

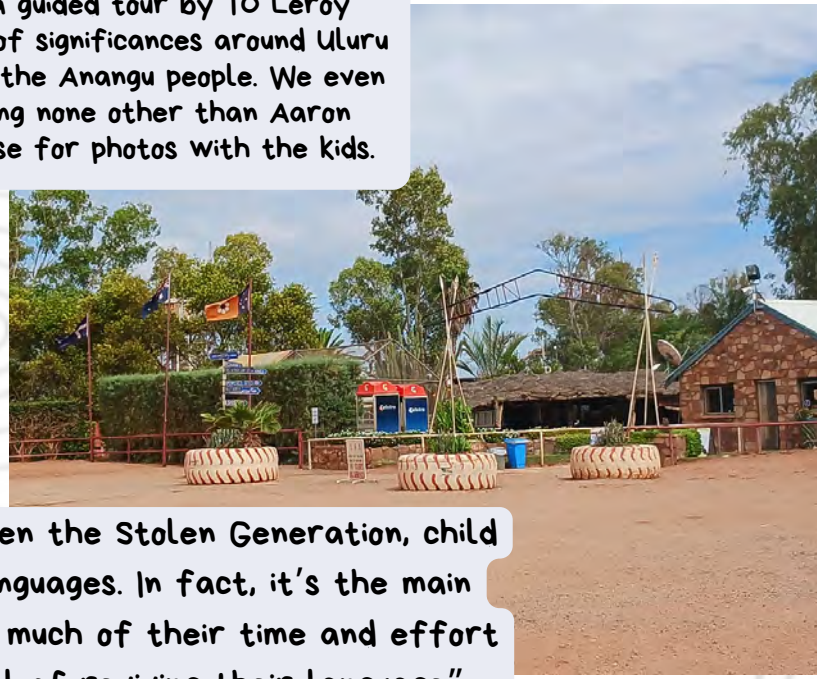
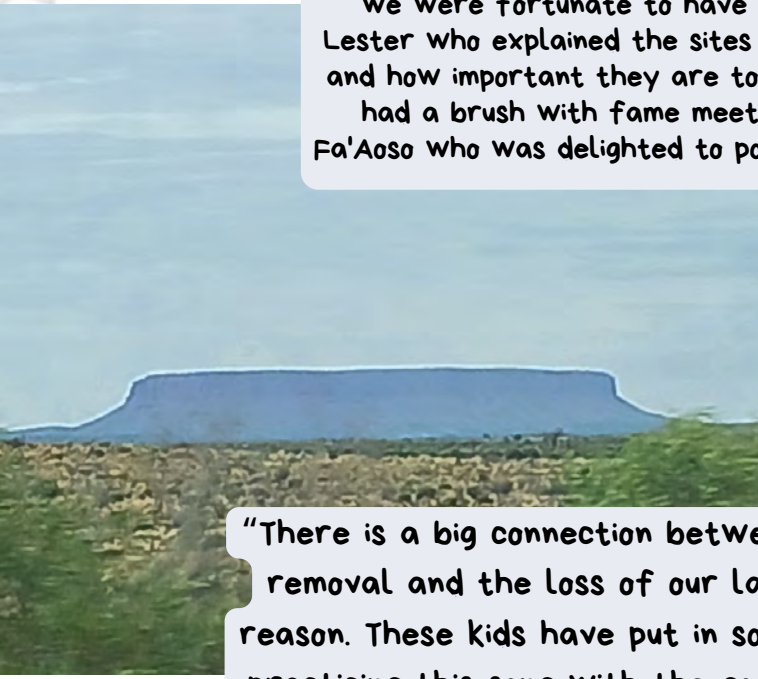
Pertame Choir Trip to Melbourne Summary



Getting to Naarm (Melbourne)



A 5am start for travel to Yulara to catch our flight to Melbourne consisted of a total of 5-6 hours of driving through areas belonging to Pertame people just south of Alice Springs as well as the Yankunytjatjara and Pitjantjatjara peoples from the Katiti-Petermann IPA within the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Upon arrival to Uluru, we were fortunate to have a guided tour by TO Leroy Lester who explained the sites of significances around Uluru and how important they are to the Anangu people. We even had a brush with fame meeting none other than Aaron Fa'Aoso who was delighted to pose for photos with the kids.



