HARMONY DAY celebrations took place at Southern Cross Primary School on Wednesday 19th March, 2014. All students, staff and many of the parent community participated generously to make this day a great success! Our special guest was Mr John Keyser, our Regional Senior Advisor. He thoroughly enjoyed the celebration and was most impressed by the beautiful luncheon.

The message of Harmony Day is ‘Everyone Belongs’. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity and cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

Participation in Harmony Day activities helps us learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a happy and enriching place to live.

Students actively engage in Harmony Day through classroom activities in the morning followed by a feast of cultural food representing many of our countries of origin. After lunch we held a special whole school assembly with presentations, where students spoke highly about their cultural heritage, how everyone belongs, and cultural diversity. There were also cultural dances and the singing of cultural national anthems.

Thank you again for the huge, scrumptious feast prepared by our inspirational CHaTS Group and other parents who contributed towards this colourful and eventful day. The day ended by everyone singing the Australian national anthem conveying a feeling of pride for our country Australia which we all call home.

Angeline Singh.