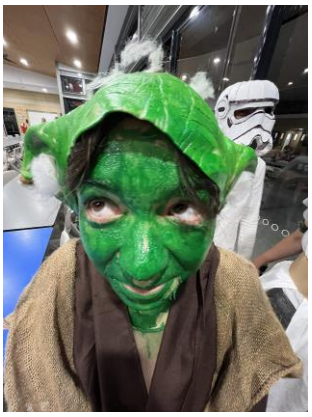
# SÕRVE WARS

SATURDAY THE 10TH JANUARY 2025
LAUPÄEV, 10. JAANUAR 2025

SÕRVE, ESTONIA: -4 AND LIGHT SNOW
SÕRVE, AUSTRALIA: 20 AND RAINY



## DISRUPTING A PEACEFUL EVENING ON LAKE MACQUARIE, THE FIRST GALACTIC EMPIRE INVADED SÕRVE SUMMER CAMP.

Campers began the evening training and learning how to become Jedi's, with the goal of stopping Count Dooku. They soon discovered that Palpatine was, in fact, evil, and they rushed around camp to find The Death Star plans and destroy it.

# What we learnt this year

## Singing

F Troup

- Lahme kondima
- Tantsime koos
- Pillimäng

B Group

- Mul on üks tore tädi ja onu

A Group

- Pass-pass

## Rahvatants

C Group

- Kaera-jaan *juhidega*
- Oige ja vasemba *A-rühmaga*

B Group

- Kekskästi kool

A Group

- Kikkapuu

## Käsitöo

C Group

- Tie dye and painting t shirts
- Pasta necklaces

B group

- Little wooden sõled with painted patterns
- They also learnt the history and process of värvalised munad *(egg dyeing)*

A group

- Sõled, made of aluminium
- Sõled, made of wood

Happy 8th Birthday for yesterday Evie! We hope you loved your breakfast mango.

Tare Üheksa

*What do you do when the leaders aren't around?*
Talk, sometimes rest, walk around, look at nature, read.
*Who's the best leader?*
Kristjan, Rhys, our other hut leader
*Do you remember his name?*
Alex
*What's your favourite Estonian word?*
Ahhh, Tere!!!!

Tare Viis

*What's your favourite song?*
Fireball by Pitball
*Silliest things you guys do?*
Clean when we're meant to be sleeping, and sleep when we're meant to be cleaning.
*If you were a food what would you be?*
A hamburger.
*Why?*
Sometimes our room kind of smells like one.

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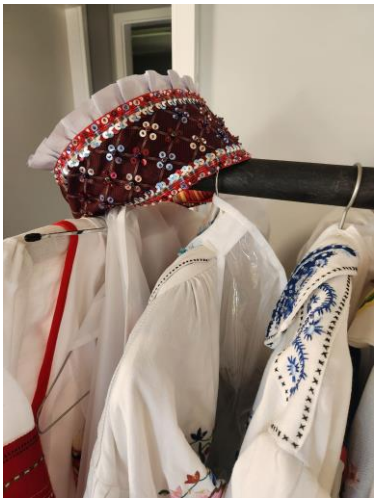
# Rahvariide Library

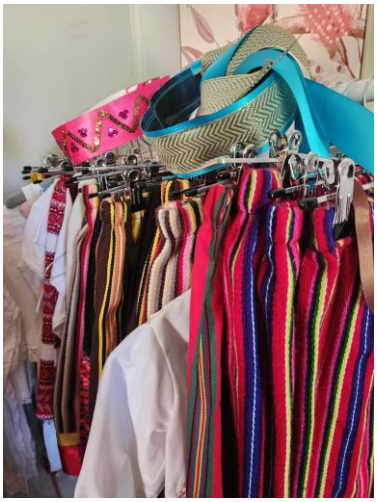
Sydney Eesti Seltsi Kunsti Käsitöö ja Etnograafia Ring

– SESKKE –

Connecting Through Culture: The SESKKE Folk Costume Library The Sydney Eesti Seltsi Kunsti Käsitöö ja Etnograafia Ring (SESKKE) is weaving cultural threads with its inspiring Folk Costume Library, a project first envisioned by Maie Pikkat. Thanks to her dedication, SESKKE embraced the idea, turning it into a beautiful initiative with recent support by the Estonian Cultural Foundation Australia (ECFA).

