

National Recycling Week
(optional – requested by Hamersley families)



Date:	13 th – 19 th November
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What is the special event?	<p>National Recycling Week, established by Planet Ark in 1996, is held every year during the second week of November.</p> <p>This year, National Recycling Week explores the idea that <i>What Goes Around Comes Around</i>. Join your community and get involved in events that will cover topics like how to reduce your food waste, how to give resources a second life, how to reduce the need for newly produced resources, and of course, recycling. We want Australians to realise that a products end-of-life is as important as its original purpose. What goes around comes around, the higher the quality of materials put into recycling, the higher the quality of products these materials become. So, be sure your recycling comes back as something more than waste.</p>
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Why is it important to Keiki Early Learning?	<p>The families at Hamersley have requested to recognise National Recycling Week at the service.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Additionally, sustainability and care of the environment form an integral part of the Keiki philosophy. As educators of the next generation, we have a responsibility to educate children, families and communities whilst embedding sustainable practices to ensure a holistic and embedded approach to change.</p>
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Activity Ideas	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcycling projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decorate used cans/containers to turn them into plant pots ○ Box construction ○ Use empty bottles to create water funnels/pathways • Participate in a toy swap for families at your service • Encourage families to use your community library • Review your service’s recycling and sustainability practices – invite families & educators to participate in this process
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