



## St Bernadette's Primary School, Lalor Park

### HARMONY DAY 2018

Dear Parents,

On **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, St Bernadette's will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students are invited to wear **orange** or an item of **traditional clothing** of their culture to promote Harmony Day for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to Caritas Australia.

The day will proceed as follows:

- 9.10-9.40: A short liturgy will be held in the hall after the morning bell. This will be a time to reflect on what Harmony Day is and what it represents. Parents are welcome to stay and participate.
- 9.40-10.00: Councillor Moninder Singh will be our guest speaker. He is a member of the Blacktown City Council and the director of SydWest (Blacktown Branch). More information about SydWest is included below.
- 10.00-11.00: Students will return to their classes for Harmony Day activities. They will be shown a stimulus on 'Belonging/Diversity' and complete a written activity based on the stimulus.
- 11.00-11.30: Recess
- 11.30-1.30: Students will complete their written task and be shown different cultural books/stories. They will then begin their 'Harmony Day' artwork.
- 1.30-2.15: Fiesta lunch!  
Parents are welcome to volunteer to assist a stall during this time or to engage in the activities (such as the annual piñata). We encourage parents to also bring food from their own culture to share with their children. Please ensure all students have lunch packed in their bags.  
**Please note that no food can contain nuts, and any foods containing eggs needs to be displayed.**
- 2.15-3.10: Students will return to class to complete their artwork for the remainder of the afternoon.

We look forward to seeing you join our celebration.

Thank you

Miss Barrak  
Class Teacher



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Dear Parents,

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, St Bernadette's will be celebrating Harmony Day. Traditionally, Harmony Day is a day of celebration and cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. As St Bernadette's, we are lucky to have so many families from various cultures and origins, and to celebrate the school is going to engage in a day full of cultural celebration and fun to promote multiculturalism.

This is an invitation for any parent volunteers that would be interested in volunteering their time during the Harmony Day Liturgy or bring food/activities to support the Fiesta Lunch.

Possible jobs during the Harmony Day Liturgy will include reading Prayers of the Faithful in your own or traditional language or performing a traditional song or dance from your culture.

We are also asking groups of parents to participate in the Fiesta Lunch by bringing and sharing food of their culture with the school community. **Please note that no food can contain nuts, and any foods containing eggs needs to be displayed.** We are also looking for groups of parents to provide activities during lunch such as hair braiding, traditional singing or traditional dancing to show our students.

If you and a group of parents are able to come together to host a particular element of your culture, please fill out the attached form and return it to Miss Barrak no later than **12<sup>th</sup> of March**.

You must have completed the child protection training on line if you wish to help on the day. If you have any questions regarding Harmony Day, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards  
Miss Barrak

### HARMONY DAY - Volunteer Request Form

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am willing to volunteer with:

(Please indicate which of the following you would like to volunteer with)

- Harmony Day Liturgy
- Harmony Day Fiesta Lunch

I am willing to help/ volunteer by:

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Please contact me on: \_\_\_\_\_

Other parents such as \_\_\_\_\_ are also willing to help me to form a group.

I have completed the child protection on line training module Yes / No

Thank you! **Please return to Miss Barrak (Stage 1 Gold) by 12<sup>th</sup> March.**



## Connecting Cultures. Building Community

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*“We are a leading community organisation helping people of all cultures to become empowered through direct services and representation”*

SydWest Multicultural Services is a leading community organisation helping and empowering people of all cultures in Greater Western Sydney. Their aim is to connect and empower individuals and families and build a harmonious multicultural community. They also run many events throughout the year such as Refugee Week and cover all matters of cultural diversity.

They assist people who are vulnerable and most in need, with their diverse programs ranging from aged care and disability services to case management for new arrivals, information sessions and support groups. SydWest provide people with the tools they need to integrate into the Australian community with enthusiasm and positivity. Their values include diversity, respect, integrity, passion and innovation.

There are locations in Blacktown, Mt Druitt and Penrith.

### **For more information:**

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