

SPECIAL DAYS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2024

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 & SPECIAL DAYS			
The United Nations has declared 2024 as the International Year of Camelids			
JANUARY			
1	New Year’s Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/new-year-day
4	World Braille Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.un.org/en/observances/braille-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
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/
TBC	Aboriginal Cultural Showcase	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/arts/aboriginal-cultural-festivals

FEBRUARY			
1 – 29	Heart Kids National Awareness Month	EYLF Outcome 3	www.heartkids.org.au
1 – 29	Sustainable Living Festival	EYLF Outcome 2	www.slf.org.au
2	World Wetlands Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-wetlands-day
6	Waitangi Day	EYLF Outcome	https://publicholidays.co.nz/waitangi-day/
6	Safer Internet Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.esafety.gov.au/safer-internet-day
7	World Read Aloud Day	EYLF Outcome 5	https://www.litworld.org/worldreadaloudday
10	Chinese New Year	EYLF Outcome 2	https://chinesenewyear.net/
11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	EYLF Outcome 5	https://www.un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day/assembly
13	National Apology Anniversary	EYLF Outcome 2	www.healingfoundation.org.au
13	Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.natgeokids.com/au/discover/geography/general-geography/shrove-tuesday-facts/
14	Sweetheart Day	EYLF Outcome 3	www.sweetheartday.org.au
14	Valentine's Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Valentines-Day
21	International Mother Language Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day
28	Summers Day	EYLF Outcome 2	http://www.summersday.com.au/

MARCH			
1	Schools Clean Up Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.cleanup.org.au/get-involved-as-a-school-or-youth-group
2-10	Sea Week	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.aeee.org.au/seaweek/events/seaweek-2024/
3	World Hearing Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.deafnessforum.org.au/world-hearing-day/
3	World Wildlife Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.wildlifeday.org
3	Clean Up Australia Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.cleanup.org.au

4	World Obesity Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.worldobesityday.org/
8	International Women's Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://unwomen.org.au/get-involved/international-womens-day/
10-8 April	Ramadan	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Ramadan
11-21	Cultural Diversity Week	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	https://culturaldiversityweek.vic.gov.au
15-19	World's Greatest Shave	EYLF Outcome 2	https://worldsgreatestshave.com/
17	St Patrick's Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://nsw.childcarealliance.org.au/blog/714-st-patrick-s-day
20	World Oral Health Day	EYLF Outcome 3	https://www.worldoralhealthday.org/
20	International Day of Happiness	EYLF Outcome 5	https://www.dayofhappiness.net/
18-19 April	A Taste of Harmony	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.tasteofharmony.org.au/
21	Harmony Day	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	https://nationaltoday.com/harmony-day/
21	International Day of Forests	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.un.org/en/observances/forests-and-trees-day
21	National Close the Gap Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.closingthegap.gov.au/national-agreement/targets
21	World Poetry Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.britannica.com/story/world-poetry-day
22	World Water Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.un.org/en/events/waterday/
22	National Ride2School Day	EYLF Outcome 3	www.ride2school.com.au
23	Earth Hour	EYLF Outcome 2	www.earthhour.org
25	Holi	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.prokerala.com/festivals/holi.html
26	Purple Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.epilepsy.org.au
29	Good Friday	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.britannica.com/topic/Good-Friday
31	Easter Sunday	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.whyehaster.com/customs/festivals.shtml

APRIL			
2	World Autism Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/events/autismday/
12	International Day of Human Space Flight	EYLF Outcome 4	www.un.org/en/events/humanspaceflightday/
16-17	Eid al-Fitr	EYLF Outcome 2	https://theconversation.com/what-is-eid-al-fitr-and-how-do-muslims-celebrate-it-6-questions-answered-118146
17-30	Nature Play Week	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.natureplay.org.au
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			
1-31	Miracle Month of May	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.miraclebabies.org.au/content/miracle-month-of-may/gjyo20
4	International Star Wars Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.starwars.com/news/the-history-of-may-the-4th
5	Hand Hygiene Day	EYLF Outcome 3	https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-hand-hygiene-day/2022
5-11	International Composting Awareness Week	EYLF Outcome 2	www.compostfoundation.org/icaw
7	Outdoor Classroom	EYLF Outcome 4	https://outdoorclassroomday.com/
11	World Migratory Bird Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://migratorybirdday.org/
12	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
18	Outdoor Classroom Day	EYLF Outcome 1	https://outdoorclassroomday.com
19	Pirate Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.pirateday.com.au/

20	World Bee Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.worldbeeday.org.au/
22	International Mother Earth Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.un.org/en/observances/earth-day
22	Simultaneous story time	EYLF Outcome 4 & 5	https://www.alia.org.au/Web/Web/Events/NS/ALIA-National-Simultaneous-Storytime-2022.aspx
23	World Turtle Day	EYLF Outcome 4	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Turtle_Day
23	Starlight Day	EYLF Outcome 3	www.starlightday.org.au
25	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/
26	National Sorry Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.reconciliation.org.au/national-sorry-day-2020/
26-1 June	Food Allergy Week	EYLF Outcome 3	https://allergyfacts.org.au/faw
27-3 June	National Reconciliation Week	EYLF Outcome 2	www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/
TBC	National Family Day Care Week	EYLF Outcome 1	https://www.familydaycare.com.au/promoting-you/fdcweek

JUNE			
3	World Bicycle Day	EYLF Outcome 3	https://www.un.org/en/observances/bicycle-day
3	Mabo Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.takver.com/history/ph_maboday.htm
5	World Environment Day	EYLF Outcome 2	http://worldenvironmentday.global
8	World Oceans Day	EYLF Outcome 2	http://worldoceansday.org
15	Global Wind Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.globalwindday.org
16-22	National Refugee Week	EYLF Outcome 1	www.refugeeweek.org.au
21	World Music Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://makemusicaustralia.org.au/
21	International Day of Yoga	EYLF Outcome 3	https://www.un.org/en/observances/yoga-day

