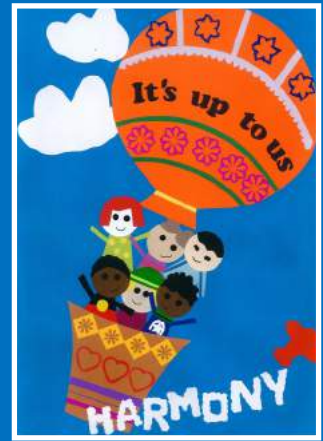
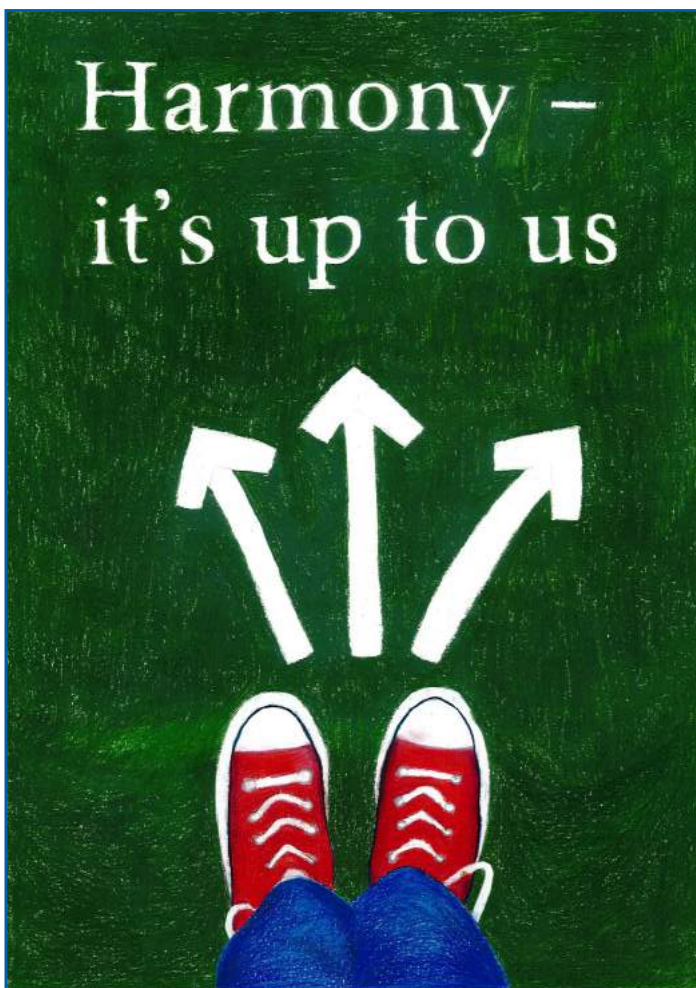




Moving Forward Together



Poster and Song Writing Competition—2019



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Have we learnt from the past? Unfortunately, not enough if any!



Moving Forward Together has been established with the vision of not dwelling on the past, leaving the baggage behind – as much as possible – and looking forward towards a positive future.

When we look at the situation globally – we may even have gone backwards. The United Nations concept as good as the intentions were, have failed to stem the flow of self-interest, power grab, and voted on party line or alliances. Syria and Libya being prime example.

Only the Humanitarian aid that they organise and give countries a window to meet and talk, justifies their existence. Having 65 Million refugees in the world is a very poor advertisement for their efforts.

There are conflicts and little wars all over the continents. The media sensationalise these, focuses very little on the positives. Some self-interests benefit from the negatives instead of looking at the benefits of peace and harmony. Let us consider the costs of security and rebuilding – all this could be channelled to remedies – the disenfranchised, sick and needy.

Our optimistic outlook is that most people are decent law-abiding citizens and deserve a fair go – and believe that light will gradually overcome darkness has paid off. With a small team of dedicated volunteers, we managed to promote the positives, kindness and consideration we are working on and the believe that we can breach the gap.