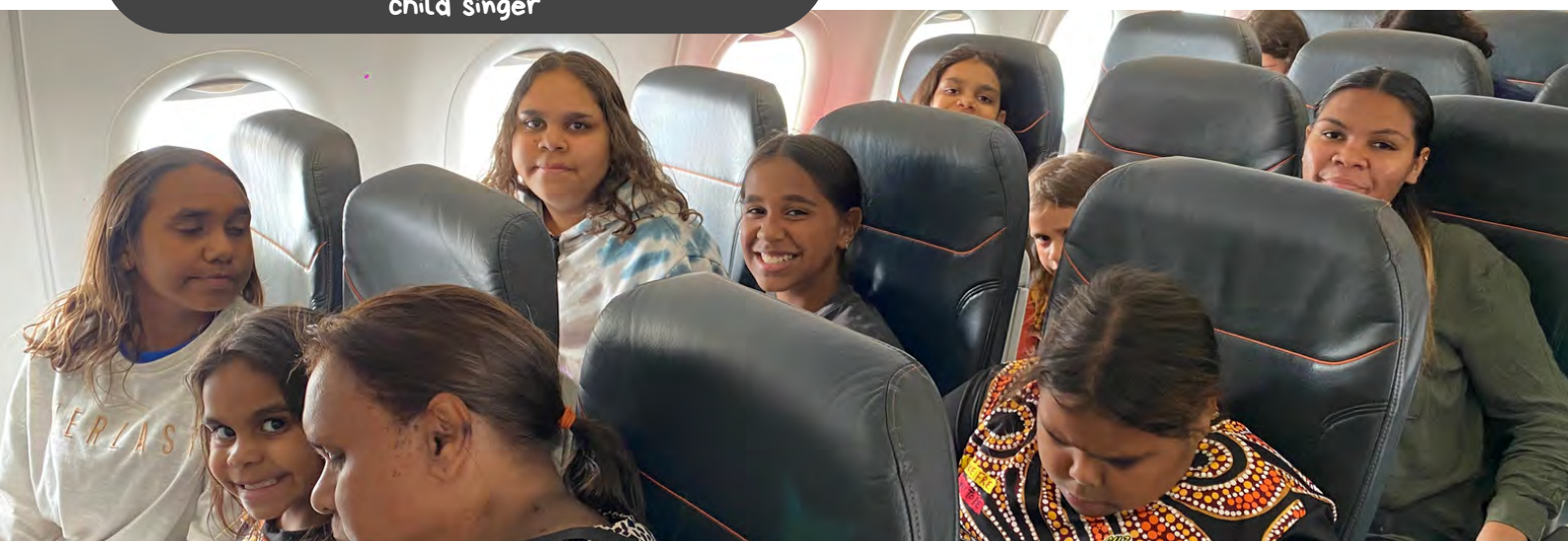
"There is a big connection between the Stolen Generation, child removal and the loss of our languages. In fact, it's the main reason. These kids have put in so much of their time and effort practicing this song with the goal of reviving their language" -

