

World Kindness Day

(optional – requested by Mindarie Primary families)



Date:	Monday 13 th November
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What is the special event?	World Kindness Day was first introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement. This organisation was formed at a Tokyo conference in 1997 when Japan brought kindness organisations of multiple nations together and emphasised the necessity of a global kindness movement. The World Kindness Movement launched in Singapore in November 2000. Currently, over 28 countries are a part of the World Kindness Movement group. The purpose of World Kindness Day is to highlight and encourage good deeds in your community. It also serves as a reminder to all that simple acts of kindness have power and that together, we can all work to create a kinder world.
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Why is it important to Keiki Early Learning?	The families at Mindarie Primary have requested to recognise World Kindness Day at the service. At Keiki, we believe in creating an environment that includes and celebrates the diversity of our families. Families are the primary influence in their children's lives; they often have strong beliefs and values regarding the education and care of their children. When families and services collaborate and build respectful relationships, children have the opportunity to develop a positive sense of self and experience respectful relationships. As well, the child, the family and the service do not exist in isolation; they are part of a much wider community. Children benefit from services engaging with local communities because these partnerships strengthen children's interest and skills in being active contributors to their community.
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Activity Ideas	Here are some ideas to get you started. You may wish to use some of these or create your own. Take input from educators, children and families and choose activities that have meaning for your service. • Participate in acts of kindness – plan to do something kind for a person or group • Talk about ways you can show kindness to others • Create a “thank you” collage/collaborative art piece for families • Leave positive post it notes around the service for people to find • Make a surprise gift/card for families • Paint “kindness rocks” and encourage families to leave them somewhere for someone to find. 
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