

Friday 19th June 2026

Kia ora Whānau,

We are so excited to announce that we have Cultural Celebrations Week during Term 2, Week 11, and we would like your help to make it truly special! The dates are Monday 29th June - Friday 3rd July.

Our school community is wonderfully diverse, and this is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn, share, and celebrate the rich tapestry of cultures that make us who we are. We are inviting parents, caregivers, and whānau to lead a lunchtime workshop sharing something from your culture. This could be:

- 🎨 An art or craft activity
 - 💃 A dance or movement session
 - 🎭 A cultural performance or demonstration
 - 🖼️ A display of meaningful objects, clothing, or treasures from your culture
 - 🍴 A food tasting or cooking demo
 - 💬 Storytelling or language introduction
- ... or any other wonderful idea you have!

We are planning to have a lunchtime workshop on Monday - Wednesday during lunchtime (29th, 30th June & 1st July), so something exciting is happening each day for our students to enjoy and interact with!

Monday - Wednesday: Lunchtime cultural workshops

- **Junior lunchtime workshops 12:40 - 1:15**
- **Senior lunchtime workshops 1:30 - 2:05**



THURSDAY 2nd JULY: Cultural Dress-Up Day & Shared Lunch!

Thursday is our big community day! Students (and staff!) are warmly encouraged to come dressed in their own traditional cultural dress or to celebrate another culture they love and want to honour. We will have shared lunches happening in classes and phases, bringing everyone together over kai and conversation. More details on shared lunch arrangements to follow from your child's teacher.

How to get involved

If you would love to share your culture with our students, we would be thrilled to hear from you! Please get in touch with:

- Your child's Classroom Teacher (for Primary and Intermediate students)
- Myself directly (for Secondary students)

Please let us know what you'd like to do, your preferred day, and how long you'd need. Workshops can be as short as 15 minutes or as long as a full lunchtime, whatever works for you. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to share!

Ngā mihi nui,

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