

SPECIAL DAYS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2026

Dates can be subject to change. Check associated websites before the event.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & SPECIAL DAYS

The United Nations has declared 2026 as three International Years: [International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development](#), [International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists](#), and the [International Year of the Woman Farmer](#).

JANUARY

1	New Year's Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Wikipedia – New Years Day
4	World Braille Day	EYLF Outcome 2	World Braille Day- Vision Australia
5	National Bird Day	EYLF Outcome 4	National Today – National Bird Day
17	Kid Inventors' Day	EYLF Outcome 4	Kid Inventors Day
26	Australia Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Australia Day
28	International Lego Day	EYLF Outcome 4	National Today - International Lego Day

FEBRUARY

1 – 28	Sustainable Living Festival	EYLF Outcome 2	National Sustainability Festival
2	World Wetlands Day	EYLF Outcome 2	UN World Wetlands Day
4	World Read Aloud Day	EYLF Outcome 5	Lit World
6	Waitangi Day	EYLF Outcome	Public Holidays New Zealand
10	Safer Internet Day	EYLF Outcome 4	eSafety Commissioner
11	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	EYLF Outcome 5	UN International Day of Women and Girls in Science
14	Valentine's Day	EYLF Outcome 4	Wikipedia - Valentines Day
17	Chinese New Year - Year of the Horse	EYLF Outcome 2	Chinese New Year
21	International Mother Language Day	EYLF Outcome 2	UN International Mother Language Day

28	Summers Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Summers Day
16 Feb - 18 Mar	Ramadan	EYLF Outcome 2	Ramadan 2026

MARCH			
1	Clean Up Australia Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Clean Up Australia
TBC	Sea Week	EYLF Outcome 2	Australian Association for Environmental Education
3	World Hearing Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Audiology Australia
3	World Wildlife Day	EYLF Outcome 2	World Wildlife Day
4	International Women’s Day	EYLF Outcome 2	UN Women International Women’s Day 2026
4	Holi	EYLF Outcome 1 & 2	Society for the Confluence of Festivals in India
12	Crazy Hair Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Cystic Fibrosis Crazy Hair
TBC	World’s Greatest Shave	EYLF Outcome 2	World’s Greatest Shave
17	St Patrick’s Day	EYLF Outcome 2	St Patricks Day
17	Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day	EYLF Outcome 2	National Geographic Kids
16-22	Harmony Week	EYLF Outcome 1 & 2	Department of Home Affairs
19	National Close the Gap Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Closing the Gap
19-20	Eid al-Fitr	EYLF Outcome 2	Wikipedia - Eid al-Fitr
20	Very Hungry Caterpillar Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Celebrate Very Hungry Caterpillar Day
20	International Day of Happiness	EYLF Outcome 5	UN International Day of Happiness
20	National Ride 2 School Day	EYLF Outcome 3	Bicycle Network
21	International Day of Forests	EYLF Outcome 2	UN International Day of Forests
22	World Water Day	EYLF Outcome 1	UN World Water Day
28	Earth Hour	EYLF Outcome 2	Earth Hour
26	Purple Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Epilepsy Action Australia

APRIL			
2	World Autism Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Autism Awareness Australia
3	Good Friday	EYLF Outcome 4	Wikipedia - Good Friday
5	Easter Sunday	EYLF Outcome 4	Wikipedia - Easter
11-22	Nature Play Week	EYLF Outcome 2	Nature Play Week
12	International Day of Human Space Flight	EYLF Outcome 4	UN International Day of Human Space Flight
22	Earth Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Earth Day
25	Anzac Day	EYLF Outcome 2 & 4	Australian War Memorial
28	Pay It Forward Day	EYLF Outcome 1	Pay it Forward Day

MAY			
1-31	Miracle Month of May	EYLF Outcome 2	Miracle Babies Foundation
5	Hand Hygiene Day	EYLF Outcome 3	Australasian College for Infection Prevention and Control
11-17	National Family Day Care Week	EYLF Outcome 1	Family Day Care Australia
9	World Migratory Bird Day	EYLF Outcome 2	World Migratory Bird Day
10	Mother's Day	EYLF Outcome 1	Time and Date - Mother's Day
11-17	National Families Week	EYLF Outcome 1	National Families Week
15	Pirate Day	EYLF Outcome 2	The Kids' Cancer Project
20	World Bee Day	EYLF Outcome 2	World Bee Day
22	International Mother Earth Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Un International Mother Earth Day
27	National Simultaneous Story Time	EYLF Outcome 4 & 5	Australian Library and Information Association
21	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea	EYLF Outcome 2	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
23	World Turtle Day	EYLF Outcome 4	World Turtle Day
24-30	Food Allergy Week	EYLF Outcome 3	Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia
26	National Sorry Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Reconciliation Australia

27 May-3 June	National Reconciliation Week	EYLF Outcome 2	Reconciliation Australia
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JUNE			
3	World Bicycle Day	EYLF Outcome 3	UN World Bicycle Day
3	Mabo Day	EYLF Outcome 2	What is Mabo Day
5	World Environment Day	EYLF Outcome 2	UN World Environment Programme
8	World Oceans Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Marine Stewardship Council
15	Global Wind Day	EYLF Outcome 4	www.globalwindday.org
14-20	National Refugee Week	EYLF Outcome 1	Refugee Council of Australia
21	World Music Day	EYLF Outcome 4	Make Music Australia
21	International Day of Yoga	EYLF Outcome 3	UN International Day of Yoga
22	World Rainforest Day	EYLF Outcome 2	World Rainforest Day