Our Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions reached new heights in 2019. The topic of *“Harmony It’s Up to Us”* was very well identified by the school students in their presentations. We have great talent out there. It made our efforts all the more fulfilling..

Our Harmony Walks held in Blacktown and Merrylands reached local and broader communities .

Hundreds of people from Blacktown and other parts of Sydney turned out for the colourful Moving Forward Together Festival Celebrating International Mother Language day and the Harmony Walk.

This was followed by the Harmony Day Harmony Walk with school students held in Merrylands.

Currently we are a Walk in August that will be incorporated into the cultural diversity at the Macarthur Multicultural Children’s Festival

Our Vice Regal Patronage was confirmed by the new Governor, Her Excellency, Margaret Beazley.

We know we have a long way to go in our task to make people realise the benefit and need *“that kindness, consideration for others, love compassion and harmony will bring to our planet, nationally as well as globally”*

Ernie Friedlander OAM

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Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions Prizegiving Ceremony

This ceremony, to reward students from all over the state for their excellent posters and songs on the theme of “Harmony, it’s up to us”, took place on the afternoon of June 19 in the theatre of Parliament House Macquarie St. Speakers included: the Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian MLA; Nell Lynes Leader, Multicultural Education in the NSW Department of Education; Christopher Sullivan, the Deputy Official Secretary to the Governor of NSW who read a message from the Governor of NSW, the Honourable Margaret Beazley AO QC; Dr Marjorie O’Neill MP, Member for Coogee, representing the Acting Leader of the Opposition Penny Sharpe MLC; our own Ernie Friedlander and, perhaps

most importantly, our State Wide winners: Song Writing Competition State winner ; Poster Competition State Junior Section winner, and Poster Competition State Senior Section winner.

Students travelled from as far afield as Wilcannia in the west and Bega in the south to attend. Each prize-winning poster was projected on the large screen as the awardees received their prize. Third and second placegetters in the song writing competition performed their songs live and the state winner put together a wonderful video of a performance of the song.

The large audience found the sincerity and beauty of the posters and songs

and the messages they conveyed simply breathtaking. The 45 who received certificates and awards on the day are only the tip of the iceberg – throughout the state there were nearly 4000 student poster artists and 90 student composers who all thought deeply about harmony in our society and expressed their feelings in art and song.

After the ceremony the winners, their parents and teachers and the members of Moving Forward Together enjoyed refreshments and conversation together in the foyer.

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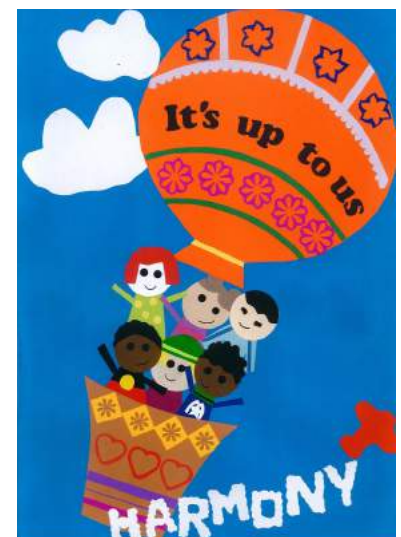
State Senior Winner poster



Premier of NSW, Gladys Berejiklian MLA handing Winning certificates to the Poster Competition State Winners; Junior and Senior



State Junior Winner poster





Dr Marjorie O'Neill MP, Member for Coogee, representing the Acting Leader of the Opposition Penny Sharpe MLC handing certificates to winners of the Song Writing Competition (2nd)



Nell Lynes Leader, Multicultural Education in the NSW Department of Education handing certificates to winners of the Song Writing Competition (3rd)



Christopher Sullivan, the Deputy Official Secretary to the Governor of NSW handing certificates to students receiving Highly Commanded awards for Juniors



John Sidoti, Minister for Sport, Multiculturalism, Seniors and Veteran handing certificates to students receiving Regional Winners awards for Seniors



