

Fire Carriers

Commissioning Ceremony

Reader 1

Fire is central to Australian Aboriginal culture. In a circle around the campfire people told, sang or danced stories of Law and customs, teaching them to live their lives in order and harmony with all creation.

Our story, with young fire carriers will be carried forward. The journey will not be easy; you will be questioned by your mates. To be FIRE Carrier requires strength and courage. Some of your mates won't wish to see and listen to the Ancestors and Elders at their campfire and enjoy the warmth and goodness that the First Nation's Dreaming offers.

Reader 2

Let me tell you about the Songlines of the land

When the early settlers first arrived in our land they tried to put out the ancient campfires and began to banish the stories of Law of the first people. They wanted to force their own way which the land should be used. They began damaging the sacred land, rivers and waterholes. They disrupted an ancient culture and separated families. These people were not willing to listen to the land. They couldn't see the damage that they were doing.

When you hurt the land, the people hurt, both are crying out in pain. When sacred things are taken away the spirit of the land and the people are crushed

Jesus' story tells us that the Spirit that came on Jesus, is the same Spirit that calls us. But some listened to the message of Jesus and many didn't, they wanted to have their own way of doing things, not the way of Jesus.

The story of our communities shared through Songlines calls us to action to respect all people and all things. This is the same as the ancestors of this land used to do. As a FIRE Carrier you are called to carry on this story.

Pause

Reader: This Year's FIRE Carrier

As FIRE Carriers we have laid strong foundations in our school community to build respect, understanding and knowledge of our shared story that started in this rich land 60,000 years ago and continues today. At we have (speak about what you have done in your school)

FIRE Carrier representative lights the fire and invites fire carriers to come forward and reads:

Stand tall FIRE Carriers, you are the Living Flames that will ignite the Fire of Reconciliation of True Justice, Love, Compassion and Hope for the world

today.

FIRE Carrier representative/s: warm their hands over the flame and place hands on the face of the new Carriers. (This is a sacred moment, treat it with respect, look into the eyes of the person, show them the passion and courage you have).

FIRE Carrier representative/s: Presentation of badges to new Carriers and reads:

May you wear this badge with pride and as an outward sign as a Friend Igniting Reconciliation through Education in our school.

Presentation of Covenant

New FIRE Carriers

Handing over of the covenant copy to FIRE Carrier representative.

New FIRE Carriers Read :Response from new FIRE Carriers and their Vision for the future of the FIRE Carriers Program in their school, what they dream of happening and what they are going to work towards in the future.

Together we read.

As we stand around this fire, let us receive its warmth as we pray to the Holy Spirit;

Holy Spirit, be on our lips, that we may speak the truth in kindness, put your glow in our eyes, that we may see what is good in life and in all people

Holy Spirit, burn in our ears, that we may hear with deep listening, be in our arms and hands, that we may serve others with care

Holy Spirit, be in our legs and feet so that we may walk the earth with respect and give thanks for its life-giving nourishment

Holy Spirit, brand our hearts with the eternal flame of your love, that we may become the bearers of peace, beauty, hope, harmony and Reconciliation.

Many Paths one Destination



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