Leeanne Swan, Pertame educator





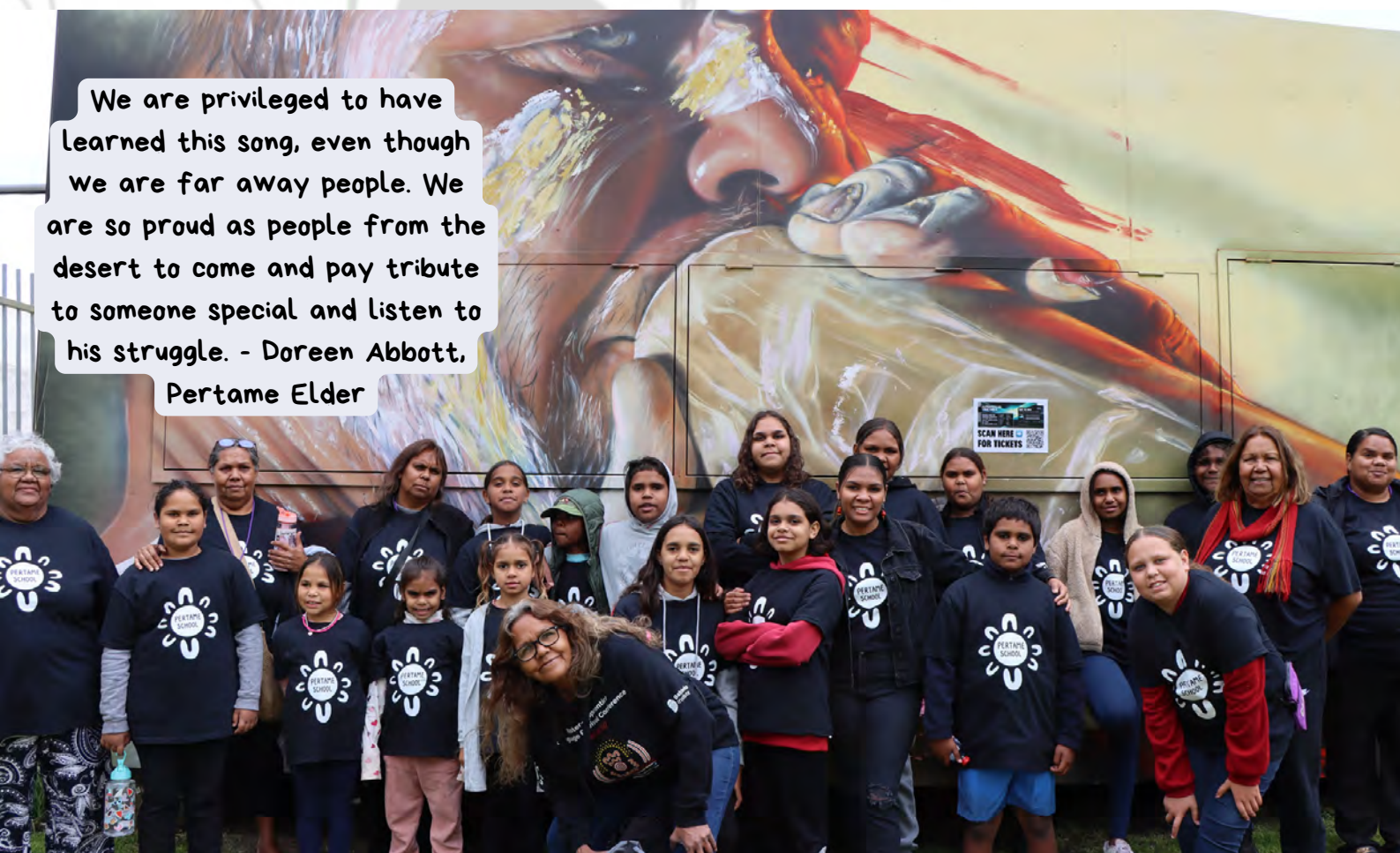
"I have never been on a plane before or been anywhere else out of Alice Springs. I feel excited to go to Melbourne" Shanicka Burdett, Pertame child singer



Sound Check before Uncle Archie Roach's State Memorial Service

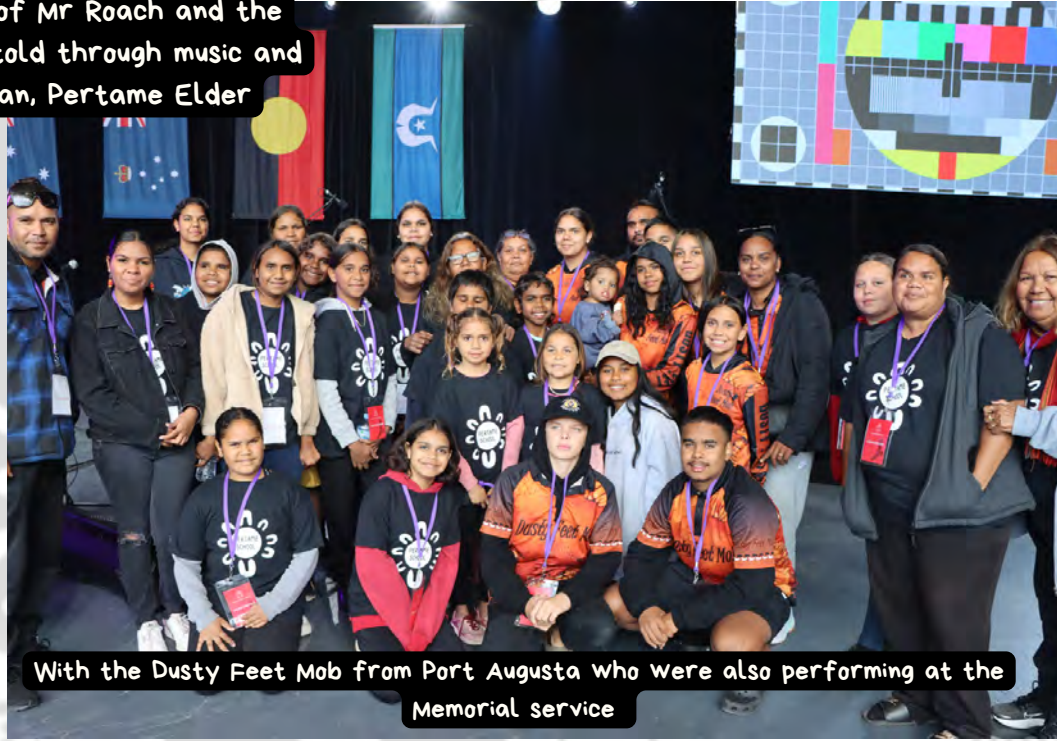


We are privileged to have learned this song, even though we are far away people. We are so proud as people from the desert to come and pay tribute to someone special and listen to his struggle. - Doreen Abbott, Pertame Elder

