

SEASONS OF THE PAST

Exploring the Indigenous concept of time and survival through the six-seasons calendar

Students study the pictorial six-seasons calendar and make links (through small group activities) to the type of foods and ways of life needed by various Indigenous people to survive in this ancient land.

Students then perform a simulated excavation of an archaeological food dump/shell midden to unearth the story this will tell of the people who lived there.



Target audience:

Primary school students, pre-primary to Year 4

Study area: Indigenous

Duration: 2 hours

Numbers: Maximum of 60 students

Skills developed:

- Ability to engage with a variety of sources (primary & secondary)
- To identify objects and their uses
- To practise role-play techniques on how our past is unearthed

Workshop outcomes:

- Understanding that the past and present are a continuous story
- Awareness that archaeological excavation can unearth objects in situ and these objects tell a story of the past that needs to be pieced together, preserved and retold to future generations

Cost:

- \$300 flat rate
- Add \$7 per head over 43 students, up to a maximum of 60 participants