

## Celebrations and commemorations



People celebrate days or events that are important to them. Most families have their own special days that they celebrate throughout the year.

### How do we celebrate or remember?

There are many different ways to celebrate or commemorate events. Some celebrations involve thousands of people, while others involve just a few family members and friends. There are certain traditions that go with some celebrations, such as eating special lucky foods for Chinese New Year.

Religious or remembrance events often take place in special venues, such as churches or war **memorials**.

We celebrate our cultural **diversity** with parades and festivals. Sporting teams often celebrate the end of their sporting season. And we celebrate just about anywhere – at home, in gardens, on streets or at restaurants.



A Chinese New Year parade



People in towns and cities all over the country celebrate Australia Day.

### Why do we celebrate?

We celebrate for many different reasons. Celebrating with others can make us feel happy and connected with other people.

We celebrate to remember events such as birthdays. Many people also like to celebrate the things that are special in their lives, such as their religion or their culture.

Australians love celebrating as a nation. We also remember important people and events from the past.