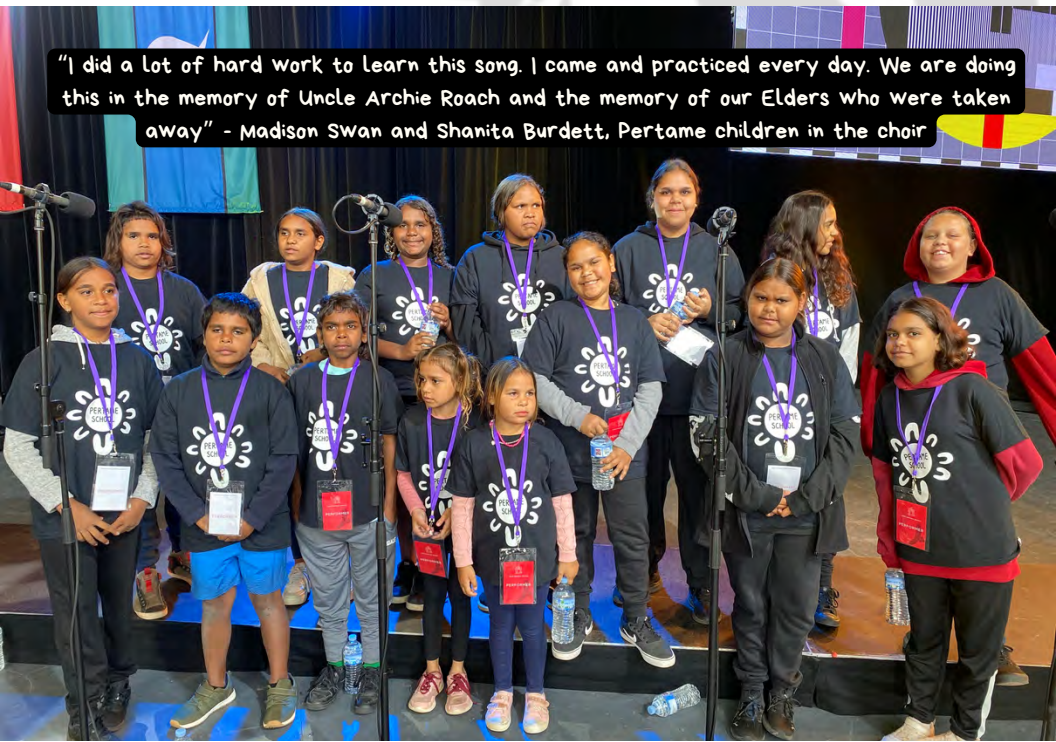




"As a Pertame Elder, I'm so proud this is happening while us Elders are still around. Our children have benefited so much from this great experience traveling to Melbourne. We are remembering the legacy of Mr Roach and the powerful First Nations stories he told through music and song" - Kathleen Bradshaw-Swan, Pertame Elder

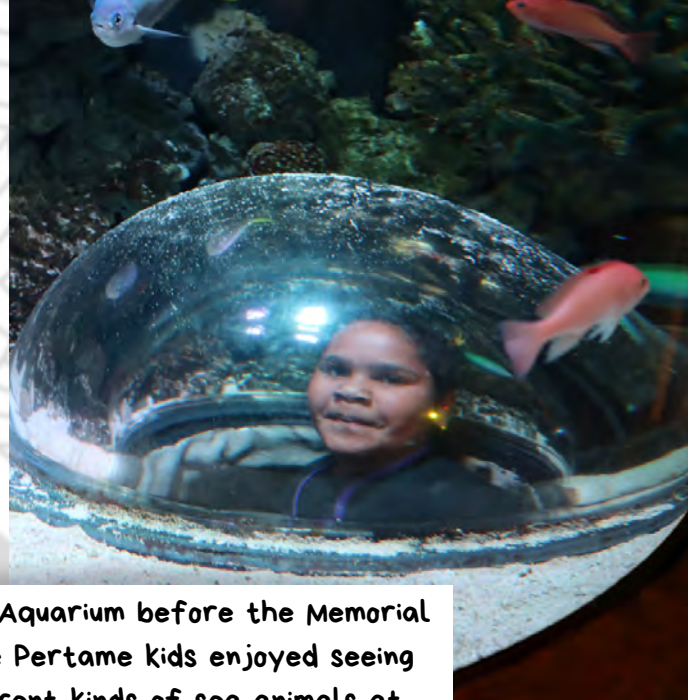


With the Dusty Feet Mob from Port Augusta who were also performing at the Memorial service

