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respect

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Monday 26th April 2021

Smoking Ceremony

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Thursday 29th April 2021 Uncle Graeme Cooper will be joining us at Leura Public School to conduct a traditional smoking ceremony for our students. The ceremony will take place at 9.30am under the COLA.

A smoking ceremony is an ancient practice which Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people use for cleansing. The smoke is created with smouldering native plants. During the ceremony, students will be able to walk through or around the smoke. Students are only breathing in smoke for a brief moment.

If parents and caregivers DO NOT wish for their child to participate in this activity, please complete the OPT OUT note below. Students without permission to participate will view the ceremony through the glass windows in the spare classroom in the administration building.

We are thrilled that Uncle Graeme Cooper is making time to come and work with our community again. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education is a priority in our school and the connections we are building with our Aboriginal elders supports the work we are doing in increasing engagement with culture.

Kind regards,

May Ptolemy
Principal

Smoking Ceremony – OPT OUT

My child _____ of class _____

DOES NOT have permission to participate in the Smoking Ceremony on Thursday 29th April 2021.

My child will view the ceremony from the spare classroom in the administration building.

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature _____ Date _____