

Civic Engagement
with
**Kirli
Saunders**



Read the notes Kirli and Freya shared in *Afloat* about the meaning of the book. Take time to lean into students wondering, interests and ideas which arise from reading this stunning picture book.

Support students to investigate local water sources. Encourage them to consider what challenges these environments face and how can we protect them?

Learn more about Kirli Saunders' incredible work and explore her book collection with accompanying teacher notes via her website.

Invite students to watch *Sun Down and Seasons* a poem written and narrated by Kirli Saunders. Encourage students to look slowly, then share their noticing and reflections.



Invite students to experience *First Lights - Buungbaa-ma-ndhu*. Encourage them to reflect on the video and share their thoughts on what moving forward together might look like.

Connect with local indigenous community members and share a guided walk. Explore significant sites, learn about local plants and wildlife, and consider how the environment has changed over time.

Support students to research and create a local *Cultural Connection Garden* incorporating native plant species. Invite them to consider what environmental stewardship might look like.

Explore indigenous seasonal calendars. Invite students to consider the significance of these in caring for Country. Can you find a local seasonal calendar for your community?