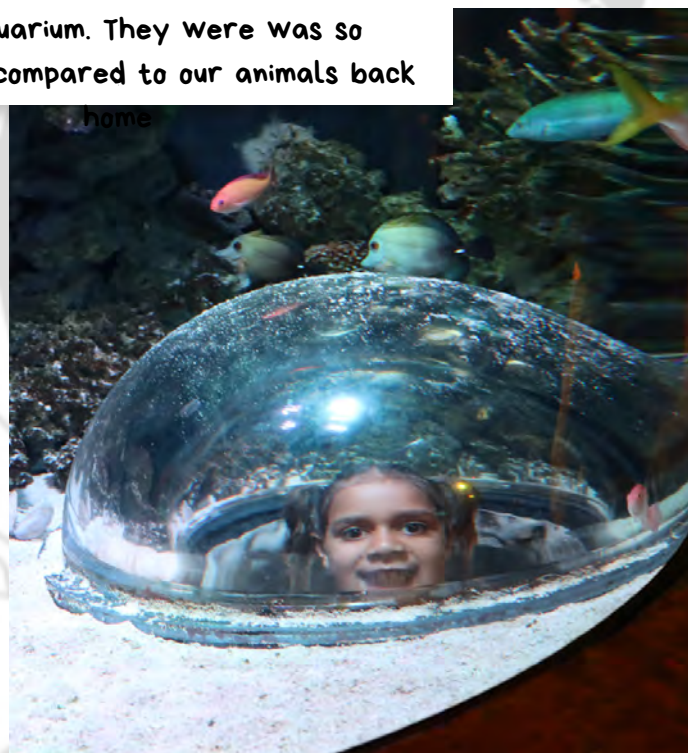


"I did a lot of hard work to learn this song. I came and practiced every day. We are doing this in the memory of Uncle Archie Roach and the memory of our Elders who were taken away" - Madison Swan and Shanita Burdett, Pertame children in the choir





Off to the Aquarium before the Memorial Service, The Pertame kids enjoyed seeing all different kinds of sea animals at the Aquarium. They were was so different compared to our animals back





" I loved watching the penguins at the zoo, they were so cute "
Abby-lee Dodd Pertame Child Singer

