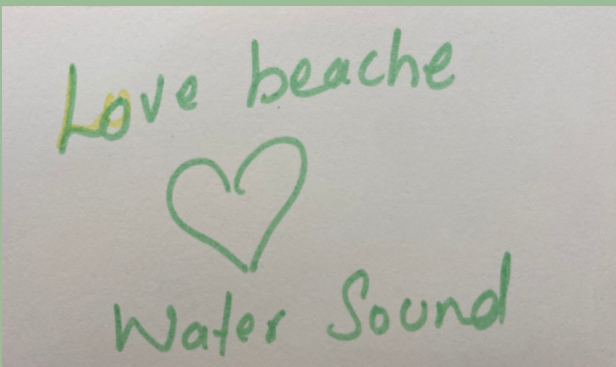
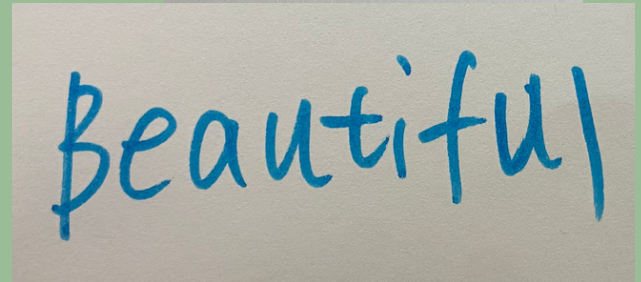
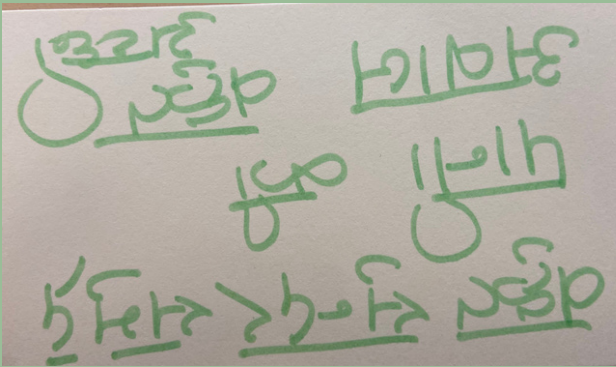


Weather is good
we are happy

LAGOON



BEACH



ART



The students also made art by drawing using charcoal or creating images using native flora on fabric



Lunch and Laughs



The Festival of Languages was a huge success. We shared our language, our culture, and our experiences in nature.





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endless

I love nature
with all my
heart.



Thank you
memory I love

Nature
Brave
Sound of River
You're small
and also can
huge.





 Ethiopia
Anywaa
Agud

Thank you
memory I love



All things Bright and
beautiful, All creators
Bright and small
All things Bright and
wonderfull

شكراً أستراليا

Thanks Australia