

What's been happening this week?

Dear Parents & Families,



Today we celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony Day 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. The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.



These celebrations create an opportunity to think, talk about and recognise how our differences make Australia a great place to live. Did you know?

- Nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.
- We identify with over 300 ancestries.
- Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia.
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia.
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi.
- More than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.




(These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data. Check out the Australian Bureau of Statistics website.)

It was wonderful to see our students (and some of our parents) dressed in their national costumes and in orange in support of Harmony Day today.

Ms Miranda Swann
Principal



Week 9	Events	
Good Morning Monday 28/3	Canteen Closed	<p>Mass Times Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am Sunday 9:30am Sunday 6:00pm</p> 
Thank You Tuesday 29/3	Canteen Closed Early Close 2:30pm	
Winking Wednesday 30/3	Canteen Open - Online Orders Only	
Thumbs Up Thursday 31/3	Canteen Open - Online Orders Only	
Friendship Friday 1/4	Canteen Open - Online Orders Only Easter Egg Donations Due Today	

MJR & Virtue Focus: Count Your Blessings - Life goes on for us day by day and on occasions it is helpful to think about our life's blessings. It is human nature to look at wealthy people and moan to ourselves: "Look what they have and I can't have that." We only have to look at the TV to see the wars in various parts of the world and the poverty in countries where the children are starving, to see how lucky we are. When students go out camping, cooking over the open fire, sleeping in tents on the ground – at the end of their camp they are looking forward to mum's cooking, a shower, and the TV. When we are deprived of these things, we certainly miss them. We hear first-hand of reports of how the poor in so many parts of the world really suffer. Even though we think we have it tough, it is good to appreciate how lucky we are by comparison.


Kindy 2023 & 2024 – We will be interviewing for Kindy 2023 classes this term and accepting applications for Kindy 2024. **If your child is born between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019, they are eligible to attend Kindy in 2023.** Applications are available from the office or online.

Notes/Emails to Parents – **1.** Hot Cross Buns & VIP Car Park Raffle Fundraisers Email **2.** COVID 19 FAQ for Parents Email **3.** Outside School Hours Care Positive Case Email

Unwell Children - **Please do not send your children to school if they are unwell, this is a directive from Health Department. We have sent many unwell children home already this week.**

P&F News – So much news this week! Firstly, thank you to our wonderful P&F for the new junior basketball hoops. The P&F Baker's Delight Hot Cross Bun fundraiser is on again. Purchase yummy Baker's Delight hot cross buns on CDFPay to be delivered on the last day of term, Friday 8 April. \$2 from every pack will be donated to our school. Don't forget to get your Easter Raffle tickets on CDFPay (closing 3 April) and drop your easter egg donations into the office by Friday 1 April. Also, the VIP parking spot is being raffled again for Term 2. Please purchase your tickets on CDFPay. If you haven't used CDFPay before or are having trouble login in, please contact Mrs Teasdale in the office.

Unwanted Soccer/Football Boots – If you have any soccer/footy boots that are in good condition that you no longer need, please donate them to our PE Department. The only sizes that are required are sizes 6 – 9.

 OSHClub Assumption provides before and after school care for your children in a safe and caring environment. We are located on the school grounds in the demountable building. Upon arrival, please phone 0432337624 for staff to let you in. OSHClub hours are 7am – 9am and 2:30pm – 6pm. You can obtain more information from www.oshclub.com.au or call 1300 395 735.