

## CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA'S CHILDREN!

Children's Week is a special time each year that we celebrate Children (YOU)!

Each year the theme is based on one of the rights from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of The Child (UNCRC). This year we are celebrating Article 15.

Article 15 says that children have the right to meet together and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

### WHY NOT TRY SOME OR ALL OF THESE IDEAS IN CHILDREN'S WEEK TO REALLY EXPLORE YOUR RIGHT?



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Invite someone to play with you that you don't usually hang out with.

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Wish your friends "Happy Children's Week" by creating your own "Hand of friendship". Draw around your hand and write on each finger something you like about a friend. Cut it out, decorate... then give it to them! Do it with a friend and exchange them. Even better, don't limit yourself to one friend, make a few for different friends and you can send out many hands of friendship and hopefully receive many hands back!

*PSST!! Is there someone that you know of that does not have many friends? Now is your time to make them feel a little less lonely, send them a hand as well!*



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Find out what clubs or groups are in your area and talk to your family about joining one. You can ask a parent or carer to check with the local council as they often have a directory of places. Sometimes they let you go for a free trial to find out if you like it!

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Is there something you feel passionate about?



Maybe you want to help the homeless, or stray animals or the environment. Think about what you can do to help out, talk with your family and make a difference to the world by your actions. Your local community may already have groups you can join to help others.

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Why not start your own group or club? Think of an interest you like and invite people who share that interest to join. There are clubs for protecting the environment, reading, music, collecting things (like stamps). Remember it is important to be inclusive of anyone who wants to join that has the same interest. You just might discover and make new friends with kids you didn't hang out with before!

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Read a book about kids who have joined clubs or read about making and keeping friends or read to a younger child... try these links for ideas of books to read!

<https://bookroo.com/explore/books/topics/clubs>  
<https://www.readings.com.au/collection/picture-books-about-making-and-keeping-friends#>



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Learn more about other inspiring kids and how they are changing the world.  
<https://www.idtech.com/blog/kids-who-changed-the-world>

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Ask your teacher or OSHC educator to also join in the celebration of Children's Week, with ideas like these...

- Do a survey of your class /group and find out how many kids are members of clubs or organisations and what those groups are?
- Have a chat with someone about a club they're a member of, and ask your teacher if they can present to the class on their group.
- Have a special morning or afternoon tea to celebrate the importance of being a child. It really is a special time in your life!



### WANT MORE IDEAS AND RESOURCES?

Maybe a poster to download, cake flags, song lyrics or bunting to decorate with? Go to: [www.childrensweek.org.au/promotion/](http://www.childrensweek.org.au/promotion/)