

National Sorry Day Scavenger Hunt

Learn more about National Sorry Day – a day that is considered an important step in the process of reconciliation in Australia.

Find It!

1. On what date is National Sorry Day held?

2. What does the day reflect?

3. What report was presented to the Australian Parliament on May 26, 1997?

4. What did the report recommend?

5. On February 13, 2008, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd spoke in Parliament. What did Kevin Rudd do in his speech?

6. Why is saying sorry considered important?

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Answer Key

1. May 26, each year.
2. It is a day for Australians to reflect on historical policies and practices that led to the forcible removal of children from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.
3. “Bringing them Home” Report
4. The establishment of National Sorry Day as a way of remembering the past policies and their impacts. Also recommended an apology from the Australian Parliament to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the past policies.
5. Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd formally recognised the federal government’s role in past policies that impacted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. He apologised to the Stolen Generations and their families.
6. National Sorry Day is an important step in reconciliation (restoring harmony) in Australia.