

SPECIAL DAYS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2023

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

QUALITY AREA 1: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND PRACTICE		
1.1.3	Program learning opportunities	All aspects of the program, including routines, are organised in ways that maximise opportunities for each child’s learning.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SPECIAL DAYS

The United Nations has declared 2023 as the **International Year of Millets - Building momentum.**

<https://media.un.org/en/asset/k1h/k1h0tqi7qq>

JANUARY

1 -7	Gantan Sai	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2064.html
1	New Year’s Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.timeanddate.com/holiday/s/australia/new-year-day
5	National Bird Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://nationaltoday.com/national-bird-day/
14	International Kite Festival	EYLF Outcome 2	https://utsav.gov.in/view-event/international-kite-festival-1
14 – 23	Aboriginal Cultural Showcase	EYLF Outcome 2	Follow on Facebook @AboriginalCulturalShowcase. https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/arts/aboriginal-cultural-festivals
22	Chinese New Year	EYLF Outcome 2	https://chinesenewyear.net/
17	Kid Inventors’ Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.kidinventorsday.com
26	Australia Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.australiaday.org.au
28	International Lego Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.daysoftheyear.com/days/international-lego-day/

FEBRUARY			
1 – 28	Heart Kids National Awareness Month	EYLF Outcome 3	www.heartkids.org.au
1 – 28	Sustainable Living Festival	EYLF Outcome 2	www.slif.org.au
1	World Read Aloud Day	EYLF Outcome 5	https://www.litworld.org/worldreadaloudday
2	World Wetlands Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-wetlands-day
4	World Cancer Day	EYLF Outcome 3	www.worldcancerday.org
5-6	Tu B'Shevat	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/3264/jewish/15-Shevat.htm
6	Waitangi Day	EYLF Outcome	https://publicholidays.co.nz/waitangi-day/
7	Safer Internet Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.esafety.gov.au/safer-internet-day
11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	EYLF Outcome 5	www.coolaustralia.org https://scienceandtechnologyaustralia.org.au/international-day-of-women-and-girls-in-science/
12 – 14	Sweetheart Day	EYLF Outcome 3	www.sweetheartday.org.au
13	National Apology Anniversary	EYLF Outcome 2	www.healingfoundation.org.au
14	Valentine's Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Valentines-Day
17	Carnival - Rio De Janeiro	EYLF Outcome 2	https://blog.amphy.com/what-is-the-rio-de-janeiro-carnival-and-why-is-it-celebrated/
20	World Day of Social Justice	EYLF Outcome 3	www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday/
21	International Mother Language Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day
21	Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.natgeokids.com/au/discover/geography/general-geography/shrove-tuesday-facts/
22	World Thinking Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.worldthinkingday.org/en/home
28	Summers Day	EYLF Outcome 2	http://www.summersday.com.au/

MARCH			
CHOOSE A DATE			
	Crazy Hair Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.crazyhair.com.au
2	World Book Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.worldbookday.com
3	Girl's Day – Japan	EYLF Outcome 2	https://gogonihon.com/en/blog/hinamatsuri-girls-day-in-japan/
3	World Hearing Day Australia	EYLF Outcome 2	www.deafnessforum.org.au/world-hearing-day/
3	World Wildlife Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.wildlifeday.org
3	Schools Clean Up Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.cleanup.org.au/get-involved-as-a-school-or-youth-group
4-12	Sea Week	EYLF Outcome 2	www.aeee.org.au/seaweeek/
5	Clean Up Australia Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.cleanup.org.au
7	Holi	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.prokerala.com/festivals/holi.html
15 – 21	Harmony Week	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	www.harmony.gov.au
17	St Patrick's Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://nsw.childcarealliance.org.au/blog/714-st-patrick-s-day
17	National Close the Gap Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.closingthegap.gov.au/national-agreement/targets
20	International Day of Happiness	EYLF Outcome 1	www.dayofhappiness.net
11-21	Cultural Diversity Week	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	https://culturaldiversityweek.vic.gov.au
20	World Story Telling Day	EYLF Outcome 5	https://internationalstoryteller.com/world-storytelling-day/
21	World Poetry Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/
21	International Day of Forests	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.un.org/en/observances/forests-and-trees-day
22	World Water Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.un.org/en/events/waterday/
23	Ramadan Begins	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Ramadan
24	National Ride2School Day	EYLF Outcome 3	www.ride2school.com.au
26	Purple Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.epilepsy.org.au

