

METELLA ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Harmony Week 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

Harmony Week celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. It is a day for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. The central message for Harmony Week is that 'everyone belongs'. Metella Road Public School will be celebrating Harmony Week **Tuesday, 21 March 2023 (Term 1 Week 9)**. Harmony Week also coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Harmony Week celebrations

On the day, students will spend time with their class completing activities that communicate the importance of cultural diversity. Students are also encouraged to wear orange clothing or accessories (e.g. hats, ribbons, socks etc.). The colour orange represents Harmony Week and helps to show support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia. No gold coin donation will be required.

Calendar for Cultural Diversity Artwork Competition

This year, our artwork competition will focus on creating artworks for the Calendar for Cultural Diversity.

The Calendar for Cultural Diversity promotes intercultural understanding, cultural and linguistic diversity, community harmony and social inclusion across NSW public schools and their communities.

Students will be invited to create artworks that reflect the 2024 theme of 'Our Voices'. Each year, the calendar for cultural diversity includes an inset on the relevant lunar year, and its Australian zodiac equivalent, on the inside cover. 2024 is the Lunar Year of the Dragon / Dragon Lizard. Students are also able to create artworks based on this theme.

Students can complete their artworks individually or in groups.

The four winning entries will be the four artworks that our school will submit for possible inclusion in the 2024 calendar.

Artwork competition winners will be chosen based on the rubric and artwork specifications

Artwork should:

- reflect the Harmony Week theme 'Our Voices' and/or the Lunar Year Dragon / Dragon Lizard.
- include a brief description of their artwork and how it links to the theme and an explanation of how and why the artwork techniques, forms and styles were used.
- be **A3 (297 x 420mm)** or **A2 (420 x 594mm)** size for reproduction purposes
- be the work of a single student or a group of students

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Possible techniques, forms and styles may include (and are not limited to):

- drawing, cartooning or sketching - using pencils, inks, felt pens, charcoal, pastels or crayons
- photography and digital media - using apps, computer software, digital or other cameras for photography
- mixed media - collage, photo montage
- 3D - sculpture, textiles, fibre, installations using found or other objects and materials
- painting - watercolour, watercolour, oil, acrylic or gouache paints, sgraffito
- printmaking - etching, monoprinting, linocuts, collagraph, or bas relief.

Students should consider their use of artmaking practices and qualities such as:

- line, shape and form
- proportion, space and perspective
- colour – light and dark and shading
- texture
- repetition and patterns
- points of interest and emphasis
- signs and symbols and so on.

Entries will be due to Mrs Dullak, Miss Moulakas, Miss Gatt or Mrs Hands by Tuesday, 14 March 2023 (Week 8) with the entry form (attached to this note) so that entries can be judged and awarded. Late entries will not be accepted.

Please be aware that winning entrants will require a separate permission to publish form to be completed for the Department of Education should their entry be selected for the calendar.

Awards will be presented to the winning students at the K-6 Assembly held on Tuesday, 16 May 2023 (Term 2 Week 4) at 12:30pm.

We look forward to celebrating our cultural diversity and taking a stand against bullying with our community!

Mrs S. Dullak
Harmony Week Coordinator

Mr P. D'Ermilio
Principal

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Calendar for Cultural Diversity 2024 Artwork Competition Entry Form

Name: _____

Class: _____

Artwork medium: (e.g. painting, drawing, mixed media): _____

Our Voices or *Lunar Year of the Dragon / Dragon Lizard* – what is your entry about? (50 – 75 words)

Permission to Publish:

- I have previously given permission to publish to Metella Road Public School for my child.
- If not, I will complete a permission to publish form at the office.**

N.B. Permission to publish is a yes or no response, and includes publishing in the newsletter, Facebook and on social media sites, the school website and other media outlets. Students must have permission to publish to enter this competition.

Parent / Carer signature

Date

***Remember, entries must be A3 or A2 size and completed by the student/s.
Return to Mrs Dullak, Miss Moulakas, Miss Gatt or Mrs Hands by
Tuesday, 14 March 2023 (Week 8).***

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