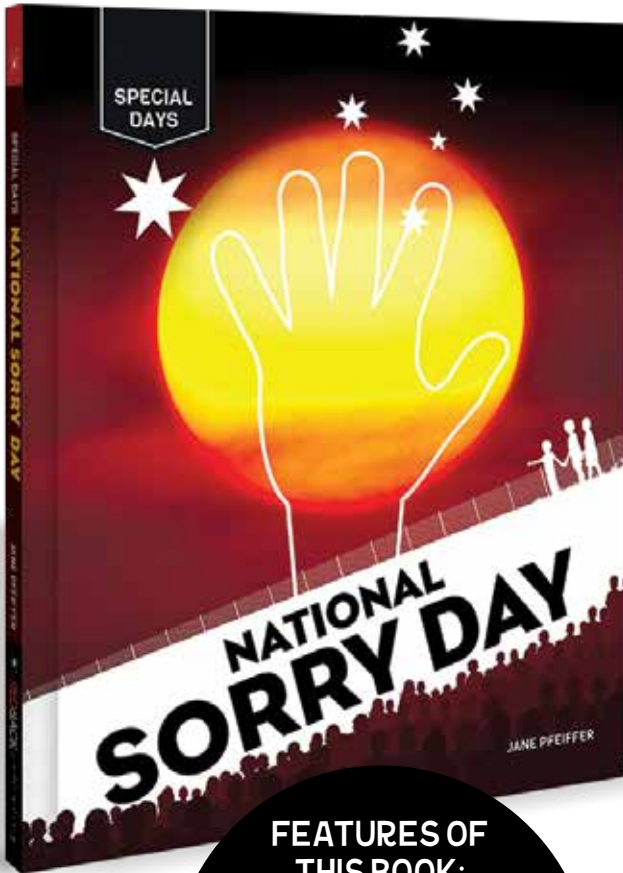


NOTES FOR TEACHERS

SPECIAL
DAYS

NATIONAL SORRY DAY



FEATURES OF THIS BOOK:

- Informative and comprehensive text with photos and graphics
- Fact boxes
- Glossary and index

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ABOUT THE STORY

Australians celebrate or commemorate a number of special days throughout the year. These special days give us the chance to reflect on the past, appreciate our lives, and look to the future together.

National Sorry Day is held in Australia on 26 May each year. It is an annual event to recognise and apologise for the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly in respect to the Stolen Generations. On this day, Australians consider how the events of the past have affected and continue to affect Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their cultures. It is also a time to consider what reconciliation means for the future of all Australians.

Clean Up Australia Day includes chapters on

- History of the Stolen Generations
- The Reconciliation Council
- The Referendum and Uluru Statement
- The apology in 1997
- The assimilation policy and its effects
- The Sorry Books
- The flags
- Where to in the future?

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THE APOLOGY



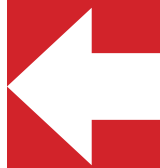
READ THE WHOLE APOLOGY MADE BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN 2008. A COPY IS ON PAGES 27 AND 28 OF THE BOOK.

- How do the words make you feel?
- Would you like to add any comments that you feel the Apology missed including?
- Has the Apology resulted in changes to the way most Australians think about the Stolen Generations?
- Is there an Indigenous Elder in your community who would like to talk to the class about the Apology and what they think about it?

LOOK IN YOUR PUBLIC OR SCHOOL LIBRARY FOR A COPY OF THE BOOK, FOLLOW THE RABBIT-PROOF FENCE, BY DORIS PILKINGTON.

- After reading it, have a class discussion about what happened to the three children after their long journey.
- What would happen today if three children tried to walk such a long distance back home to their parents?

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AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM SUBJECTS AND TOPICS

HISTORY

YEAR 3

"Days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia (including Australia Day, Anzac Day, and National Sorry Day)"

YEAR 3

"examining the symbolism of flags "

HASS

YEAR 4

INQUIRY AND LEARNING

"exploring different points of view about a familiar event (for example, Australia Day, National Sorry Day)"

HISTORY

YEAR 6

"investigating the lack of citizenship rights for Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australia, illustrated by controls on movement and residence, the forcible removal of children from their families leading to the Stolen Generations, and poor pay and working conditions"