25	Earth Hour	EYLF Outcome 2	www.earthhour.org
26	Neighbour Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.neighbourday.org

APRIL			
2	International Children’s Book Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.ibby.org/awards-activities/activities/international-childrens-book-day/?L=0
2	World Autism Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/events/autismday/
6 – 16	Nature Play Week	EYLF Outcome 2	http://natureplayweek.org.au
7	Good Friday	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.catholic.org/lent/friday.php
9	Easter Sunday	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.whyeaster.com/customs/festivals.shtml
12	International Day of Human Space Flight	EYLF Outcome 4	www.un.org/en/events/humanspaceflightday/
13	Songkran Festival	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.asiahighlights.com/thailand/songkran-festival
14	Baisakhi – Sikh (Harvest Festival of North India)	EYLF Outcome 2	www.baisakhifestival.com
20-25	Food Allergy Awareness Week	EYLF Outcome 3	www.allergyfacts.org.au www.myfoodallergyfriends.com
21	Kindergarten Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.cute-calendar.com/event/kindergarten-day/13546.html
21-22	Eid al-Fitr	EYLF Outcome 2	https://theconversation.com/what-is-aid-al-fitr-and-how-do-muslims-celebrate-it-6-questions-answered-118146
22	Earth Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.earthday.org
25	Anzac Day	EYLF Outcome 2 EYLF Outcome 4	www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/anzac-day
28	Pay It Forward Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.payitforwardday.com

MAY			
TBC	Outdoor Classroom Day	EYLF Outcome 1	https://outdoorclassroomday.com
1-7	National Family Day Care Week	EYLF Outcome 1	https://www.familydaycare.com.au/promoting-you/fdcweek
4	International Star Wars Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.starwars.com/news/the-history-of-may-the-4th
5	Cinco De Mayo	EYLF Outcome 2	https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/cinco-de-mayo
5	Day of Vesak (Day of the Full Moon)	EYLF Outcome 4	www.un.org/en/events/vesakday/
7-13	Int'l Composting Awareness Week	EYLF Outcome 2	www.compostfoundation.org/icaw
13	World Migratory Bird Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.worldmigratorybirdday.org
14	Mother's Day	EYLF Outcome 1	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother's Day
15	International Day of Families	EYLF Outcome 1	www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-of-families
15 - 21	National Families Week	EYLF Outcome 1	http://nfw.org.au
20	World Bee Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/
23	World Turtle Day	EYLF Outcome 4	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World Turtle Day
24	Simultaneous story time	EYLF Outcome 4 & 5	https://www.alia.org.au/Web/Web/Events/NSS/ALIA-National-Simultaneous-Storytime-2022.aspx
25	Starlight Day	EYLF Outcome 3	www.starlightday.org.au
26	National Sorry Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.reconciliation.org.au/national-sorry-day-2020/
27 May-3 June	National Reconciliation Week	EYLF Outcome 2	www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/

JUNE			
3	Mabo Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.takver.com/history/ph_maboday.htm
3	Saltwater Freshwater Festival	EYLF Outcome 2	www.saltwaterfreshwater.com.au/festival/
5	World Environment Day	EYLF Outcome 2	http://worldenvironmentday.global
8	World Oceans Day	EYLF Outcome 2	http://worldoceansday.org
18-24	National Refugee Week	EYLF Outcome 1	www.refugeeweek.org.au
15	Global Wind Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.globalwindday.org
20	World Refugee Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.un.org/en/events/refugeeday/
21	World Music Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://makemusicaustralia.org.au/
22	World Rainforest Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.worldrainforestday.org/
27	National Sunnies Day	EYLF Outcome 3	http://nationalsunglassesday.com/sunglasses/

JULY			
TBA	National Pyjama Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.nationalpyjamaday.com
2-9	NAIDOC Week	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	www.naidoc.org.au
3	Asalha Puja Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asalha_Puja
10-16	National Diabetes Week	EYLF Outcome 3	www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/news/national-diabetes-week/
11-15	Naadam festival	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.toursmongolia.com/tour/mongolia-naadam-festival-tour
14	Matariki	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.newzealand.com/au/matariki/
14	Bastille Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bastille_Day
29	Schools Tree Day (Planet Ark)	EYLF Outcome 2	www.treeday.planetark.org/schools

