

Stories from schools celebrating Harmony Day:

Harmony Day was celebrated at *St Paul's in Mildura* on Friday, March 23. The day focused on inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony day is important as almost half of Australians were born overseas or have a parent who was. People from more than 200 countries make up our Australian community and 300 languages are spoken in our homes.

St Paul's is a culturally diversity community with students from many nations, this brings a richness to our everyday lives and enhances our community in countless ways. Harmony Day was a day to celebrate and acknowledge the rich cultural diversity in our own community.

he students at St Paul's were invited to wear to school the Harmony Day colours of orange and yellow or could choose to wear their traditional dress. The day was planned and run by the Student Representative Council and the Student Leaders and included the students engaging in lessons about inclusiveness and cultural diversity in their classrooms, a recess food stall and afternoon liturgy.

To celebrate Harmony Day the students from the Student Representative Council organized a food stall which sold foods from around the world, they provided a variety of foods from Tonga, Pakistan, Samoa, Israel, Greece, Italy, Turkey, Afghanistan, India and China. We ended the day with a short liturgical celebration. During the liturgy students who came to school in traditional dress were invited to parading this for the school.

Overall, it was a wonderful day organized by the student body for the school community to highlight the richness that cultural diversity brings.

Naomi Kennedy – Deputy Principal





St Joseph's College, Mildura is enriched by the diverse heritage of its staff and students and they took the time to celebrate Harmony Day as part of Cultural Diversity Week at lunch on Thursday March 22.

Many student helpers served up a BBQ lunch, icy poles and milkshakes, whilst the music department entertained the crowds on a perfect day in the quadrangle.

We were all proud to be raising awareness, celebrating Harmony Day and working together to raise money for Project Compassion.

Sophie Cook - College Development Officer