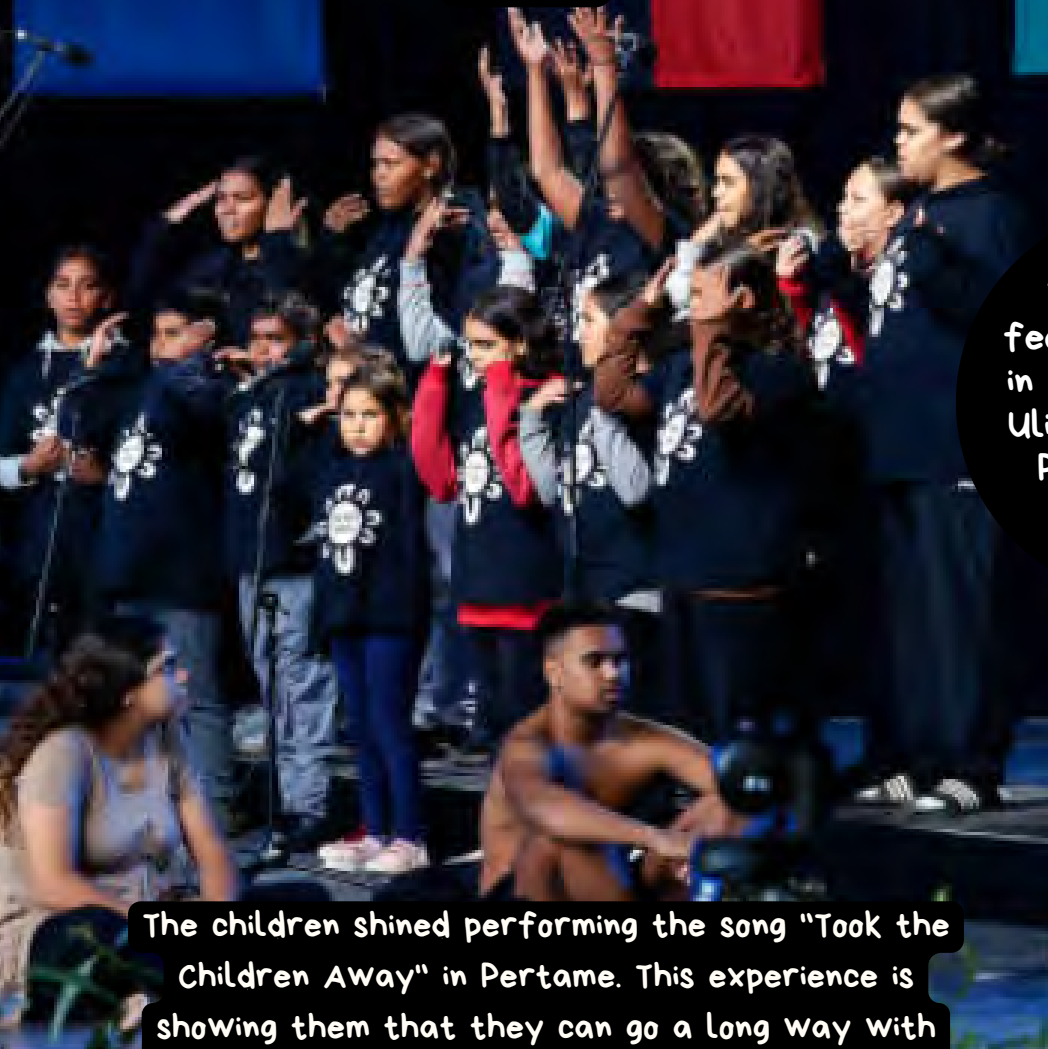


The State Memorial Service for Uncle Archie Roach



"My nana was taken away and was put in an Institution. It makes me feel proud to sing this song for her" - Russell Junior Kennedy, Pertame child singer

Uncle Kutcha Edwards and Uncle Roach's son Amos were joined by Nola Lauch and the Pertame School Choir to perform a tribute of the song Took the Children Away.



"It makes me feel proud to sing in my language" - Uliyah Forrester, Pertame child singer



The children shined performing the song "Took the Children Away" in Pertame. This experience is showing them that they can go a long way with their language. It's encouraging them to be more confident in who they are as Pertame people. - Kathleen Bradshaw-Swan, Pertame Elder

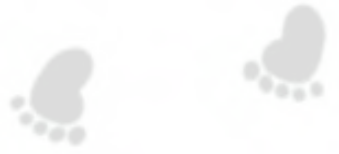




After the memorial service, the Pertame School gifted a painting to Amos Roach and family representing Pertame country which was done by Elder Doreen Abbott. The kids enjoyed their evening coming together with Indigenous singers by the likes of rapper Briggs, singer-songwriter Shellie Morris, Dan Sultan but most importantly connecting with Janaya and Amos Roach