The library's mission is simple yet impactful: to help people connect with their heritage by wearing rahvariided (traditional folk costumes) at cultural events like Sõrve Cultural Day. These beautifully crafted costumes allow their wearers to feel connected and celebrate their Estonian heritage with pride. SESKKE is incredibly grateful to the individuals and families who have donated costumes or lent them to the collection. This generosity ensures that more people can access and wear these beautifully handmade pieces.





Maintaining, transporting, cataloguing and tracking each item of the costumes to events is no small feat, but the dedicated team—Maie Pikkat, Ingrid Renno, Eva Ranniko and Marissa Pikkat—find joy in seeing participants of all ages adorned in folk attire. With continued support from ECFA, future funding and generous donations, the Folk Costume Library will keep inspiring connection and celebration for years to come.

If you would like to donate, lend your costume to the library, or find out more please contact Maie Pikkat on 0409820472 or maiepikkat@bigpond.com .

We always welcome new pieces, being both delighted and honoured to hold in our collection and always happy to return it when needed.

*Written by Marissa Pikkat*

# Children's Groups Around Australia

Teacher-led play-based Estonian language and culture sessions will run every Thursday from 10am-12pm at Paddington play centre.
Address: 10 Moreton St, Paddington, QLD
Contact: Iti Connor
iti.connor@gmail.com
FB: Brisbane'i Eesti Mängutuba

Newcastle Estonian Playgroup / Preschool comes together monthly and kids are there from 1-12 years old with different abilities to speak Estonian. Please join FB Group "Eestlased Newcastle-is" or send an email to Newcastle.Estonians@gmail.com for more info.

For more info on EstWest events, see their FB page: Est West Association
They do not currently have regular sessions but are organising events and camps for Estonian kids over the school holidays.

Sydney Mudilasring Estonian Preschool for 4+ starts from Feb 2025 @ Sydney Eesti Maja, month on Sunday mornings. More info from mudilasring@eesti.org.au

Gold Coast Estonian School and Playgroup meets every second Sunday at 9:30am at Varsity Lakes Community Centre. The playgroup is for children aged 0-3, while the school welcomes children aged 4 and up. The cost is $45 per family per quarter.

EST WEST ASSOCIATION

GOLD COASTI EESTI KOOL JA MÄNGUTUBA

Brisbane'i Eesti Mängutuba

Sydney Mudilasring

NEWY EestiLASTE Kultuuriring

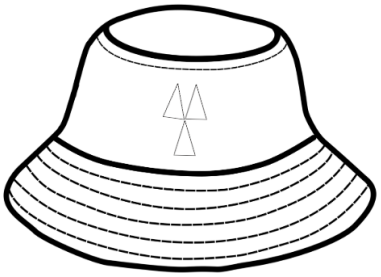
**This year was Vera, Karl, Zara (5) and Jari (2)'s first year of camp.**

**Where are you from?**
I'm from Italy, and my husband is Estonian, we met here in Australia.

**How did you find out about Sõrve?**
We came to a new years eve event at Sydney EP, when Noëp was playing, and we kind of forgot about it for a few years but we didn't have any visitors for Christmas this year so we thought we'd try something new.

**What did you think?**
I expected it to be more focused on the youth, but it seems to be like a big family, everyone is so kind.

During cultural afternoon, the committee will be selling discounted Sõrve merch !

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Born from Marissa's love for Estonian culture, this passion project connects Estonians worldwide to their roots through modern designs inspired by folk costumes. With eight trips to Estonia and work with organisations in Australia, Marissa merges tradition with contemporary style, creating timeless pieces that spark joy and meaningful conversations. Celebrate Estonian heritage with us.
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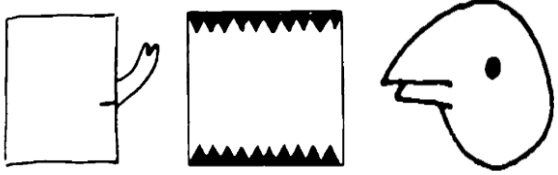
# games

## DAILY DROODLE

A **DROODLE** is a modern Estonian take on a riddle, challenging the viewer to think outside the box. What do you think you see?

a. b. c.



Write your guesses here.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

## DAILY DOODLE Spot the 6 differences in the pictures below

Bonus Question - Can you name the dancers above? _____ & _____

A. An elephant in the fridge
B. Shark teeth
C. A magpie