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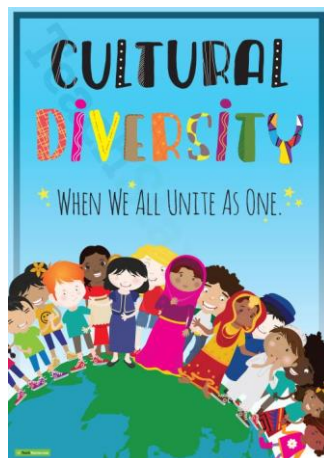
on **Tuesday 20th March**, Oakleigh South Primary School will once again be celebrating national **HARMONY DAY**.

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country - from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. The message of Harmony Day is *Everyone Belongs!* It is a day to celebrate our country's diversity and a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

OSPS welcomes families from over 43 different backgrounds. In recognition of all the different cultures that make our school community so wonderful, we are inviting all students to wear the colour **orange** on **Tuesday 20th March**.

Why do we wear orange? Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day because traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. By wearing something orange you can show your support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

This is a 'free' casual dress day, with no gold coin donation required. The aim of Harmony Day is to recognise and enjoy what makes us all different. It's about inclusiveness and a sense of belonging for everyone.



45% of Australians are either born overseas or have a parent who was