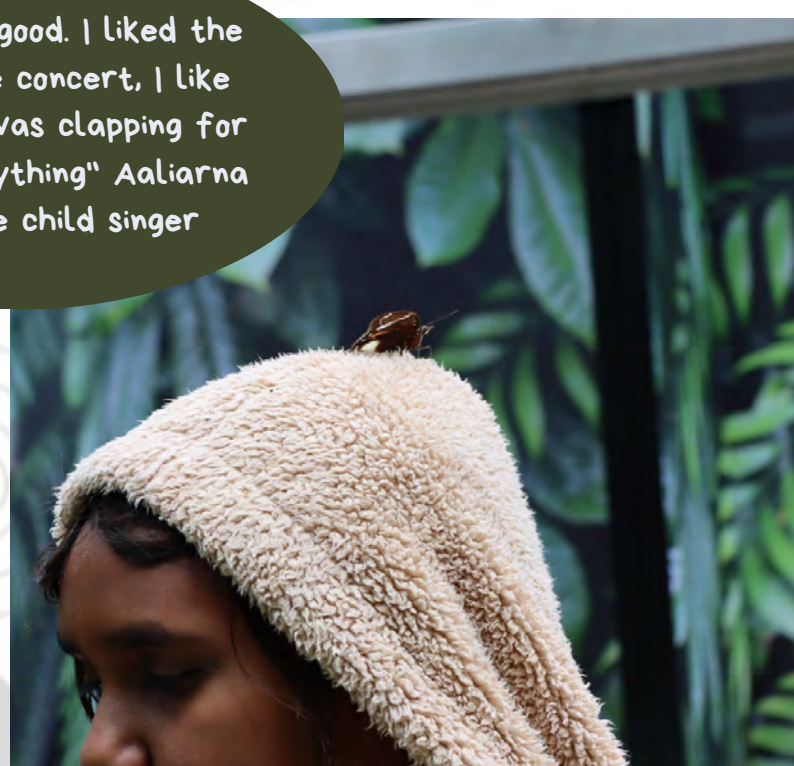
Melbourne Zoo







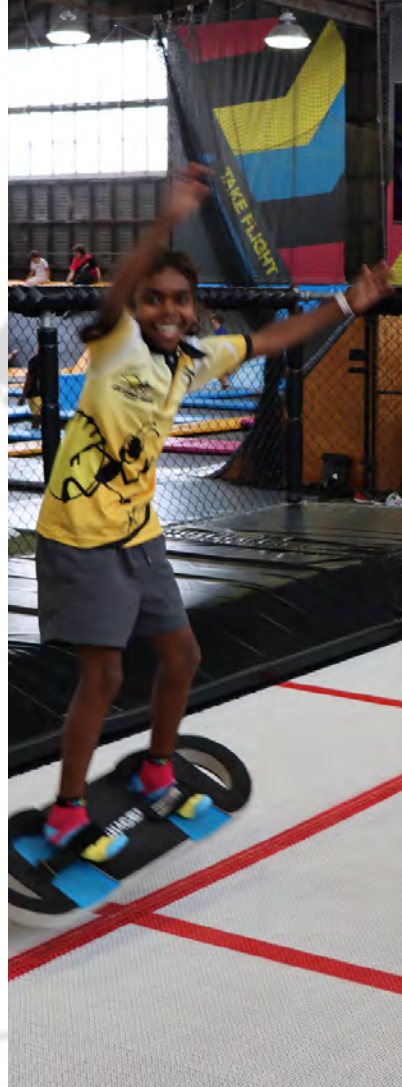
"It was really good. I liked the zoo, I liked the concert, I like how everyone was clapping for us, I loved everything" Aaliarna King Pertame child singer

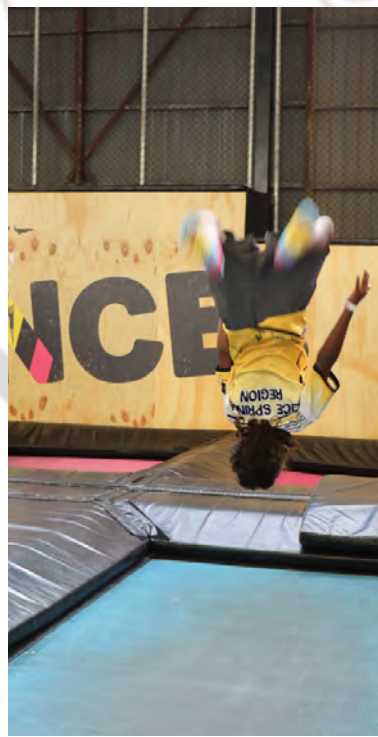
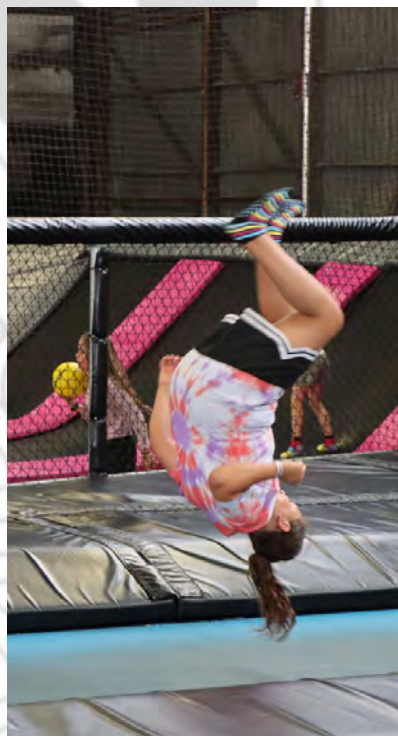
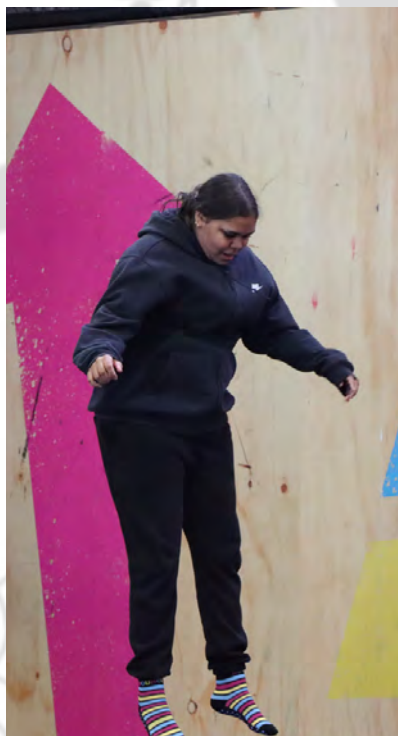
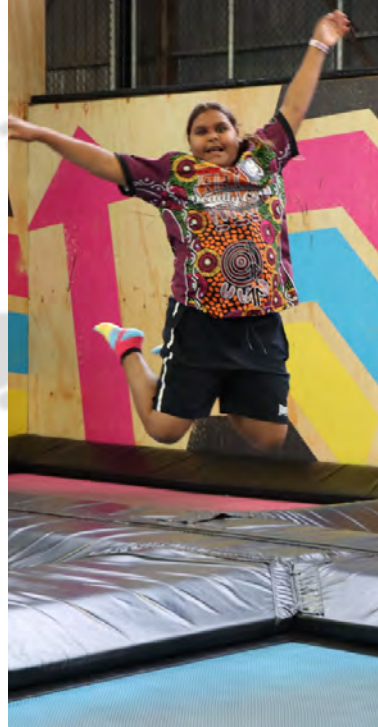
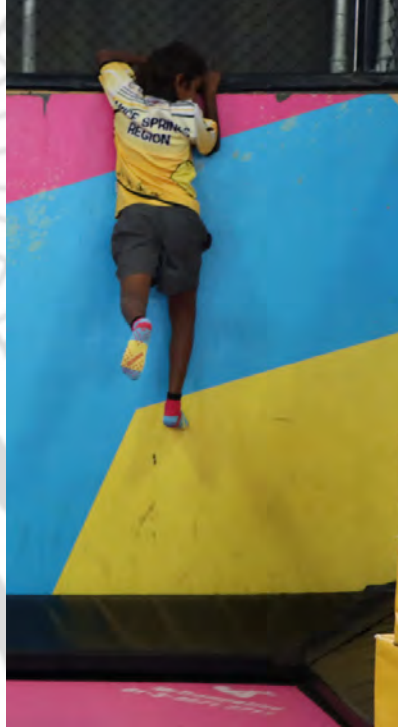




