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## Working together in Harmony – Celebrating Harmony Day 2017

Today is officially recognised as Harmony Day cross Australia and the Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO) encourages school communities to take this time to reflect and celebrate the diversity of our nation.

“Our country is diverse in many cultures; we have a rich blend of languages, foods, music, dance, tradition and faiths. No more evident is that than in our public schools, that open their doors to all” stated Phillip Spratt, President

“Our school playgrounds and classrooms are ideal places to celebrate these differences and develop a deep understanding and respect for the diversity. It should be embedded in daily practice and focused on today”

Schools across the country are celebrating in many ways – through storytelling, cooking, sports, dance, are and sharing differences. Participating in Harmony Day gives school communities time to show cultural respect for everyone who has made Australia their home – from our traditional owners to those who have come from the many lands around the world.

“We know schools communities across Australia are taking the time today to share each other's story; be inspired by the journey and celebrate the traditions. Its way we can learn and gain a greater understanding” he concluded

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