

Merinda Sainty



Merinda Sainty has played the violin for more than 10 years.

She has performed at NAIDOC Balls and national festivals. She uses music as a way of expressing herself and involving herself in community traditions, which help to link the past and present.



1 What types of music do you like?

2 Circle the traditions that you and your family celebrate at home.

Christmas

birthdays

Easter

Mother's Day

Father's Day

New Year

Any others?

3 How does music help you to express yourself and your culture?



4 Merinda has been involved in NAIDOC celebrations across Australia and has received a national NAIDOC Award for her contribution to the continuation of Cape Barren Island Music.

NAIDOC originally stood for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee, which was once responsible for organising a week of celebrations of Indigenous culture. The origins of NAIDOC Week go as far back as the 1920s, and today it is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but also by Australians from all walks of life.



The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 was **We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963**. How long ago were the bark petitions presented to Australia's Federal Parliament? _____ years.

List your suggestions for using music to help celebrate NAIDOC Week.

5 What are your visions for the future?
