INDIGENOUS RESOURCES

ACTIVITIES

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Activities for Children

- Raise the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags
  - Invite Indigenous elders to visit
  - Prepare damper or Indigenous dishes
  - Plant a native Australian plant
- Create an Internet page showing your activities
- Have an artist competition on the theme of NAIDOC
- Create Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags (crepe paper or calico)
  - Invite Indigenous artist to paint a wall
  - Show indigenous artefacts
- Listen to Indigenous radio stations or music
  - Basket-making workshops
  - Dot art drawings and activities
  - Bead threading with Indigenous colours (red, yellow, black – Aboriginal flag) (blue, green, white, black – Torres Strait flag)
  - Face painting
- Reading Indigenous Stories
- Focus on drawing Native Animal
- Colour in Indigenous drawings
Decorative Boxes

Craft and hobby shops sell small boxes which can be decorated with Aboriginal designs, as shown above.

Create a Poster

Have a poster competition and provide the winner a movie pass or book. Pick a theme or event.

Don’t forget to collect posters from you local Aboriginal institutes for decorations and information. Today most posters have community and artist information attached to them.
Boomerang

Photocopy onto a piece of cardboard, decorate and cut out the Boomerang.
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Yugambeh - Bundjalung - word from
Dictionary of Western Dundjalung including Gidhabal and Tabulam Bundjalung by Margaret Sharpe.

 jalahyn = rainbow
guyuhmgan = star
gara = storm
jurgahy = waterfall
gudhahr = hole
Gugin = coastal area
dawgay = rock
magul = winter
burehn = bread
julung = drink
juga = drink
birbun = boat
galigir = teenage youth
bihbi = baby
jabun = girl
janagan = boy
yanbay = visitor
burahngdhin = dress
jahn = shirt
dinbdihdh = dish
ganyahl = fishing line
bagal = brown snake
juluhrgan = wombat
yurgiyn = dingo
buygun = cod
jilgir = green ant
wurahng = leaf

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Some Indigenous stories

Author: Morris, Katherine  
Title: How the sun was made: an Aboriginal legend / retold and illustrated by Katherine Morris  
Published: Sydney: Little Hills Press, 1984

Author: Lofts, Pamela  
Title: Dunbi the owl / told by Daisy Utemorrah; retold and illustrated by Pamela Lofts  
Published: Sydney: Ashton Scholastic, 1983

Author: Lofts, Pamela  
Title: When the snake bites the sun / told by David Mowaljarlai; retold and illustrated by Pamela Lofts  
Published: Sydney: Ashton Scholastic, 1984

Author: Lofts, Pamela  
Title: How the birds got their colours / told by Mary Albert; retold and illustrated by Pamela Lofts  
Published: Sydney: Ashton Scholastic, 1983

Author: Lirrmiyarri, George Mung Mung  
Title: How the kangaroos got their tails / told by George Mung Mung Lirrmiyarri; compiled by Pamela Lofts  
Published: Sydney: Ashton Scholastic, 1987

Author: Dolomyu, Jacko  
Title: The bat and the crocodile / told by Jacko Dolomyu and Hector Sandaloo; compiled by Pamela Lofts  
Published: Sydney: Ashton Scholastic, 1987

Author: Adams, Jeanie
Title: *Going for oysters* / written and illustrated by Jeanie Adams
Published: Norwood, S.A.: Omnibus, c1991

Author: Adams, Jeanie
Title: *Pigs and honey* / written and illustrated by Jeanie Adams; translated into Wik-Mungkan by Topsy Wolmby
Published: Darwin: Jeanie Adams with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, 1990

Title: *Banana Bird and the Snake Men* / written and illustrated by Percy Trezise and Dick Roughsey
Published: Sydney: Collins, 1980

Author: Trezise, Percy
Title: *Ngalculli the red kangaroo* / Percy Trezise
Published: Sydney: Collins, 1986

Title: *Aboriginal dreaming stories* <videorecording>
Published: Sydney: Coastal Productions, 1993

Author: Miller, Olga, 1920-
Title: *Fraser Island legends* / retold by Olga Miller
Published: Milton, Qld: Jacaranda Press, 1993

Title: *Koori dancing to dreaming stories* <videorecording>
Published: Sydney: Coastal Productions, 1994

Author: Breeden, Stanley, 1938-
Title: *Growing up in Kakadu, Australia* / story by Stan Breeden; pictures by Belinda Wright
Published: Fortitude Valley, Qld: Steve Parish Publishing, 1995