30	Int'l Friendship Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.un.org/en/events/friendshipday/
31	National Tree Day (Planet Ark)	EYLF Outcome 2	www.treeday.planetark.org

AUGUST			
1 – 7	Dental Health Week	EYLF Outcome 3	www.dentalhealthweek.com.au
4	National Aboriginal & Torres Islander Children's Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://aboriginalchildrensday.com.au
5	Jeans for Genes Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.jeansforgenes.org.au
9	Int'l Day of the World's Indigenous People	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/
11	Red Nose Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://rednose.org.au
12	Int'l Youth Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/events/youthday/
12	World Elephant Day	EYLF Outcome 2	http://worldelephantday.org
12-20	National Science Week	EYLF Outcome 2 & 4	https://www.scienceweek.net.au/
19-25	Children's Book Week	EYLF Outcome 4	www.cbca.org.au/cbca-book-week
25	Daffodil Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.daffodilday.com.au
30	La Tomatina	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.tomatofestivalspain.com/

SEPTEMBER			
TBC	National Superhero Week (Bear Cottage NSW)	EYLF Outcome 1	www.superheroweek.com.au
TBC	Child Protection Week	EYLF Outcome 3	www.napcan.org.au/get-involved-2021/
1 - 30	Save the Koala Month	EYLF Outcome 2	www.savethekoala.com/how-to-help/save-koala-month
1 – 7	Asthma Week	EYLF Outcome 3	https://asthma.org.au/get-involved/asthma-week/
3	National Flag Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.australianflag.org.au
3	Father's Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/father-day
6	Early Childhood Educators Day	EYLF Outcome 1	https://earlychildhoodeducatorsday.org.au

7	Indigenous Literacy Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au
8	Int'l Literacy Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://nsw.childcarealliance.org.au/blog/570-international-literacy-day
14	R U OK? Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.ruok.org.au
24	World Rivers Day	EYLF Outcome 4	http://worlddriversday.com
30	World Maritime Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.un.org/en/events/maritimeday/

OCTOBER			
TBC	Children's Week	EYLF Outcome 1	www.childrensweek.org.au
TBC	National Nutrition Week	EYLF Outcome 3	www.nutritionaustralia.org
TBC	National Superhero Week (Muscular Dystrophy Australia)	EYLF Outcome 2	https://superheroweek.org.au
4-10	World Space Week	EYLF Outcome 4	www.worldspaceweek.org
4	World Animal Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.worldanimalday.org.uk
5	World Teachers' Day (Aust)	EYLF Outcome 1	https://worldteachersday.edu.au
17 – 23	National Water Week	EYLF Outcome 2	www.awa.asn.au/national-water-week
17 – 23	Aussie Backyard Bird Count	EYLF Outcome 4	http://aussiebirdcount.org.au
21	Loud Shirt Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.loudshirtday.com.au
29	Grandparents Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.grandparentsday.nsw.gov.au
29	Day for Daniel	EYLF Outcome 3	https://danielmorcombe.com.au
31	Halloween	EYLF Outcome 2	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween

NOVEMBER			
TBC	Outdoor Classroom Day	EYLF Outcome 1	https://outdoorclassroomday.com.au/
TBC	Orang-utan Caring Week	EYLF Outcome 4	http://orangutancaringweek.com
Date TBA	National Recycling Week (Planet Ark)	EYLF Outcome 2	http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/about

2	Dia De Muertos	EYLF Outcome 2	https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/day-of-the-dead
7	Melbourne Cup Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.onlymelbourne.com.au/melbourne-cup-day
11	Remembrance Day	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/remembrance
11	World Origami Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://origamiusa.org/wod
13	World Kindness Day	EYLF Outcome 1	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Kindness_Day
20	Universal Children's Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day

DECEMBER			
3	Int'l Day of People with Disabilities	EYLF Outcome 2	www.idpwd.com.au
8 – 24	Christmas Appeal (Kmart Wishing Tree)	EYLF Outcome 2	www.kmart.com.au/kmartwishingtree
8	Hanukkah	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/chanukah/article_cdo/aid/102911/jewish/What-Is-Hanukkah.htm
10	Human Rights Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day
11	Int'l Mountain Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.fao.org/forestry/internationalmountainday/en/
18	Int'l Migrants Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday/
25	Christmas Day	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas
26	Boxing Day	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	http://encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com/Boxing+Day
31	New Year's Eve	EYLF 2	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Year%27s_Eve