

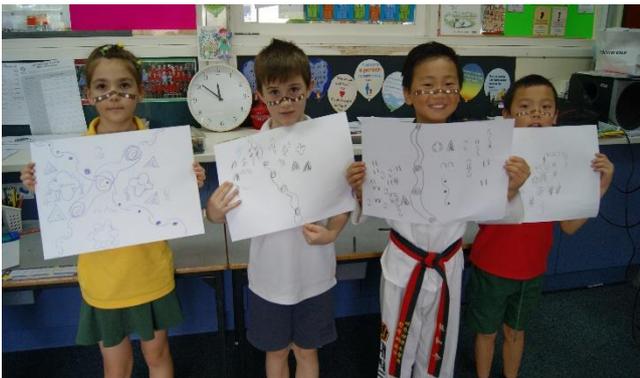
Multicultural Day 2019



On Wednesday, 20 March, 2019 the whole school celebrated 'Harmony week' with our annual 'Multicultural day'. This year we were lucky enough to have Cultural Infusion's 'Aboriginal for a Day' program at our school. The program enabled students to develop a new and authentic understanding of the rich and ancient traditions of Australia's first inhabitants in a highly interactive, engaging and entertaining way.

The day started with a welcome, an introduction to the Aboriginal for a day program and tribal face painting. We met our leaders Big Al (Alan), Azlan (Azza) and Tristan (Pancake)

who come from the Noongar tribe of the Margaret River.



Students then rotated through three rotations; Aboriginal art, storytelling/cultural history and dance.

In the art session, students explored the various symbols used by the Aboriginal people and created their own tribal maps.

In the storytelling rotation Big Al told traditional Aboriginal stories in an engaging and interactive way.

In the dance group students learnt a traditional Weitj (emu) and Warlitj (eagle) dance. The Weitj dance was learnt and performed by the boys, the Warlitj dance by the girls. Students learnt some history about the didgeridoo and heard Azza demonstrate how to produce authentic Aboriginal sounds.



Before lunch students participated in our annual multicultural day parade. Students came in wonderful costumes representative of their cultures. It was evident that a lot of thought and effort went into the costumes which was fantastic to see, well done to everyone!

At the conclusion of the parade students went back to their classrooms and enjoyed their chicken and chips lunch orders and an ice cream treat!

After lunch we were treated to a closing celebration that included a song and dance performance by Alan, Tristan and Azlan (with the help of some of our students). Azza dressed up and painted his body with the traditional Noongar tribe dress and paint whilst Big Al played the clap sticks and Pancakes showed off his skills on the Didgeridoo. Our school leaders Jun and Ava even got to perform their own solo performances with the help of Azza and Pancakes.



Multicultural day 2019 was a fantastic success. Students gained a wealth of knowledge on the Aboriginal culture and had lots of fun in the process. Once again, the day demonstrated the wonderfully diverse yet collaborative community we have at Belle Vue Primary School. As a community we lead by example what it means to live harmoniously in a multicultural community. Students, staff and parents should be proud of the successful day it was. Thank you to everyone for their contributions.

Multicultural day 2019 is certainly one we will not forget!

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