



Kindlehill  
**Winter's Night**  
Songbook

**Our Winter's Night this year is about the Seasons of the Dharug Calendar. Each class has represented a season from the Dharug Calendar and have created an artwork that represents the season.**

**Bunul Marray - warm and wet**

Around January – February  
Bunnul (sunshine)  
Marray (wet)

Warmer days bring the mugadung (blue tongue or “sleepy” lizard) who carry energy and new life.

At the hottest time of year, mugadung gives birth to new lizard life.

They are passive creatures but when threatened, open their mouths wide and stick out their broad blue tongues. They have strong jaws that crush slow moving prey such as beetles and snails.

**Yuruga Burra - hot and thirsty**

Around March – April  
Yuruga (hot)  
Burra (sky)

The annual migration of barra (eel) from the rivers to the ocean indicates the beginning of this season.

This is a signal for people from all over to gather. Barra mimic colours of their environment, such as browns, greens and yellows.

**Bayin Dyarra - wet and cooler**

Around May – June  
Bayin (cool)  
Dyarra (red)

During this time, dyarraba (firestick) cultural burning is the sustainable fire practice used to manage and heal ngurra (Country).

During dyarraba, buru (kangaroo) run from the burning grass.

**Dagara - cold and frosty**

Around July – August  
Dagara (cold)

The distinctive call of garad (black cockatoo) signals the coming of rain.

The presence of garad reminds us our Ancestors are part of Country and still with us. The decisions we make today need to align with the values of our Ancestors.

**Dugara Guwara - cold and windy**

Around September – October  
Dugara (very cold)  
Guwara (windy)

During this season, maliya (the diamond python) wakes from its hibernation and seek its mate.

Maliya is a common species in the Western Sydney plains and Blue Mountains. They are a known food source for Dharug, but mainly when other foods are unavailable.

## **Bayin Gura - cool getting warmer**

Around November – December

Bayin (cool)

Gura (warm)

The dianella plant blooms at the beginning of the warmer summer months. Its flower has a blue/purple and yellow pattern.

Dianella leaves can be dried and wet again to make them easier to bend and weave into string, nets, bags, baskets and traps. The berries are a popular bush tucker food (do not eat too many though). They are also used to make purple colour dye.

From: <https://www.westernsydneyparklands.au/things-to-do/get-back-on-track/gabrugal-yana/6-dharug-seasons/>

## **Acknowledgement**

The Gundungarra and the Dharug are custodians of this land, the sky, the bush, the creatures, the earth on which we stand.

I acknowledge the elders, the story tellers too, the ancestors, the dancers, the songlines deep and true.

I sit, I look, I listen, I learn to sing along, with the air, the fire, the water, with Country's heart song.

# Nhangamayi

Nhangamayi (Dreaming) x3

Yanmawa ngurrawa (I go across Country)

Nhangamayi (Dreaming) x3

Muruwa gili mulumulung-a (Across the Universe)

Ngalawa (Peace – sit/look/listen) x3

Yanmawa ngurrawa (I go across Country)

Ngalawa (Peace – sit/look/listen) x3

Muruwa gili mulumulung-a (Across the Universe)

Ngubady (Love) x3

Yanmawa ngurrawa (I go across Country)

Muruwa gili mulumulung-a (Across the Universe)

Marri madung (Great Bravery) x3

Yanmawa ngurrawa (I go across Country)

Muruwa gili mulumulung-a (Across the Universe)

# Currawong

Currawong and a blue tongue  
Black cockatoo, mama kangaroo  
On, you gotta go on  
Joey in your pouch, and one fully grown

Like a wild scribbly gum  
Reaching up, reaching up  
All the ways you will grow  
You are more than you know  
You are more than you know

Sunrise and a dragonfly  
Cold running stream, as a baby dreams

Like a wild scribbly gum  
Reaching up, reaching up  
All the ways you will grow  
You are more than you know  
You are more than you know

Currawong and a blue tongue  
Black cockatoo

## Pull on your Jumper

Pull on your jumper, put on your blue jeans, gum boots and gloves

Do you know what I mean?

I feel so warm inside of me

I feel so warm inside of me

Sit by a fire, hot soup in a cup, in my pajamas, I snuggle up

I feel so warm inside of me

I feel so warm inside of me

Make rainbow candles, play in my cubby, draw mushroom houses,  
outside it's muddy

I feel so warm inside of me

I feel so warm inside of me

## Dee Dee

De de de de, de de de de, deeply sleeping in my keeping

All the winter through, tu tu tu tu, tu tu tu tu

To the heart of winter's night my little light leads you

Underneath a starry sky a song for you

Sing so lightly (sing so lightly)

Shine so brightly (shine so brightly)

Listen quietly (listen quietly)

We will sing to you

## Shine on

By the fire bright  
Walk by candlelight  
Faces glowing bright  
In mid winter night

Wear your beanies and gloves  
Stars are shining above  
On the wings of a dove  
In the warmth of love

Chorus:  
Shine on, shine through  
So much to do  
Now sun's light renews  
Shine

Slip your hand in mine  
You know we've got the time  
The stars they give the sign  
Together we will shine

Sun is on the rise  
Spring will bring surprise  
Mother Earth is wise  
Makes you feel alive

## Sylvie

Bring a little water, Sylvie  
Bring a little water now  
Bring a little water, Sylvie  
Every little once in a while

## Deep and Dark

Malung minag burra nguwinga  
Yanada gimbawali gili marri

Deep and dark is the sky at night  
Moon and Stars shine bright

## Winter's Holy Nights

Come now and feel the mood, the mood of winter's holy nights  
Come now and feel the mood, the mood of winter's holy nights



# Mushrooms

Overnight – very whitely, discreetly – very quietly

Our toes, our noses, take hold in the loan

Acquire the air – nobody sees us, stops us, betrays us

The small grains make room

Soft fists insist on, heaving the needles

The leafy bedding – even the paving

Our hammers, our rams – earless and eyeless

Perfectly voiceless – widen the crannies

Shoulder through holes

We diet on water – on crumbs of shadows

Bland mannered, asking, little or nothing

So many of us, so many of us

We are shelves, we are tables

We are meek, we are edible

Nudgers and shovers, inspite of ourselves, our kind multiplies

We shall by morning, inherit the Earth

Our foot's in the door, our foot's in the door

So many of us, so many of us, so many of us

## O Mother

O Mother - earthmother  
Us children you bear  
Safely in your womb  
Willing to share  
The gifts that you offer  
In deep winter night  
Filled with anticipation  
Of the newly born light  
Breathing in peace  
With a heart full of gold  
That through our love  
As a star may unfold.

## This Love Will Carry

This love will carry, this love will carry me  
I know this love will carry me, love will carry me





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