



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have great news! Our school has recently been awarded a YELLOW FLAG for promoting inclusion and celebrating diversity at school. The yellow flag helped us and our community to

- learn more about our own culture and the culture of others
- value and celebrate the different cultures we have in Holy Family Junior School
- learn more about treating people fairly

We will have two days of celebration for our yellow flag.

- On Thursday the 3rd of March our school will meet remotely on zoom with five other yellow flag schools to celebrate our achievement at national level.
- Before this, on Friday the 18th of February we will have a special day of celebration with the children at school.

The children are working hard to get ready for this special day on the 18th February. They have been practicing different languages. They are completing beautiful artwork and they are learning a song about how special we all are. I would like to thank you for supporting your child with this preparation. You may have already helped them to create flags, practice different languages and you may have even listened to their song about diversity. On Friday the 18th of February we would love the children to dress in traditional costumes or to wear their national colours to school. Thank you for helping with this.

Below are some of the activities the children can look forward to:

Show and Tell

Please give your child something small that represents their culture. They will **show** it to their class and **tell** them all about it.

Flag Raising

We will have a flag raising ceremony; during the ceremony each class will greet the school in a different language. The children will sing their diversity song *'We are so proud of our school'* and weather permitting they will have a chance to dance to music from around the world.

Story Time

Age-appropriate stories promoting inclusion and celebrating diversity will be read to the children by a guest teacher from another classroom.

Surprises too!

We have also organised one or two surprises for the children. We're going to keep them a secret until the day!



Unfortunately, due to ongoing Covid protocols we cannot invite you to join us on this occasion. We will however share lots of photos on Seesaw and Facebook so that you can see what we get up to on the day!

Yours Sincerely,

Miriam Lowe

Principal