

11th March 2020



RE: Cultural Diversity Week celebrations – advice regarding Holi celebration colour challenge

Dear Parent/Carer,

Next week (16-20th March), BSSC will be hosting activities on each day to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week (CDW). We encourage all students to get involved in what is set to be a week of fun celebrations.

As part of the CDW activities, BSSC is holding a Holi celebration. Holi is considered as one of the most revered and celebrated festivals of India, and often named 'the festival of love' where people unite together forgetting all resentments and all types of bad feeling towards each other. The vibrancy of colours brings positivity and each colour carries a meaning e.g. red powder symbolises love.

The Holi festival at BSSC will be held next Tuesday the 17th of March, at lunch time, within a grassed, fenced area near the Ulumbarra Plaza.

All students are invited and encouraged to participate in this hour of endless rainbows, laughs and good times with friends and fellow students.

Suggestions for a happy and fun Holi festival:

- All Holi participants are encouraged to wear an old white top
- Old shoes and clothes (as the colour powder can get in grooves and lighter coloured clothes)
- Do not wear contact lenses. We encourage everyone to wear sunglasses, or goggles -not only will everyone look way more cool, but it will greatly reduce the chances of colour getting in the eyes. (However, the colour is non-toxic. A simple rinse with water will take care of it.)
- Anyone with asthma, any other breathing issues or allergies to corn/maize starch, should not participate in the colour challenge.
- First Aid will be available.
- Mobile phones may get coloured- so best to keep away and we will take photos for you!!!
- A bandana or dust mask covering mouths, is a good option as well
- All loose colour must be shaken off prior to entering any part of the school
- Students transiting home in the family car are advised to also have a good shake down, change clothes or line car seats with garbage bags. Ponchos will be available for students who require them.

Extra Details about the Colour Powder from the providers (Australian Fundraising Specialists)

- The vibrant colours are made up of Corn starch, and colour.
- Colour safety information: Approved for colour runs for children and adults.
Hazardous Components: None

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Non Hazardous Components:

- 9005-25-8 Cornstarch 98%
- The exact ingredients depend on the product variety but may include: Acid Blue 9, Acid Yellow 23, C.I.

Food Yellow 3 and C.I. Food Red 14.

These dyes are present at <2% and are considered non-hazardous.

- To avoid/minimize staining:
 - Vigorously shake out all powder before having a shower, or throwing your clothes in a wash.
 - Blondes are very susceptible to getting coloured hair. Shower caps will be available for students who require them.

If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to contact Kylie Hand or Jess Neale on 5443 1222.

Yours sincerely



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