

## **In Focus: Hume-Moreland Area Sharing Food and Culture at Hume Valley**

Hume Valley School is an F-10 school in Dallas that caters for the needs of students with mild intellectual disabilities. Recently the school hosted a very memorable event - the book launch of *What in the World is for Dinner?* The book features recipes and stories from the 24 cultures represented in the school including Aboriginal, Croatian, Samoan, Greek, Italian, Indian and Afghan.

A partnership with Dianella Health and Kids Own Publishing, the project has connected parents meaningfully to the school by inviting them to share the cultural and family story behind each recipe. The artwork was facilitated by an artist but was solely the work of the students and parents. Beyond the launch, parents will assist the food technology staff to teach the students how to learn to cook the recipes.

At the launch, Conor Hickey, Community Connections Coordinator and Di Bassett, Principal at Hume Valley School thanked Dianella Health's Population Team for funding the project and for their guidance around developing culturally inclusive policy and practice.

Through the *What in the World is for Dinner?* project, the school has invited and welcomed parent participation in a truly special way by connecting with parents own lives and voices. The Project is a great example of the power that parent and community partnerships have to enhance student learning, social inclusion and openness to others.

Click on this link to see a short video about the *What in the World is for Dinner?* project: <https://1drv.ms/v/s!AtjF2as6pDROgP8BHE16wzn-fSRIBw>