National Sorry Day 2016

On Tuesday 24th May, all classes from Kindy to Year 6 participated in a ‘Hands of Sea’ activity, a symbol of support for Reconciliation with Mr Cavoli and Mrs Sugg.

The students had a great day learning, drawing and painting.

On Thursday 26th May, as part of the WA Catholic Education community, staff, students and parents came together in the school Hall to acknowledge National Sorry Day, to remember the Stolen Generations and the sadness from events of the past.

It gave us all a chance to come together and express sorrow.

To welcome all present a ‘Welcome to Country’ was said by our Aboriginal students.
The Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Australian Flags were bought forward by our school leaders Zane and Taylor together with Zoe and Curtis, to the sound of tapping sticks by Shaniqua and Curtis, to show respect for all Australian peoples.

Shaniqua lit a candle for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were taken away. Hibiscus flowers were placed on our prayer table, the national emblem of the Stolen Generation.
Ebony, Zoe and Shaniqua read Prayers of the Faithful so that we could pray together to show compassion and understanding for Reconciliation. We then held a minutes silence to remember the Stolen Generations.

The service concluded with the school community placing their ‘Sea of Hands” at the foot of the flags to the song ‘Amazing Grace’, sung by Geoffrey Gurrumul and Paul Kelly.

Wes, Ebony, Zoe and Emilie placed a display in our Library and on our Aboriginal Studies board, to inform and remind our School community of National Sorry Day.