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Ryecroft and Helena went outside for nature play. The teacher told them they could dig and plant a tree today.

She told them planting trees was good as trees made nice clean air. They provided shade and shelter for birdlife everywhere.
Then the teacher told the children
‘If you all sit very still,
I’ll tell you all a story.
It’s about Waabiny Hill.’

‘Waabiny - it means PLAYTIME
and you need to understand,
The Whadjuk Noongar folk lived here.
They were owners of this land.’

Welcome to Waabiny Hill
Waabiny Hill (pronounced Wah Bin)
is the Noongar word for ‘playtime’.
This is a place for children to connect with nature.
Please listen and be gentle with the fragile environment.
You can follow the Noongar Six Seasons Path around
Waabiny Hill anytime, enjoying natural flora and fauna.
‘But over time the trees died off.
The hill was looking bare.
There were no birds or animals.
No flowers growing there.’

‘The birds had flown to greener hills as they needed trees to nest.
They found a new home far away in some bushland further west.’
‘So the teachers and the students knew exactly what to do. They planted lots of little trees. They’re so tiny when they’re new.’
‘Now Waabiny Hill is green again.
The birds have all returned.
Thank goodness that the teachers
and the children were concerned.’
'The environment is fragile and we must give it lots of care to protect the plants and animals that live and shelter there.'
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1. Birak
2. Bunuru
3. Djeran
4. Makurua
5. Djilba
6. Kambarang
Vision
To be a school where students are inspired to be the best they can be; where they are encouraged to develop confidence, ability and passion to achieve their goals; and to have the skills and commitment to leave a positive footprint on the world.

Mission
- To educate and inspire students to be the best they can be by providing a balanced focus on whole child development.
- To be a school where students, teachers and parents actively engage as partners in the educational process.
- To be a school with high expectations of learning and achievement by offering creative, engaging and challenging educational experiences in a nurturing environment.

Values
- Integrity and responsibility
- Inclusivity and participation
- Caring and compassion
- Respect for self, others and our surroundings
Join RYECROFT and HELENA

as they explore and learn about Waabiny Hill.

Bringing out the best together

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