



Issue 8

## What's on



### NAIDOC Week, 7-14 July 2024

With this year's theme being the celebration of the unyielding spirit of our First Nations communities, we are invited to stand in solidarity and amplify the voices that have long

been silenced. You could consider doing this by reading books by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander writers and illustrators and be part of the NAIDOC week celebrations.

We'd love to share your story on the website and social media so take a photo of you reading and email it with a short review to [cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au).

### CMRC book tally

We are grateful to all our young readers for their reading efforts in this year's challenge.

To help us track the number of books read, each Friday morning scan the QR code to enter the number of books read that week.



## Family Movie Night

MOVIE  
Night



You may like to watch *The Sapphires* for a family movie night to celebrate NAIDOC Week. *The Sapphires* tells the

story of four women from an Aboriginal mission community who achieve success entertaining American troops in Vietnam.

Through their experiences, they learn about life, love and identity. This movie has been described as a feel-good movie that deals with difficult topics. So sit back and relax, grab some popcorn or a healthy snack and enjoy the music and adventures of the Sapphires as they follow their dreams of becoming entertainers.

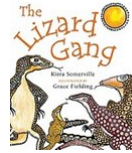
If there is another movie you have watched for NAIDOC Week, please email it to [cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au) and we will share it the next newsletter.



## Books of the Week

Looking for books that celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices? We've got you! You can find the books below and more at your local library. Have a look at our list of books from First Nations authors and illustrators on our website.

A great choice for NAIDOC Week is *The Lizard Gang* by Kirra Somerville, illustrated by Grace Fielding. Meet Zed, Boo, Eliza and Zoro – a spirited gang of monitor lizards who are constantly trying to outdo each other. They live deep in the Australian bush and are forced to learn the real meaning of teamwork when they have to band together to escape a raging flood. This book is for ages 3 and above. Interesting fact: Kirra wrote this book when she was only 9.



Next up is *Heroes, Rebels and Innovators: Inspiring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from history* by Karen Wyld and illustrated by Jaelyn Biunaiwai. This is a collection of 7 stories about First Nations heroes and heroines from the 18th to the 20th century. Each character's story is told using the beauty and power of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander storytelling. This book is suited to readers aged between 6-10 years.



Please send a photo of you reading a book and its review to [cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:cmrc.doe@education.nt.gov.au)

## Reading at home



Nuha Kashif, a Year 3 student at Malak Primary School, has read *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker and sent in a short review.



According to her, the message in the book is that "not everything in this world is perfect and how you wanted it to be. You should value whatever you have and be grateful". Well-done Nuha, keep reading and sharing your reviews with us.

## Calendar of Events

International Joke Day	1 July
NAIDOC Week	7 - 14 July
World Emoji Day	17 July