JULY			
5-12	NAIDOC Week	EYLF Outcome 1 & 2	NAIDOC
10	Matariki- Māori New Year	EYLF Outcome 2	New Zealand
12-18	National Diabetes Week	EYLF Outcome 3	Diabetes Australia
14	Bastille Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Wikipedia – Bastille Day
17	National Pyjama Day	EYLF Outcome 2	The Pyjama Foundation
25	Schools Tree Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Planet Ark
29	Asalha Puja Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Wikipedia Asalha Puja
29	National Out of School Hours Educator’s Day	EYLF Outcome 1	Network of Community Activities
30	International Friendship Day	EYLF Outcome 1	UN International Day of Friendship

AUGUST			
1-7	World Breastfeeding Week	EYLF Outcome 3	Australian Breastfeeding Association
7	Jeans for Genes Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Children's Medical Research Institute

4	National Aboriginal & Torres Islander Children's Day	EYLF Outcome 2	SNAICC
3-9	Dental Health Week	EYLF Outcome 3	Teeth.org.au
9	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	EYLF Outcome 2	UN International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
12	International Youth Day	EYLF Outcome 2	UN International Youth Day
12	World Elephant Day	EYLF Outcome 2	World Elephant Day
15-23	National Science Week	EYLF Outcome 2 & 4	Inspiring Australia
22-28	Children's Book Week	EYLF Outcome 4	The Children's Book Council of Australia
27	Red Nose Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Red Nose Day Australia
28	Daffodil Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Cancer Council Daffodil Day
27 July- 2 Aug	National Superhero Week (Muscular Dystrophy Australia)	EYLF Outcome 1	Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation - Bear Cottage

SEPTEMBER			
1-30	Save the Koala Month	EYLF Outcome 2	Australian Koala Foundation
1-7	Asthma Week	EYLF Outcome 3	Asthma Australia
2	Early Childhood Educators' Day	EYLF Outcome 1	Early Childhood Educators' Day
3	Indigenous Literacy Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Indigenous Literacy Foundation
3	National Flag Day	EYLF Outcome 1	Australian Government
6	Father's Day	EYLF Outcome 1	Time and Date – Father's Day
7-13	Child Protection Week	EYLF Outcome 3	NAPCAN
8	International Literacy Day	EYLF Outcome 4	Wikipedia – International Literacy Day
10	R U OK? Day	EYLF Outcome 1	R U OK?
12	World First Aid Day	EYLF Outcome 3	St John Ambulance Australia
19	International Day Talk like a Pirate Day	EYLF Outcome 1	National Today – International Talk like a Pirate Day
22	World Car Free Day	EYLF Outcome 2	UN Environment Programme
26	World Maritime Day	EYLF Outcome 4	UN World Maritime Day

OCTOBER			
1-31	National Safe Work Month	EYLF Outcome 3	Safe Work Australia
2	World Smile Day	EYLF Outcome 2	World Smile Day
4	World Animal Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Wikipedia – World Animal Day
4-10	World Space Week	EYLF Outcome 4	World Space Week
10	World Mental Health Day	EYLF Outcome 3	World Health Organisation
TBC	National Nutrition Week	EYLF Outcome 3	Nutrition Australia
23	Loud Shirt Day	EYLF Outcome 2	Loud Shirt Day
19-25	Aussie Backyard Bird Count	EYLF Outcome 4	Aussie Bird Count
24 Oct – 1 Nov	Children’s Week	EYLF Outcome 1	Childrens Week Council of Australia
25	Grandparents Day	EYLF Outcome 1	Wikipedia - Grandparents' Day
31	Halloween	EYLF Outcome 2	Wikipedia - Halloween
30	World Teachers’ Day (Aust)	EYLF Outcome 1	World Teachers Day
31	Day for Daniel	EYLF Outcome 3	Daniel Morcombe

NOVEMBER			
5	Outdoor Classroom	EYLF Outcome 4	Outdoor Classroom Day
8-15	Orangutan Caring Week	EYLF Outcome 4	Orangutan Caring Week
TBC	Australian Food Safety Week	EYLF Outcome 2	Food Safety Information Council
9-15	National Recycling Week	EYLF Outcome 2	Planet Ark
11	Remembrance Day	EYLF Outcome 1 & 2	Australian War Memorial
11	World Origami Day	EYLF Outcome 4	World Origami Day
13	World Kindness Day	EYLF Outcome 1	Wikipedia – World Kindness Day
19	International Men’s Day	EYLF Outcome 2	International Men’s Day
20	World Children’s Day	EYLF Outcome 2	World Children's Day
24	National Fairy Bread Day	EYLF Outcome 2 & 3	The Pyjama Foundation- Fairy Bread Day

DECEMBER			
3	International Day of People with Disabilities	EYLF Outcome 2	International Day of People with Disability
4-12	Hanukkah	EYLF Outcome 4	Chabad
10	Human Rights Day	EYLF Outcome 2	UN Human Rights Day
25	Christmas Day	EYLF Outcome 1 & 2	Wikipedia – Christmas Day
26	Boxing Day	EYLF Outcome 1 & 2	Wikipedia – Boxing Day
31	New Year's Eve	EYLF Outcome 2	Wikipedia – New Years Eve