21	National Pyjama Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.nationalpyjamaday.com
22	World Rainforest Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.worldrainforestday.org/
28	Matariki	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.newzealand.com/au/matariki/

JULY			
4-11	NAIDOC Week	EYLF Outcome 1 EYLF Outcome 2	www.naidoc.org.au
12	National Diabetes Week	EYLF Outcome 3	www.diabetesaustralia.com.au/news/national-diabetes-week/
14	Bastille Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.littlepassports.com/blog/world-holidays/bastille-day/
21	Asalha Puja Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asalha_Puja
26	National Tree Day (Planet Ark)	EYLF Outcome 2	www.treeday.planetark.org
29	Crazy Hair Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.crazyhair.com.au
30	Schools Tree Day (Planet Ark)	EYLF Outcome 2	www.treeday.planetark.org/schools
30	International Friendship Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.un.org/en/events/friendshipday/

AUGUST			
1-7	World Breastfeeding Week	EYLF Outcome 3	https://www.breastfeeding.asn.au/world-breastfeeding-week-2023
2	Jeans for Genes Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://fundraise.jeansforgenes.org.au/
4	National Aboriginal & Torres Islander Children's Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://aboriginalchildrensday.com.au
4-10	Dental Health Week	EYLF Outcome 3	https://ada.org.au/fdi-launches-its-new-three-year-world-oral-health-day-campaign-theme
9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/events/indigenousday/
10-18	National Science Week	EYLF Outcome 2 & 4	https://www.scienceweek.net.au/
12	International Youth Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/events/youthday/
12	World Elephant Day	EYLF Outcome 2	http://worldelephantday.org

15	Red Nose Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://rednose.org.au
17-24	Children's Book Week	EYLF Outcome 4	www.cbca.org.au/cbca-book-week
31	Daffodil Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.daffodilday.com.au

SEPTEMBER			
1	Father's Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/father-day
3	National Flag Day	EYLF Outcome 1	https://www.pmc.gov.au/honours-and-symbols/australian-national-symbols/australian-national-flag/flag-network/2023-09-03
4	Early Childhood Educators Day	EYLF Outcome 1	https://earlychildhoodeducatorsday.org.au
4	World Rivers Day	EYLF Outcome 4	http://worlddriversday.com
5-11	Child Protection Week	EYLF Outcome 3	https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-theme/
7	Indigenous Literacy Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au
8	International Literacy Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Literacy_Day
12	R U OK? Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.ruok.org.au
22	World Car Free Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/world-car-free-day-22-september-great-opportunity-reduce-air-pollution
27	Save the Koala Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.savethekoala.com/
28	World Maritime Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.un.org/en/events/maritimeday/
TBC	National Superhero Week (Bear Cottage NSW)	EYLF Outcome 1	www.superheroweek.com.au
TBC	Asthma Week	EYLF Outcome 3	https://asthma.org.au/get-involved/asthma-week/

OCTOBER			
1-31	National Safe Work Month	EYLF Outcome 3	https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/national-safe-work-month
4	World Animal Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.worldanimalday.org.uk
4-10	World Space Week	EYLF Outcome 4	www.worldspaceweek.org

5	World Teachers Day (Aust)	EYLF Outcome 1	https://worldteachersday.edu.au
6	World Smile Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://schoolofkindness.org/world-smile-day
10	World Mental Health Day	EYLF Outcome 3	https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day
18-27	Children's Week	EYLF Outcome 1	www.childrensweek.org.au
21	Loud Shirt Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.loudshirtday.com.au
25	Day for Daniel	EYLF Outcome 3	https://danielmorcombe.com.au
25	World Teachers' Day (Aust)	EYLF Outcome 1	https://worldteachersday.edu.au
27	Grandparents Day	EYLF Outcome 1	www.grandparentsday.nsw.gov.au
31	Halloween	EYLF Outcome 2	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween
TBC	National Nutrition Week	EYLF Outcome 3	www.nutritionaustralia.org
TBC	National Superhero Week (Muscular Dystrophy Australia)	EYLF Outcome 2	https://superheroweek.org.au
TBC	National Water Week	EYLF Outcome 2	www.awa.asn.au/national-water-week
TBC	Aussie Backyard Bird Count	EYLF Outcome 4	http://aussiebirdcount.org.au

NOVEMBER			
5	Melbourne Cup Day	EYLF Outcome 4	https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melbourne_Cup
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
16-22	National Recycling Week (Planet Ark)	EYLF Outcome 2	http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/about
19	International Men's Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.internationalmensday.info/
20	World Children's Day	EYLF Outcome 2	https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day

23	Outdoor Classroom	EYLF Outcome 4	https://outdoorclassroomday.com/
TBC	Orangutan Caring Week	EYLF Outcome 4	https://orangutancaringweek.org/
TBC	Australian Food Safety Week	EYLF Outcome 3	https://www.foodsafety.asn.au/australian-food-safety-week-2023/

DECEMBER			
3	International Day of People with Disabilities	EYLF Outcome 2	www.idpwd.com.au
10	Human Rights Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/observances/human-rights-day
11	International Mountain Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.fao.org/forestry/internationalmountainday/en/
18	International Migrants Day	EYLF Outcome 2	www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday/
25- 2 Jan	Hanukkah	EYLF Outcome 4	https://www.chabad.org/holidays/chanukah/article_cdo/aid/102911/jewish/What-Is-Hanukkah.htm
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 Outcome 2	https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/common/new-year-eve