Having fun at BOUNCEinc Essendon Fields







Day out at St Kilda beach





For many of our Pertame children going to St Kilda Beach was the first time they had seen the ocean. They all had fun exploring the shoreline picking shells and building sand castles. All the kids made the most of their day out at St Kilda Beach.









Luna Park







" I had so much fun going on all the rides I couldn't pick just one so I had to try them all" Khealin Dodd Pertame child singer



Marra Nthurra Ketyeye Mapa! Great Job Pertame Kids!

We held an award ceremony for the Pertame children and the adult supervisors on the trip, to show how proud we are of their hard work learning, rehearsing and being brave enough to get on stage in front of thousands of people. We presented the children with custom metals and the adults with glass trophies for their commitment throughout 2022.



Mia Peltharra



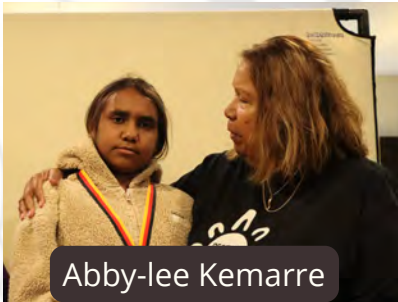
Shakira Kngwarraye



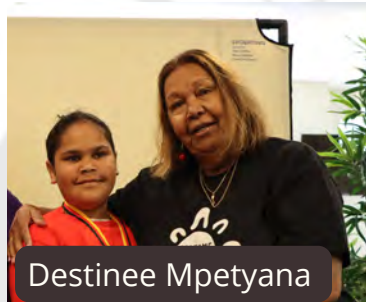
Tyrone Kngwarraye



Khealin Kemarre



Abby-lee Kemarre



Destinee Mpetyana



Jayda Peltharra



Uliyah Pengarta



Russell Kngwarraye



Maddison Mpetyana



Shanicka Kngwarraye



Lisharni Pengarta



Doreen Abbott & Nigel Spratt



Aaliarna Pengarta



Sumaiya Mpetyana



Shanita Kngwarraye

Marra Nthurra Relha Mapa! Thank you adult Leaders!



Elsa Swan, Kathy Bradshaw, Samantha Armstrong, Vanessa Farrelly, Shania Armstrong, Auriel Swan, Lianne Swan

Marra Nthurra! Thank you

The Pertame school choir trip was a memorable trip for all, from the journey getting to Melbourne, performing and enjoying what Melbourne had to offer our Pertame kids. Each of us will all have a special memory or two and will reflect on this special time in our lives that was made possible by many generous individuals who made our trip a realisation having started from an invitation. A heartfelt thank you to all who made this possible, Kela Marra Nthurra!!

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