

# East Ayr State School

## *Barefoot Hunter*

*Barefoot Hunter* represents stories told of hunting and gathering.

We had local Elders Uncle Gerald Henaway and Ian Zaro share stories with our students of their younger days hunting on the land. Uncle Gerald told stories of being barefoot on Country, walking the banks of the Burdekin River and Planation Creek spearing salt water and freshwater fish for food.

Ian told stories of his time in the Torres Strait Islands fishing with his family who are from Murray Island. Our students used these stories as inspiration.

We represented the barefoot hunter by printing footprints of all students onto the artwork. We traced and cut food sources such as turtle, barramundi, crocodile and kangaroo from leather off cuts.

Boomerangs cut from yoga mats that were decorated using paint pens and Aboriginal symbols, were incorporated into the design, allowing students to tell their own stories. We created spears from sticks and yoga mat off cuts.

*Barefoot Hunter* is a representation of the stories from elders and the traditions that are carried through generations still today.

***Barefoot Hunter*** 2025

Kallen BAR, Oliver CAVANAGH, Crystal EULER, Olivia FERGUSON, Peyton FERGUSON, Apo GHEE, Jayla HERON, Kaylee HERON, Saige LAMPTON, Hazeman MUNDRABY (Model), Ryder NASH, Dakota OLIVER, Ty PYOTT, Bethana RATTLER, McKenna Jo RUSSO, Olivia SHAW, Dakota SULLIVAN, Kiamani SUTHERLAND, Coen TRINDLE.  
Repurposed materials, yoga mat, sticks, leather, rope, hot glue, acrylic paint, paint pens.



