

FOCUS OF THE MONTH 2025

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January</u></p> <p>1 New Years</p> <p>24 International Day of Education</p> <p>26 Australia Day</p> <p>29 Back to School Chinese New Year Lunar New Year</p>	<p>Chinese New Year, annual 15-day festival in China and Chinese communities around the world that begins with the new moon that occurs between January 21 and February 20. Educate children about New Year's celebrations worldwide, focusing on the Chinese New Year.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>February</u></p> <p>1 World Hijab</p> <p>13 National Apology Day</p> <p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>17 Random Acts of Kindness Day</p> <p>28 Ramadan Begins</p>	<p>World Hijab Day, founded by Nazma Khan in 2013, is observed annually on February 1 in over 140 countries. Its purpose is to encourage women of diverse religions and backgrounds to wear the hijab for a day, fostering understanding and raising awareness about its significance.</p> <p>Inspire children to brighten someone's day by performing a random act of kindness, such as sharing a kind word, helping a friend, or creating a thoughtful gesture for someone in need.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Autumn Begins <u>March</u></p> <p>2 Children's Day</p> <p>3 Clean up Australia</p> <p>4 Pancake Day</p> <p>5 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>10 Labour Day</p> <p>17 St Patrick's Day</p> <p>21 Harmony Day</p> <p>26 Purple Day for Epilepsy</p> <p>29 School Holidays</p>	<p>Harmony Day is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.</p> <p>Plan group activities that reflect and celebrate the meaning of Harmony Day.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>April</u></p> <p>2 World Autism Day Reconciliation day</p> <p>5 School Holidays Begin</p> <p>6 Daylight Savings Ends</p> <p>18 Good Friday</p> <p>21 Easter Monday</p> <p>22 Back to School</p> <p>25 Anzac Day</p>	<p>Autism Day focuses on raising awareness and fostering understanding of autistic individuals globally. Its goal is to create a world where autistic individuals are fully supported, valued, and celebrated. Achieving true acceptance requires collective effort and collaboration. Plan fun and interactive activities for the children to enjoy and celebrate Easter.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May</u></p> <p>12 Mother's Day</p> <p>26 National Sorry Day</p> <p>27 May–3 June National Reconciliation Week</p>	<p>National Reconciliation Week is intended to celebrate Indigenous history and culture in Australia and foster reconciliation discussion and activities. Organise activities during National reconciliation week for children.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Winter Begins</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>June</u></p> <p>2 Queen/King's Birthday</p> <p>5 World Environment Day</p> <p>7 Eid al-Adha</p> <p>29 School Holidays Start</p>	<p>Eid al-Adha is the second of the two main holidays in Islam alongside Eid al-Fitr. Celebrations and observances are generally carried forward to the three following days, known as the Tashreeq days.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July</u></p> <p>5 School Holidays Begin</p> <p>20 Back to School</p> <p>7 July to 14 July NAIDOC Week</p> <p>19 Pyjama Day</p>	<p>National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year, to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August</u></p> <p>4 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day</p> <p>7-13 Dental health Week</p> <p>9 Red Nose Day</p> <p>9-17 National Science Week</p> <p>31 Daffodil Day</p>	<p>Daffodil Day aims to raise funds and increase awareness for cancer research and support services. Organized by cancer charities, the event features the sale of daffodil flowers and various fundraising activities. The daffodil symbolizes hope and embodies the fight against cancer.</p>

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<p>Spring Begins</p> <p><u>September</u></p> <p>1-7 National Child Protection Week National Superhero Week</p> <p>7 Father's Day Indigenous Literacy Day</p> <p>11 R U OK DAY</p> <p>20 School holidays start</p> <p>26 AFL Grand Final Public Holiday</p>	<p>National Child Protection week is celebrated to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and to empower communities to take collective action. It highlights the necessity for all children to grow up in safe environments where their voices are heard and respected.</p>
<p><u>October</u></p> <p>5 School Holidays End</p> <p>25 Children's Day</p> <p>31 Halloween</p>	<p>Children's Day is an annual observance dedicated to celebrating and honoring children.</p>
<p><u>November</u></p> <p>5 Melbourne Cup Day</p> <p>11 Remembrance Day</p>	<p>Remembrance Day is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty.</p>
<p>Summer Begins</p> <p><u>December</u></p> <p>20 School holidays start</p> <p>24 Christmas Eve</p> <p>25 Christmas day</p> <p>26 Boxing Day</p> <p>31 New Year's Eve</p>	<p>Christmas is an annual celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, observed on December 25 by Christians and widely celebrated by many non-Christians worldwide.</p>