



CULTURAL DIVERSITY **and Harmony Week**



This year's theme for Cultural Diversity Week is:

Our Past. Our Future: Celebrating and reflecting on the contributions of Victoria's multicultural communities.

The Humanities Professional Learning Team at Vermont Primary School have created a very colourful, informative week where the children will learn about the amazing multicultural communities we have at Vermont Primary School. ***Did you know that over 60% of our students speak more than one language?*** It has been exciting to see and reflect on the number of different languages spoken by our students and parents.

We are planning to provide opportunities to learn more about our amazing school community. It all starts on **Monday 27th March** when we have an exciting introduction to the week. This includes a colourful parade of national dress OR orange which represents HARMONY WEEK which is also celebrated in this timeframe.

We are celebrating our country's diversity, inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, from the Traditional Owners of the land to our most recent arrivals.



If wearing national dress is not possible, the children can choose to wear something orange to show support for cultural diversity and an inclusive school.

Here is a snapshot of the events for the week:

Monday 27th March

9:10am Special Assembly

This will include:

- Parade of National Dress

If the children have a special national dress to wear, they can wear it today. If not, they can wear orange. There will be a special parade of dress by all of the classes.

- Displays

Displays in the form of bunting of the various flags of countries or special events will be displayed around the assembly area.

- Singing and Dancing Performances

Bu Smith and Mr Fraser have received many requests to perform at the assembly. Auditions have been held and we look forward to seeing some wonderful performances.

- The School Choirs are performing

Mrs Clark and Mr Fraser have been practising singing a beautiful song with the choirs. We are looking forward to seeing (and hearing) them perform.

- Talks presented by the students

Mrs Dyett has organised a few students to make presentations about people in our multicultural community who have made a significant contribution to society.

Tuesday 28th March through to Friday 31st March

- Multicultural Games

The opportunity to learn and play games will continue in the classroom. Teachers will have available a selection of games which encourage discussion around the different cultures' and what they play. They can compare how they are similar and different to games they currently play.

- Multicultural Books and sites

All teachers will be planning a range of activities throughout the week. There will be discussions around the different cultures, particularly at Vermont Primary School. Some of the Books referred to may include:

I'm Australian too - by Mem Fox (F-2)

Activities may include documenting on a world map where we are all from.

Opportunities for poems to be written about where they are from and where they are now.

The little refuge - Ahn Do (3 – 6)

Activities may include discussions about how they felt listening to the story, the emotions of the characters, identifying the personal qualities and character strengths needed to overcome the changes.

- Multicultural Food Experience: "Culture in a Lunch Box"

The children will have the opportunity to bring some food from 'their' or a different culture to **show and tell**. Whilst we won't be sharing their food, we are asking if parents could please include a recipe that we could include in a class recipe book. We are organising a link for the recipes to be placed. Details will be in 'The Nurlendi News' this week. Depending on how many we do receive, we could make a school recipe book that we could offer all families to buy for fundraising purposes. Photos of each lunchbox will be taken. *A reminder that we endeavour to be a nut free school.*

- Colour Run - Friday 31st March 2023

Whilst this is a whole school event organised prior to Cultural Diversity Week, it is a fitting end to our week of celebrations. Australia, in particular, Vermont Primary School is so lucky to have so many colourful cultures and traditions.

We hope you enjoy our special week of celebrations!!