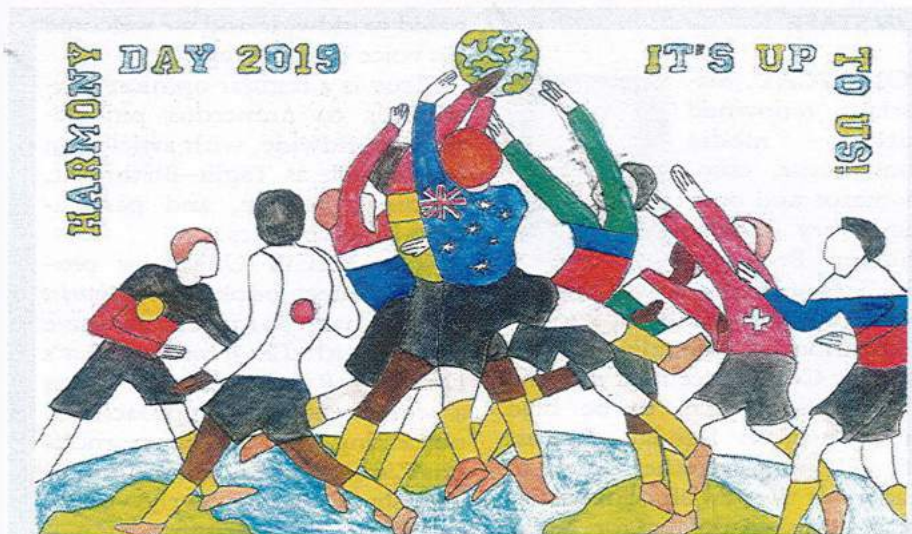
Scott Farlow MLC, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasurer and Leader of the House in the House in the Legislative Council Handing a Certificate of Appreciation to Kerri O'Neill Project Officer – EAL/D and New Arrivals Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay for the support from in St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School.



Ernie Friedlander OAM, President of Moving Forward Together handing certificates to students receiving Highly Commanded awards for Seniors

Posters from the 2019 Poster Competition

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MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Harmony posters draw in students

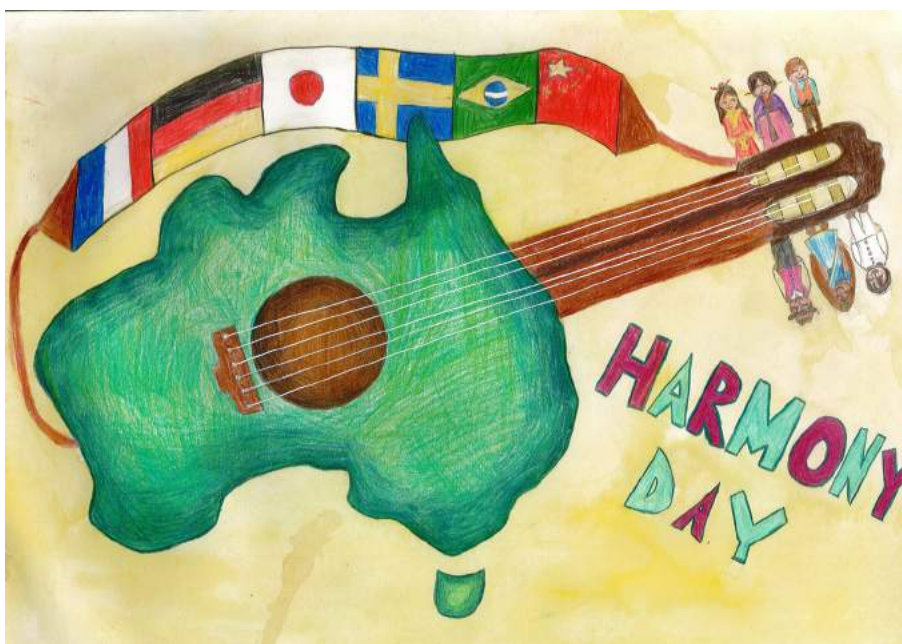
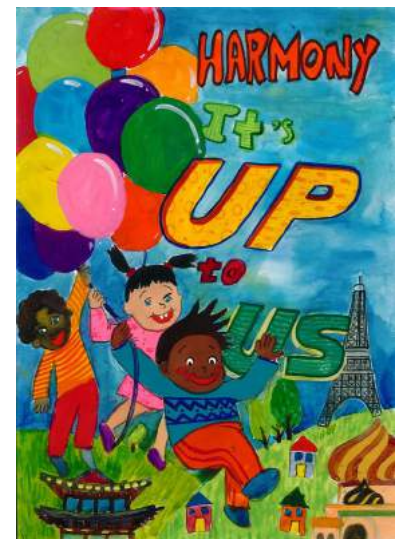
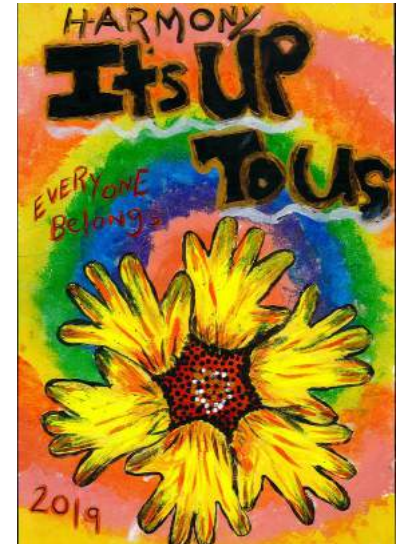
ERNIE Friedlander, president of the Moving Forward Together Association and a B'nai B'rith NSW stalwart, has described the quality of the 3500 entries in this year's Harmony Day school poster and song-writing competitions as "the best display since they were introduced in 2006".

