



Australian Government

HARMONY WEEK



Duffy Primary School celebrates Harmony Day

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday 17th March 2021. It's a day about coming together to celebrate our area's local cultural diversity and spread the message of 'everyone belongs'. This year we would love to showcase cultures within our school and community by inviting everyone to come to school dressed in their national costume or to wear orange (the colour signifying harmony).

To ensure Harmony Day is a rich cultural experience for our students we are asking students to think about **our cultural diversity**. Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live. Multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

We want to know YOUR cultural heritage!

Together Duffy is going to create something special with the knowledge of each child's cultural heritage.

Your child's challenge is to find out where your family is originally from?

- Maybe ask what country were your grandparents born in? Or great-grandparents?
- Even if your ancestors came on the first fleet, where did they come from?
- Does your family have Indigenous Australian Heritage?

Looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day together.

Kind regards,

Rachael Lee, Rebecca Punch & Katrina Sinclair

Harmony Day: a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.