

CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK : 16TH – 22ND MARCH

This week we are celebrating cultural diversity at Wellsprings, and generally in the community too.

To appreciate cultural diversity, we need to understand what culture means.

Our Culture includes our food customs, our religious practices, our celebrations, the way our society operates- its order and expectations, our language and our laws. It also includes style of dress and traditional costumes.

Our Culture gives us a sense of identity, a set of values and gives meaning to our lives. It is something to be proud of and to value highly.

Cultural Diversity is the quality of diverse or different cultures.

It means having different cultures respect each others differences.

It is the variety of human societies in a region.

One of the indicators of cultural diversity is how many languages are spoken in a region. In Dandenong that number is 170!

UNESCO says that Cultural Diversity is the common heritage of humanity.

It believes it is as vital as biodiversity, to the well-being of the human race.

Over time some aspects of culture may be changed or become universal, in a new location. As we share new ideas and new technologies, similarities develop in our societies.

A TASTE OF HARMONY

A Taste of Harmony is an annual week which celebrates cultural diversity, by inviting all Australians to share their food and culture at work, or wherever they gather to socialize or learn.

It is an opportunity to taste food from other cultures, learn about another culture, and to celebrate our origins or background.

This is a wonderful way to taste something new, and learn more about your friends and classmates.

Australians love to eat out, and they love to try new restaurants

The theme is "Cook up some Harmony".

So that is our inspiration this week – try something new, share something new, celebrate who we are.

Please encourage your participants to bring a small plate of something from their cultural menu to share at your break time with a cuppa.

We will be doing this each day of the week & Tutors are requested to please promote this in your class. We also encourage you to please display cultural arts & crafts