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian personally presented awards to the primary and secondary individual and school winners at a reception last month at NSW Parliament House, which Friedlander said "left wonderful memories ... in what was a most uplifting event".

"[The students'] expressions on this year's theme – Harmony is Up to Us – were extremely well-executed."

The schools category was won by St Therese's, a community school in remote Wilcannia that has just 29, mostly Indigenous, students.

The annual Harmony Day competitions aim to develop and celebrate creativity in school students, motivated by a desire to work towards a more peaceful and inclusive society.





St Theresa's Community School, Wilcannia

St Therese's is a small school in remote Wilcannia. The school, formerly known as the 'Mission School' has an enrolment of 29 students most of whom are of the Paakantji People.

To encourage engagement and high achievement the school introduced the Stronger Smarter program— students are grouped across stages into small learning groups for History, Geography, Science and the Arts.

This term we have been exploring different ways to create collage – each student decorated a felt hand shape to represent themselves. In the next session they used sewing techniques to create a 3D person.

After we saw the poster competition for Harmony Day it was decided that we could incorporate our work into a 'Poster' that represents that we are individuals, each with our own unique 'style' but together we make a special community where we each have a responsibility to work together to live in harmony and 'BE STRONG – SMART and DEADLY

We hope you will consider our community entry.

Helene Boller

Religious Education Coordinator



"I would like to thank you and all the people who organised the Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competition and the beautiful day yesterday at NSW Parliament House. My son was the Junior State Winner and it was so exciting for him and his family.

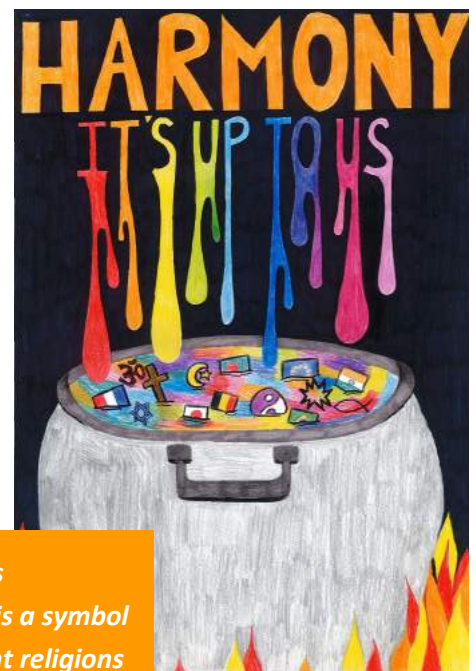
My son presented the \$500 cheque for his school to the principal and his teacher this morning and they were so excited and happy to receive such a large amount of money and excited for My son.

