

CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY

On Sunday, August 21, nearly three hundred people from the communities of Emmaus Catholic Primary School Mt Clear, St Alipius Parish Ballarat East and other faith groups from across Ballarat and beyond gathered in Wayaperri -Emmaus for a meal together. Prior to the gathering for lunch many attended Mass at St Peter and Paul, Buninyong.



The premise of the gathering was based on a growing movement where small groups of ordinary citizens have banded together to meet, greet and get to know people of other ethnic, faith and cultural backgrounds. Upon hearing of the concept two members of the Emmaus Community Leadership Team, Kara Meyer and Anna Sims enthusiastically embraced the concept and Sunday was the net result of their efforts.

The gathering was sensational!! The food was superb, the children's presence from Emmaus was a delight, especially the South Street Choirs. However, the highlight of the day was the gathering of people of Christian, Hindi and Muslim faith backgrounds!!

Special thanks to Anna and Kara, wonderfully supported by Jen Graham and Lucy O'Beirne, other representatives of the Community Leadership Team and the many, many other mums who worked tirelessly to make Sunday a brilliant celebration of our diversity!

Well done and thank you all!

Brendan Maher – Principal

