



# Why celebrate our Great Grains at Tempy?

## What are the Great Grains?

When you eat food products made from cereals (like wheat, or oats), or pulses (like lentils or chick peas) or oilseeds (like canola), you are eating a 'Great Grain'.

Our toasting glasses are full of different types and varieties of 'great grains'.

## Why did we think we should celebrate them for National Science Week 2014?

Most of the children and parents at the Tempy celebration came from farming families. The children thought that 'celebrating our great grains' was important "to make people aware of what farmers grow" and "because what they grow is 'cool'".

The most common reason this group had for celebrating this in National Science Week was that Science has provided these grains as foods:

- We eat them.... and they "taste good", and are "great foods". eg Wheat is in our bread, noodles, and breakfast cereals. Barley is in soups and beer. Legumes as pulses is in soups and stews.
- to make beer (barley)
- to make oil (canola)
- to make stock feeds for animals (hays and seeds/grains), so we can eat the animals as meat!
- and they help feed other people in the world to save the world from hunger

We also celebrate plant breeding science which has tailored these great grains:

- to suit growing in the land here
- and to suit the needs of export markets around the world
- so improving our export opportunities

We celebrate in this, the agricultural sciences for great grains, which have provided

- knowledge for the farmers on how to grow these plants for foods
- And that makes us our money!

Facilitator Jeanie Clark, said "It was great to see that some of the older and more experienced children could share their knowledge about the grains with the group, especially about food products in which they are used and in identifying crops on their farms from the samples of seed varieties."



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