**NAIDOC Ceremony 2018**

**Greg Wilson**

1. Acknowledge the Githabul people, traditional owners of this land. Pay my respects to Elders past, present and future and to any Aboriginal people here today. Together we walk towards our future.

OR

Thanks to [name] for their welcome to what was, what is, and what always will be Githabul land.

2. This year’s Theme: ‘**Because of her, we can’**

* Acknowledges the role of women in our communities
* Importance for us in education – the traditional role of women is education, especially with younger children and females
* Yesterday stories for our students and the importance of their mothers
* We also know the importance of nans
* At Woodenbong we have worked over the years with the **mothers’ club**:
* Music videos
* Respect programs
* Early language programs
* The work our young mothers’ group is currently undertaking.

3. We also respect the work our men are now doing

* Mens’ group working with the younger men
* Githabul Ranges
* The women need all our help.

4. We need all groups working together to raise the future we all want for our students

* Racial harmony
* Important role of [Name] in promoting and enabling racial harmony
* We have come a long way over the years
* From time to time events and incidents occur that remind us that we still have a way to go.
* However, we now can talk through issues.
* It is only together that we can create a great future for all.

5. When given opportunities our students achieve great things

* We thank all those who help
* Especially the women of our communities – ‘**Because of her we can’**

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