Thank you everyone, the work you do is invaluable."

Mother of Junior State Winner

"My Harmony Day poster has many different elements symbolising harmony. For example the orange colour is a symbol of harmony and the melting pot is a symbol of different religions and countries mixing together"

High school student



Poster Competition 2019 Results - High Schools

State Winner Georgia-Lee Ball Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School

Regional Winner

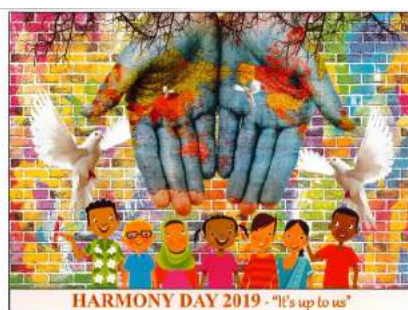
Northern NSW	Alex Wang	Armidale High School
Southern NSW	Denise Nzovu	Warrawong Intensive English Centre (WIEC)
North Sydney	Hellen Wang	Hornsby Girls High School
West Sydney	Georgia-Lee Ball	Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School
South West Sydney	Rachel Seo	Concord High School
Sydney	Jenna Yun	Burwood Girls High School

Regional Runner Up

Northern NSW	Jorja Cohen	Armidale High School
Southern NSW	Meiying Wu	Warrawong Intensive English Centre (WIEC)
North Sydney	Jiho Baek	Pacific Hills Christian School
West Sydney	Claudia Gill	Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School
South West Sydney	Monica Xu	Strathfield Girls High School
Sydney	Suenna Jeong	St George Girls High School

Highly Commended

Western NSW	Charlotte Manton	West Wyalong High School
North Sydney	Bryan Ko	Epping Boys High School
North Sydney	Jasmine Patanjali	Mount Saint Benedict College
West Sydney	Caroline Lee	Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta
South West Sydney	Sarah Al Helfy	Birrong Girls High School
Sydney	Angelina Sims	Eileen O'Connor Catholic College
Sydney	Skevos Tsangaris	Eileen O'Connor Catholic College
Sydney	Anthea Arvanitellis	Sydney Girls High School



Sponsors

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Poster Competition 2019 Results - Primary Schools

State Winner	Dhani Maksum	Orchard Hills Public School
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Regional Winner

Northern NSW	Deepanwita Mahata	New Lambton South Public School
Western NSW	Whole School	St Therese's Community School, Wilcannia
Southern NSW	Tyler Cunning	Eden Public School
North Sydney	Claudia Lee	Tangara School For Girls
West Sydney	Dhani Maksum	Orchard Hills Public School
South West Sydney	Min Zhi Jin	Harcourt Public School
Sydney	Jayden Hong	Woollahra Public School

Regional Runner Up

Northern NSW	Anastasia Forster	Belmont North Public School
Western NSW	Millie Jones	St Mary's Catholic School, Wellington
Southern NSW	Shakaya Aldridge	Eden Public School
North Sydney	Claire Shin	Pacific Hills Christian School
West Sydney	Joelle Jung	Carlingford West Public School
South West Sydney	Ivy Kim	Strathfield South Public School
Sydney	San Lee	Fort Street Public School

