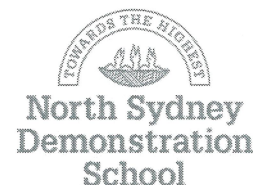


HARMONY WEEK



HARMONY WEEK 15 – 21 MARCH 2020 - 'Everyone Belongs'

Harmony Week is fast approaching and will be officially celebrated on Wednesday 18 March.

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

On the day students are encouraged to wear traditional dress or the colour orange to show support for cultural diversity.

We would like to invite you to help us celebrate by:

1. Helping in your child's classroom for a short time in a teacher organised activity – reading a traditional tale to a small group or helping with a craft activity e.g. making lanterns, flags, origami etc.
2. A short 'talk' to the class. You could talk about why you came to Australia, how you felt, something about life in your country of origin (tradition) and what was it like growing up in your country.
3. You could teach a dance/song/musical instrument/demonstrate a craft activity or talk about food, cooking, culture, language or share traditional costume with class. This could be done in pairs with another parent or you may wish to share your own ideas. Teachers will be in the class to support you.

Your presence in the classroom during Harmony Week would be greatly valued. If you are available to visit your child's classroom, could you please contact your child's teacher via email to arrange a time.

Please note, all school volunteers need to sign a Statutory Declaration for Working with Children, available from your child's teacher or at the office.

Thank you,

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