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Educator's Day

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I hope we are all ready to celebrate early childhood educators day this week and spotlight the incredible educators who make such a difference in the lives of young children every day.

Early childhood educators nurture, guide, encourage and inspire children as they learn, grow and develop. Their dedication, patience, creativity and commitment help create safe, supportive and engaging environments where every child can thrive.

To all our amazing early childhood educators — **thank you for the important work you do and the lasting impact you make.** ✨💛

Follow the link below for a set of resources to use:

 <https://earlychildhoodeducatorsday.org.au/>



Sustainability in Early Childhood

Sustainability in early childhood is about helping children develop a lifelong understanding of caring for our environment and the world around them. 🌱

In childcare settings, sustainability can be incorporated into everyday experiences — from recycling and reducing waste, to growing herbs and vegetables, saving water and energy, caring for gardens, and reusing natural or recycled materials for play and learning.

Most importantly, sustainability is about **learning through everyday actions**. When educators model environmentally responsible practices and involve children in making decisions, children begin to understand that their choices can make a difference.



Child Safety Training

The Advanced Child Safety Training (foundation 3 & 4) is now available via the Department of Education's Geccko website. This second part of the training applies to all educators, directors, ECT's and responsible persons who work with children in an early learning environment, including:

- Centre Based Day Care
- Family Day Care
- In Home Care
- Outside School Hours Care
- preschools and kindergarten

Who has to do the advanced training:

- Directors, centre managers and nominated supervisors
- Persons in day to day charge
- All educators working directly with children
- Approved Providers

This second section of the training is not required to be completed by students or volunteers as they only will need to complete the first one.

Refresher courses for both foundation 1 and 2 and the advanced course (foundation 3-5) will be required every two years. The actual details and links for the refresher courses are not yet provided but will be uploaded to the course training website when ready.

<https://www.education.gov.au/early-childhood/about/quality-and-safety/national-child-safety-training>.

Small changes can have a big impact — creating environmentally aware children who develop respect, responsibility and a genuine connection with the world they share. 🌱❤️

Some things we can do everyday to promote sustainability within our classrooms:

1. Have a three section recycling bin available
2. Turn off your classroom lights when you go outside or at rest time
3. Create a small herb and/or vegetable garden to nurture and pick the produce for your kitchen or to use in activities such as “play dough with rosemary and lemon Myrtle
4. Use old boxes and cardboard for construction
5. Start a worm farm and feed it scraps
6. Nature Scavenger Hunt - Walk outside to collect fallen leaves, twigs, and stones to use in sorting games or outdoor collages
7. Make a compost bin for scraps and paper