Highly Commended

Northern NSW	Marina Chamberlain	Hillsborough Public School
Western NSW	Lennox Bennet	St Mary's Catholic School, Wellington
Southern NSW	Clarice Howe	Bulli Public School
North Sydney	Yeon Hee Emma Kim	Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School, Chatswood
North Sydney	Younghoon Jung	Newington College Lindfield
West Sydney	Francis Jang	Korean Catholic Language School
South West Sydney	Jack Lee	St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Concord
South West Sydney	San Kang	Homebush Public School
Sydney	Ruby Levitt	Reddam House, Woollahra

Song Writing Competition 2019 Results

First Prize	-	<i>Name withheld by request</i>
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Joint Second Prize	Teresa Chen	Strathfield Girls High School
	Christine Chung	Strathfield Girls High School
	Hayley Chau	Strathfield Girls High School

Joint Third Prize	Coco Batu-Sampson	Reddam House
	Jet Batu-Sampson	Reddam House

Winner of Song Writing Competition

1st Place: *It's up to us*

Verse;

Yeah harmony day yeah it's up to us to stand together as a nation you know it's not about skin colour or race racism is not the case. So it's up to us to reunite we can do it together and stop the fight. And I know we all got different religion but we all got to respect them we should ban all the deadly weapons. It's up to us to make to make people feel safe in a place of worship we should do it now trust me it's worth it. Yeah racism no one deserves it. All them families that lost their love ones yeah every day I pray all the race should come together that's why there is a thing called harmony day we should be able to trust so come on everybody it's up to us.

Chorus;

I know we can work it out. It's up to us.

Verse2;

At the end of the day were all just human we just got to stop what we're doing. Thousands of people went to war to give us the freedom we deserve do it for them. And I know we all have different ways but going through terror attacks is like going through an endless maze. We got so many worlds collide now we got to pick sides and that's not right. We all bleed the same I want people to see this song and remember my name so it's up to us to say no more I'm sick to core that this is still going on it's up to us that's the point of this

song. Nothing can't go wrong unless we stick together have a conversation and talk about the weather. I hear people talking about racism but I don't want to hear this but saying no more yeah that's on my wish list. We all just got to respect each other you know we all come from a mother I hear about a shootout like dame not another. When is it ever going to end I hope everybody gets the message I send so it's up to us.

Chorus;

I know we can work it out it's up to us

(Repeat chorus a few times)
It's up to us x7 times

2nd Place: *Together As One*

INSTRUMENTAL

verse

holding hands
working together
we all have the same worth
all the same since birth
adult or youth
girl or boy
forget about the colour of your skin
together we can make harmony

chorus

it's up to us
no one can change this world but us
it's up to us
you and I let's make the change
March 21, together as one

making this world a better place
singing our song, the day to belong
let's come together in harmony

INSTRUMENTAL

verse

No matter where you come from
Your heart in time with the drum
No matter what they say
Nothing gets in the way
Push away the discrimination
There's no time to waste
Let's inspire the entire nation
Today, its time

INSTRUMENTAL

bridge

We're always gonna' be together
Because we're always gonna' laugh
with each other
It's gonna be us forever
Let's love and come together

chorus

it's up to us
no one can change this world but us
it's up to us
you and I let's make the change
March 21, together as one
making this world a better place
singing our song, the day to belong
let's come together in harmony



Celebrate cultural diversity at the Macarthur Multicultural Children’s Festival

Following its enormous success last year, the Macarthur Multicultural Children’s Festival is back on Sunday 25 August 2019.

Children are invited to celebrate our city’s cultural diversity with a fun day out, hands-on activities and non-stop entertainment.

“The Children’s Festival celebrates the wonderful strength, richness and diversity of our many cultures. It also celebrates the binding ties of friendship and community which unites us as Australians” – His Excellency The Hon. David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor General.

Families coming together at Koshigaya Park from 10.30am to 4.30pm can participate in variety of activities and displays, enjoy stage and roaming entertainment, learn new things, and sample food from across the globe.

Now in its 21st year, the Children’s Festival has been recognised as the premier event in Sydney City’s annual Living in Harmony calendar and one of the most popular annual events in the Bankstown region.

