



Community Reflections:

Making Story dolls at Coolbellup Community School



“ My dolls tell the stories of my children, my daughter is Rainbow Girl and my son is a Rock Star. Their dad is a musician. My kids had total creative control and told me how they wanted them made!”

Parent: Laura Holdsworth



“ This doll is all about my daughter, Milla – who is in this Kindy class and full of sunshine, colour and good vibes. The doll is for her and her future well-being.”

Parent: Anita Pimm



“ I made a Warrior Princess for my daughter, to remind her to be loud and strong and passionate. Don't conform to what people expect of a lady.

And the second doll I made is of my Dad, in all his amazing being. He sadly passed on last year and this is made in his memory. He was a dog person, so I embroidered paws on the doll, and T1 & T2 for the twins.”

Parent: Sian Smith



“ I made my Nan and Pop. Pop is wearing an akubra hat, Nan loves flowery clothes and woven hats. Nan & Pop inspired me to do well in my life.”

Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer: Caroline Hayden



“ My doll is my Nan. I made her wearing a kangaroo cloak. Also, a frilly dress, as she always makes sure she looks her best. Nan is my role model, she is a strong and beautiful.”

Teacher: Audrey Winmar



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“ Making unique storydolls with eco dye connects me to boodja, as each plant tells a story. Each season has different colours, in different places, this creates very different fabrics and textures. Telling story is very important so that we can pass on knowledge and learning Kaartijin (knowledge) from generation to generation. Learning story is about how my people and family lived back then and connections to song and story lines, so I know my connection to place through the stories that were told, so we know how we're related to family and Country. And when you visit places, you know where you're from and who you are to tell others.”

Textile Artist: Marcelle Riley



“ Story telling is important. You feel like it's something that belongs to you - it's your story. You can go anywhere. Story is yarning and yarning circles. Having a yarn with people and sharing your little travels and stories. You share with others, and they will share their story. It's brought me through loss and grief and when you're feeling down. Story telling brings you down to earth, it's relaxing.”

Teaching Artist at The Song Room: Yolande Yarran-Ward