

Harmony Day

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

Tuesday March 21st 2017

Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

As part of the new L.O.T.E Indonesian program at Somerville Rise we would like to celebrate this event with a dress up day and a whole school activity. This celebration will help our students learn and build on their knowledge and understanding of different cultures and celebrate our multicultural nation.

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange on 21 March to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. Our theme is 'Telling our Stories' of where we and our families have come from, our cultural heritage. We ask our families in the weeks leading up to Harmony Day that you discuss your cultural heritage with your children so they have some understanding when participating in our whole school activity.

FAMILY DISCUSSIONS AT HOME

What country was I born in? Where does your family come from?

What country are your parents from? Where were your grandparents born?

What does the flag look like? Where is this country in the world? Print a picture.

Watch are the traditional customs, foods, dress, language, sports, and iconic buildings in this country.

Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. Multicultural Australia is an integral part of our nation's history and character. Students are asked to wear a **splash of orange with their school uniform**.

Note: This is not a free dress day

Let's go ORANGE in support of Harmony Day

eg: headband, t-shirt, socks, shoelaces, ribbon, nails, hair or shorts.

Sampai jumpa,

Bu Leanne Day

L.O.T.E. Indonesian