

# HARMONY DAY



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## Did you know?



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- we identify with over 300 ancestries
- since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- more than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

*(Data from Census 2016)*

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- **Students need to bring their own recess.**
- **Please bring in a plate of food to share from your country of origin.** Examples include pies, vegemite sandwiches, traditional breads (naan etc.) curry puffs, rice, sweet treats, noodles, pasta, spring rolls, pizza, koftas, nori rolls etc. *Please note we are a nut friendly school.*
- **Students may also dress in traditional attire or come dressed in orange which is the Harmony Day colour.**
- **Students will be involved in multicultural activities all day.**

If you would like your child to participate in the shared lunch, please bring a plate of food to the Senior Wet Area outside Rooms 7/8/9 or the Junior Wet Area outside Rooms 4/5/6. We are unable to heat food so you may drop off cold food before school or bring a hot plate at lunch time (12.15pm).

Kindy and Pre-Primary students will host their shared lunch in the ECE area. Please drop food off there if your child is in Room 14, 15 or 16.

If your child has an allergy or you do not wish for them to participate in shared lunch, please send them with their normal lunch in their lunchbox. **Please let the classroom teacher know if your child will not be participating in our shared lunch.**

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