Author: Breeden, Stanley, 1938-
Title: *Growing up at Uluru Australia* / story and pictures by Stan Breeden
Published: <Fortitude Valley, Qld>: Steve Parish, 1995

Title: *Aboriginal dreaming stories* <videorecording>
Published: Sydney: Coastal Productions, 1993
Some Torres Strait Islander Children Books

Author: Gela, Anne Abednego, 1953-
Title: Gelam the man from Moa: a legend of the people of the Torres Strait Islands / Anne Abednego Gela
Published: Broome, W.A: Magabala Books, 1993

Author: Gela, Anne Abednego, 1953-
Title: Gelam the man from Moa: a legend of the people of the Torres Strait Islands / Anne Abednego Gela
Published: Broome, W.A: Magabala Books, 1993

Title: Myths and legends of Torres Strait / collected and translated by Margaret Lawrie
Published: <St. Lucia, Q.>: University of Queensland Press, <1970>

Author: Lawrie, Margaret Elizabeth
Title: Tales from Torres Strait / Collected and translated by Margaret Lawrie
Published: <St. Lucia>: University of Queensland Press, <c1972>

Title: Hooked on rhymes: rhymes and poems familiar to preschool children in the Torres Strait Islands
Published: <Brisbane?>: Aboriginal and Islander Early Childhood Curriculum Development Unit, Division of Preschool Education, Department of Education, Queensland, 1989

Author: Johnston, Joanna, 1975-
Title: A holiday on T.I. / written by Joanna Johnston; illustrated by Joanna Johnston and Wayne Northage
Published: <Cairns, Qld.>: Parra Productions, c1986
Rainbow Snake

Tell the children the story of the Rainbow Snake. Have white paper plates and get the children to colour these paper plates with the colours of the Rainbow, then draw happy images on the different colours. Join the plates together to form a Rainbow Snake.

Rainbow snake can also be made with a stocking. Fill the stocking with paper then have the children paint rainbow colours on the outside. Sew the ends together.
HANDS

Photocopy onto different coloured paper. Have children draw designs or pictures on the hands. Cut out hands and attach a paddle stick. Decorate the school garden with these sticks. Arrange colours to show a pattern. Example “the seas of hands” near the Sydney Opera house.
Decorate Library

In 2002 Zillmere Council Library did a variety of activities to celebrate NAIDOC week. They placed Indigenous books on a display stand in the entrance to the Library. They had brochures and pamphlets of Local Indigenous organisations for people to contact.

Invited Indigenous People over to do face painting on children and had children’s activities focusing on Indigenous themes.

During the Strait Home event at The State Library of Queensland I created a table with Torres Strait Islander books.

Torres Strait Islander Resources at the John Oxley Library

Tania Schafer and Leanne Day dressing appropriately for the Torres Strait Islander theme.
Create Indigenous Ribbons.

The above ribbons were created by me for NAIDOC day. A black and white picture does not do them justice. But I got rid of the entire lot I create prior to 10.00am that day. Next year I need to make 3 thousand... they were such a hit.

They are made with balloon stick, costing $38.75 for 500. I got these sticks from Budget Balloon at PO Box 1523 Coorparoo D.C. Qld 4151 (I found them in the yellow pages). The ribbons are made of crepe paper that is sticky taped to the stick. I use 5x Red, Black and Yellow lots and 3x Blue White and Emerald lots of crepe paper, this cost me $18.00. I suggest more as I was left with 50 sticks.

I used address labels to show my unit address and name, which I attached to the stick. If you look carefully you will see the label in the picture.
Drawings

I drew some pictures for children to colour in. These drawing will be placed in a small booklet which is enclosed within this kit.

For more fun get the children to use wax crayons/pencils then place oil on the paper. It makes the paper transparent and looks lovely on a window.

Interesting sites are


Aboriginal Mosaics
Colouring Book
Explore Ancient Worlds Through Colour

Illustrations: Adam Turner
Page size: 8 1/2" x 11"
Publisher: MindWare
Item Code: 4HF70081
Weight: 0.5 lb

http://www.softexpressions.com/software/books/MosaicColorBk.php#am
Create a Banner

This was a fun activity that I did with the daughter. I first cut out the shapes a turtle, hand, boomerang.

I used the colour that I could find on the Torres Strait Islander flag and the Aboriginal Flag. As you can see I had to improvise with brown for green.

I sewed two pieces of calico together and commenced work. I’m sorry that I don’t have the price for this activity. This activity requires constant adult supervision of children or preformed by adults.

Once completed allow time to dry.

I used an old ruler for support and tape.
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