Into the melting pot

By Paul Pickering

BERWICK Primary School became a multicultural melting pot earlier this month, as students dressed up in their best global garb to celebrate the diversity of their local community.

Having studied multiculturalism as part of their term one curriculum, grade one students got the chance to display their creativity with a Multicultural Day parade on Thursday, 13 March.

"Over 120 grade ones and even their teachers - came dressed in costumes representing either their own culture, places they've visited or of countries they dream of," school spokeswoman Casey White said.

Parents and friends came along to witness the kaleidoscope of colours and costumes.

"It was a successful celebration of the many cultures that live and work together to make Australia such a great place to be," Ms White said.

"It was as good as a world trip."

On the same day, some of the older students chose to participate in Crazy Hair Day, a statewide initiative that raises money to support Victorians living with Cystic Fibrosis.

By inventing their own crazy hair styles, the students helped to raise awareness about the most common genetically inherited killer of young Australians today.

Their gold coin donations provided valuable support for the cause, with a total of $832 being raised on the day.

Right: Young Declan donned his best French costume for Berwick Primary School's Multicultural Day parade.

Below: Grade one students Matthew, Tarawat, Tayla and Aiden were among the best dressed.

Below right: Berwick Primary School students, clockwise from bottom left, Georgia, Shereen, Sam, Chloe and Alec helped raise awareness and funds for Cystic Fibrosis Victoria on Crazy Hair Day.