NAIDOC originally was an acronym for the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. The (as yet unnamed) committee was first officially formed on Australia Day 1938 in Sydney by a group of around 100 Aboriginal people who gathered for the first Day of Mourning, to protest against the treatment of Aboriginal people around Australia.

In 1957 National Aborigines Day Observance Committee (NADOC) formed and the second Sunday in July became a day of remembrance and celebration for Aboriginal people and heritage. In 1991 NADOC became NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee), to recognise Torres Strait Islanders and to describe a whole week of recognition, rather than one day. The committee’s acronym has become the name of the week itself.

This year a selection of student activities have been arranged for students to participate in as part of NAIDOC celebrations. In this issue of Indigenous News and coming issues we will highlight a selection of these activities.

**GUBBI GUBBI Dancers**

Recently a large group of our Primary students, along with students from other primary schools on the Sunshine Coast were invited to attend the Innovation centre to participate in “Strong Smart Science Sparx”, a full day of Indigenous, science based activities. The day started with an informative presentation from the Gubbi Gubbi Dancers.

In his unique style Lyndon Davis and his crew of Indigenous performers entertained the 200 plus crowd of students with their dynamic presentation of dance, music and “Info-tainment”. The Gubbi Gubbi Dancers performed a range of traditional songs and also explained to the students the meaning behind the songs and the lessons that can be explored and taught by the passing on of the songs to younger generations of Australians.
STUDENT QUIZ: What does NAIDOC stand for? Email Toni Green tgree223@eq.edu.au your answer to go in the draw to WIN a NAIDOC t-shirt!