

The National Sorry Day Committee invites your school to
celebrate the fourth Anniversary of the National Apology on 13 February 2012
and become a member of the Australian Schools National Sorry Day Program

Thousands of Australian children shared in the experience of the National Apology by the Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the Australian Parliament to the Stolen Generations and Indigenous Australia on February 13, 2008.

The National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) is delighted by the interest and support of so many schools throughout Australia, which already celebrate the Apology Anniversary and commemorate National Sorry Day.

**Make the Apology Anniversary and
National Sorry Day part of your Schools
2012 Events Calendar**



Why are these dates important?

February 13 is the Anniversary of the Apology to Australia's Indigenous peoples and, in particular, the Stolen Generations. This day has enormous significance for the whole Australian community and is a day to celebrate and reflect on our journey so far to become a united and reconciled country.

May 26 is National Sorry Day. This date is the anniversary of the tabling of the 'Bringing them home' Report in Parliament, which told the history of Indigenous children who were taken from their families under forcible removal policies from the 1890s to the 1970s. This history is now in the new National Curriculum.

For Australia's First Nations Peoples, this day of remembrance holds deep meaning. Marking this day

with respect is vital to building real connections between schools and communities.

The Australian Parliament has now resolved to fly the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags on the Anniversary of the National Apology and National Sorry Day, and made it a formal protocol for all Australian Government buildings.

We are encouraging all students of different ages to learn about the experiences of Stolen Generations members on these significant days.

**We also invite your school to become a
member of the Australian Schools
National Sorry Day Program**

The Australian Schools National Sorry Day Program is an initiative of the National Sorry Day Committee's 'Walk Your Talk & Bring Them Home' ten year campaign. This program focuses on four of the 'Bringing them home' Report recommendations (to learn more visit www.nsd.org.au).

Join the Australian Schools National Sorry Day Program now to receive a free membership package to help you plan your school activities on National Sorry Day, May 26. The package includes activity resources, promotional material and a membership certificate.

This year our resources will help students of all ages to reflect on the past, but also future opportunities, like the referendum to recognise Australia's First Nations Peoples in the Australian Constitution.

Many schools throughout Australia are already participating in inspiring activities. To join them, simply complete and return the attached form or visit www.nsd.org.au to download a copy.



Australian Schools National Sorry Day Program

Registration Form

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School Contact Details	
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Contact Email	
Contact Phone	
Postal Address Details	
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Please complete all information and return via email, fax or post:

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