Festival Director Brian Laul, said that the Macarthur Multicultural Children’s Festival was a great way to bring the community together, and to highlight the importance of cultural diversity.

“The Festival is an opportunity to learn about different cultures by enjoying traditional performances, sampling food and understanding more about a friend’s culture by getting involved in the many activities,” he said.

Through participation from various community groups, language and mainstream schools, the Festival aims at building peace and cohesion across our multicultural society and inspiring people with a wonderful vision of a vibrant, diverse and harmonious community.

The Festival is happy to collaborate with Moving Forward Together to conduct its unique Harmony Walk at 3pm. This initiative of Holocaust survivor Ernie Friedlander is committed to creating a better understanding among all sectors of the community for a vision of living in harmony.

The Children’s Festival was founded by a Vietnamese refugee Thuat Nguyen OAM who had the vision that “children who played together lived together in harmony”. It is a registered not-for-profit body run entirely by volunteers.

“Multicultural NSW is pleased to offer its ongoing support to the important work of the Children’s Festival Organisation. The Festival truly symbolises the diversity we are proud to embrace in our multicultural society” – Dr. G K Harinath, Chairperson, Multicultural NSW.

The idea has been received with nothing but great enthusiasm from local community & business leaders as well as the media. We look forward to working with you to once again bring this unique event to the children of our region.

For further details call (02) 4626 7777 or email macarthurchildrensfestival@hotmail.com



Macarthur Multicultural children's festival 2019

**FREE
ENTRY**



**Sun 25th August | 10.30am - 4.30pm
Koshigaya Park, Campbelltown**

CULTURAL SCAVENGER HUNT

OBSTACLE COURSE

COSPLAY CORNER

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

CRAFT & GAMES

COSTUME PARADE

FOOD & MARKET STALLS

**HARMONY WALK (3pm)
Moving Forward Together**



Celebrating with NRL Harmony Day Festivals

The NRL's Harmony Day Festival has been a huge success. It welcomes all community members to join the NRL and its community partners in Celebrating Australia's diversity through rugby league. The Harmony Day Festivals provide a great opportunity for the NRL to stand alongside young leaders and the wider community to celebrate cultural diversity and the values shared by the NRL.

The NRL League in Harmony program focuses on developing respect for others as well as, promoting social responsibility as a means to encourage greater cohesion within our community.

At the celebrations of the 2019 Harmony Day the League in Harmony in NSW, the participating

youth groups were joined by the Hon. Ray Williams MP, former NSW Minister for Multiculturalism, Joseph La Posta – CEO Multicultural NSW, Ernie Friedlander OAM – Chair Moving Forward Together Association and James Boland – Rudder – NRL Head of Government and Community Relations as part of the Harmony Day Celebrations in Western Sydney.

The Harmony Day celebrations were held after the tragic attack in Christchurch. There was a minute of silence during the opening ceremony to commemorate the lives lost. The event consisted of a non-competitive NRL Touch Football tournament, girls, boys and mixed draw. The NSW event also offered come – and – try Wheelchair

Rugby League. Off the field the Festival included a Harmony walk, performance by diverse multicultural groups DJs, shared BBQ lunch and rugby league activities.

The Moving Forward Together, Harmony Walk has been incorporated into these celebrations. This year 11 Harmony Walks were held in NSW, QLD & VIC during NRL Harmony Day celebrations. The NSW ones were held at the Merrylands Oval where over 300 League in harmony youth participated. All guests participating in the event took part in a traditional Harmony Walk as part of the Celebrations.

Yona Cass

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In the picture: Jaymes Boland-Rudder-NRL Head of Community and Government Relations, Joseph La Posta, CEO-Multicultural NSW, Ernie Friedlander OAM -Chair Moving Forward, Ray Williams MP- Former NSW Minister for Multiculturalism, Uncle Greg Simms-Local Aboriginal Elder Junior Paulo, Parramatta Eels NRL player

