

Early Childhood Educators Day



**EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATORS' DAY**
WED 6 SEP 2023



Date:	6 th September
Duration:	Day

This Year's Theme: Planting the seeds for a better future

What is the special event?	Early Childhood Educators' Day recognises and celebrates the work of Australia's educators in early learning services for their wonderful contribution to the wellbeing and healthy development of the young children in their care. It's a chance to say thank you to Australia's early childhood educators on a very personal level by service operators, families and their children, as well as collectively at the state and national levels. This year Early Childhood Educators' Day will take place on Wednesday 6th September.
Why is it important to Keiki Early Learning?	Our amazing educators are crucial to our businesses' success, we cannot do what we do without them! Educators are responsible for delivering our promise of high-quality education and care to our children and forming strong lasting relationships with our children and families. Keiki is passionate about recognising and rewarding staff through events, professional development, and more. Every year we recognise the work of our educators on Early Childhood Educators Day at a business and service level.
What are our expectations?	Services should celebrate the day with a special morning or afternoon tea for staff. All services must email their families to provide them the opportunity to send in a few words of appreciation for the educators that care for their children. Hi Families, This Wednesday is Educators day. This day is an opportunity to show your appreciation for the amazing job the educators at Keiki do. We give our all to building supportive and loving relationships with your children, helping them to navigate playground politics, developmental milestones and encouraging their wonder and awe in the world around them. Please help me to celebrate them by sending me a couple of words of your appreciation. Thank you to those who have already emailed. Please send through a budgetly request for your morning tea budget approval. Please send staff or celebration photos through on the day to marketing@keikiearlylearning.com.au.

Activity Ideas	- Decorate the service or staff room - Have a free dress day. - Have a “super heroes for super educators” themed day! You can decorate your service with super hero party decorations and have a photo booth station with super hero props! - Hold a mini-show day with games and face-painting. - Place a red carpet in the entrance to the service to make a “walk of fame”. - Involve families and encourage them to express their gratitude - Invite families to send in a thank you video to share with educators and cooks - Create a giant ‘thank you’ card for families to write in and put it on display in the reception/greeting area of your service - Create an early childhood educator appreciation wall or ‘thank you’ tree - Provide morning/afternoon tea or lunch for the educators
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LINKING THIS EVENT TO RESOURCES AND DATA

To support educators, educational leaders and early childhood teachers we link each event with important and valuable resources that support and inform our decision making at Keiki.

How can we link this event to our Philosophy?	Core Value: Our Community We provide ongoing, high quality professional development for our teams to ensure each educator has a deep understanding of the holistic needs of each child and can reach their full potential. Core Value: The Whole Child Our highly experienced teams provide beautiful, thoughtful environments where children are invited and encouraged to make their own choices, to explore the arts, enjoy physical play, practice mindfulness and develop meaningful, positive relationships with others. What do you think – Does our philosophy need more about staff and educators?
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How does this event link to the AEDC Data?	Physical Health and Wellbeing		
	Area	At Risk	Vulnerable
	Stirling	8.9%	8.4%
	Joondalup	8.1%	5.4%
	Wanneroo	11.9%	8.2%
	Plan a special party day, enjoy dancing and music with the children, if it's a dress up day resources can be available to the children to practice those self-care actions.		
	Social Competence		
	Area	At Risk	Vulnerable
	Stirling	12.8%	6%
	Joondalup	9.6%	4.4%
Wanneroo	13.5%	7.5%	
Children need to feel safe to learn. ECE Day allows children's relationships with their educators to strengthen and provides families an opportunity to show their child that they also trust their educators. This is also a great opportunity to discuss with children how we celebrate other people.			
Emotional Maturity			
Area	At Risk	Vulnerable	
Stirling	13.3%	6.7%	
Joondalup	10.7%	4.6%	
Wanneroo	14.1%	7.2%	
Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships with educators are essential to a child's emotional wellbeing and positive developmental pathway towards emotional maturity. As above, this event is an opportunity to support children to understanding and learning how to react in this social situation. Discuss emotions that a celebration can cause, the good and the bad (such as envy). Also, discuss how our emotions effect others – I am feeling happy and I am smiling, how is it making you feel?			
Language and Cognitive Skills			

Event Fact Sheet

	Area	At Risk	Vulnerable
	Stirling	9.3%	5.6%
	Joondalup	6.9%	3.1%
	Wanneroo	11.8%	6.6%
	Each interaction we have with children stimulates their developing brain and builds the foundations for their future. Children access, refine and build on their knowledge, skills and dispositions while playing. Read books about celebrations, about early childhood educators. Write your own book with older children. Discuss with children how we can celebrate, encouraging them to voice their ideas and opinions.		
	Communication and General Knowledge		
	Area	At Risk	Vulnerable
	Stirling	11.4%	6.8%
	Joondalup	9.6%	3.5%
	Wanneroo	13.8%	7.9%
	Communication skills enable children to interact with others in their environment to express their needs, share their thoughts and demonstrate their knowledge. Talk to children about their ideas, get them to take part in planning the day. Look at photos after the event and talk to the children about what they saw and tell their story.		

How does this link to the ECA Code of Ethics?	In relation to children, I will: - negotiate children's participation in research, by taking into account their safety, privacy, levels of fatigue and interest - respect children as capable learners by including their perspectives in teaching, learning and assessment In relation to colleagues, I will: - build a spirit of collegiality and professionalism through collaborative relationships based on trust, respect and honesty - acknowledge and support the diverse strengths and experiences of colleagues in order to build shared professional knowledge, understanding and skills In relation to my profession, I will: - advocate for my profession and the provision of quality education and care.
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How does this event link to the UN Rights of the Child?	Articles: 12. Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them and to have their opinions taken into account. Please talk to the children about the Rights of the Child. Do you have it displayed in your service for the children?
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How can we link this event to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture?	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are twice as likely as other children to be developmentally vulnerable when they start school. Evidence suggests that access to high quality early education holds the greatest potential for improved outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. At Keiki we want to ensure we celebrate and appreciate our educators. By attracting and retaining the best educators, we are able to provide high quality early education for children and work towards closing the gap.
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