



Harmony Day, celebrated on the 21st of March every year, is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It is a day to celebrate all the different cultures that are a part of Australia. It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the original inhabitants of the country, the Indigenous Australians. Harmony Day was inspired by the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Since 1945 more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia. Australians identify with over 300 ancestries with nearly half (49 %) of our Australians being born overseas or have at least one parent who was born overseas.



Thus, Harmony Day in Australia celebrates the diversity of our community, calling for inclusiveness, belonging and respect for all Australian people of different cultures, who make valuable contributions to the Australian society as a whole.



Orange is the colour that represents Harmony Day. The colour orange was chosen to signify social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

Since 1999, schools, workplaces, and communities across the country have been coming together to celebrate Harmony Day with events involving food, music, and art from cultures around the world.

“We are one, but we are many”

Harmony Day, 2022 at MHSS

At Musgrave Hill State School this year, we intend to celebrate our diversity, the best way we can.

Our students will create paper chain dolls (with their own flair) and these will be placed on the wall in the Meet & Greet area.



Our children have been given the choice to dress up in their traditional dress (based on family backgrounds). They are also welcomed to portray Australian culture, provided they wear either green and gold, or a shirt with the term Australia or the Australian flag. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are also encouraged to express their cultural heritage.

Additionally, we look forward to any children who are willing (or feel comfortable enough) to share the phrase, “We are one, but we are many”, in their traditional language at Meet and Greet on Monday (March 21) morning, with the rest of the school.



Diversity and inclusion, respect, responsibility, compassion and excellence has always been our way of life... So, where better to celebrate this, than at Musgrave Hill State School.