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The Bishop subsequently approved Council's recommendation.

The Advisory Group is currently working on developing a philosophical stance in relation to Aboriginal and Islander education. Later the group will examine the practical implications of this philosophical stance.

In future the Advisory Group will meet on the first Monday of every month beginning in July. Any suggestions, thoughts or information would be welcomed by the group and can be forwarded via the office.

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JEMURAJI



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Our school, Swan Hill North Primary School, held a special day for National Aborigines Week. It was called *Jemuraji*, meaning Today's Dreaming Time. We had 38 Aboriginal activities during the day.

There was assembly at 8.55 to open the day: I had to tell the people what the special day was for. I was very nervous in front of a big crowd of 700 or more people.

Then to start the day off, the Bwungal Cultural Group performed; the people enjoyed their performance immensely. I did not see the show because I was busy organising materials for activities.

Program

10.30 Assembly, before going into groups for their activities. By the time assembly finished I had finished giving out materials.

10.45 Session 1 got underway very smoothly.

11.15 Session 2.

11.45 Session 3. There was a shortage of materials for two groups but it did not take long to fix them up.

12.15 Lunch.

1.00 Session 4 got under way very smoothly.

1.30 Session 5.

2.00 Session 6.

2.30 Session 7.

3.00 Pack up and assembly to thank everybody for coming along for the day.

3.30 Afternoon Tea for group leaders and helpers.

The people were saying how much they enjoyed the day's activities. Without the help of my two offsidiers, Jill Pattenden and Terry Logan, I would have been up the river in a burnt-out canoe. The children, teachers, white parents, and the Aboriginal people who were there, were very supporting on our *Jemuraji Day*. There was not much support from the Aboriginal community.

It was a lot of hard work organising this day, but was well worth it.

I almost forgot the \$550.00 grant from the School Commission Innovations Program, that we had to help pay for materials, etc. The cost of the day was over \$1,000.00.

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