

NEWSLETTER

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INFORMATION FOR THE MAKE UP DAY

Dear Parents,

We pay this subsidy for up to 42 absences for each child, per financial year. You can use these absence days for any reason, including if the child is overseas. We don't need evidence. Absence days are the days you would normally get CCS. This includes public holidays. You can only use an absence day after your child has physically attended the service for the first time.

As this was announced previously, Our scheme does not recommend make up days as it is unnecessary regards to operation as the 42 days of absences are eligible to receive CCS.

Therefore educators will not be allowing make up days regards to Easter public holidays. If your child/ren's permanent booking day counts as a public holiday, initial absences can be used for public holidays. A public holiday is not an additional absence reason. Please be on time when dropping/picking up child/ren, as it is an agreed booking hour with the educator when the enrolment form was completed. This means we are claiming the hours that parents have agreed on and under our Polaris Scheme Policy educator may charge late fee of \$10/20 minutes. Please be mindful regards to changes and inconveniences.

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

- 7th Daylight Saving Time ends
- 19th Good Friday
- 20th Holy Saturday
- 21st Easter Sunday
- 25th ANZAC Day

MAY

- 12th Mother's Day
- 26th National Sorry Day

JUNE

- 10th Queen's Birthday
- 21st Harmony Day
- 21st National Close the Gap Day





Dear Families,

The Sydney Royal Easter Show is a celebration of Australian culture, from our rural traditions to our modern day lifestyles, providing unique experiences for everyone.

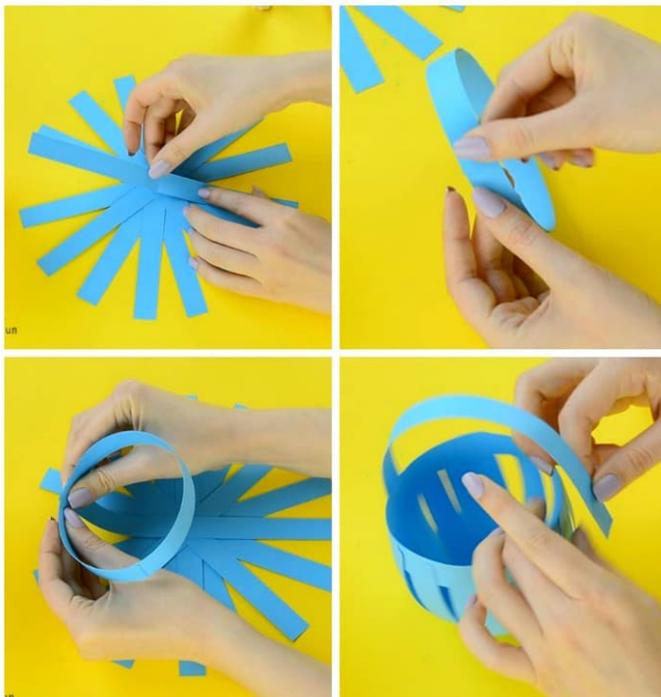
Every Easter, the country and city join together at Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, for twelve days of agricultural competitions, animal experiences, live entertainment, carnival fun, shopping and much more. To read more about how the Show supports agricultural development and rural communities visit the [Giving Back](#) page on the RAS website.

www.eastershow.com.au



FUN EASTER CRAFT IDEA

Themed art and craft activities are a great way to keep children busy; they support the development of fine motor skills and also offer plenty of teaching opportunities. Easter, with all its motifs and symbolism is the perfect time to get cutting, colouring and pasting, and parents will love seeing all the amazing creations.



Paper basket

These nifty paper Easter baskets can't hold anything too heavy, but they sure look great and will come in handy if you're doing any Easter hunts in the centre!



NATIONAL SORRY DAY



National Sorry Day is a significant day for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and particularly for Stolen Generations survivors. The idea of holding a 'Sorry Day' was first mentioned as one of the 54 recommendations of the Bringing them home report, which was tabled in Parliament on 26 May 1997.

This report was the result of a two year National Inquiry into the forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, communities and cultural identity. On 26 May 1998 the first 'Sorry Day' was held in Sydney. It is now commemorated across Australia, with many thousands of people participating in memorials and commemorative events, in honour of the Stolen Generations.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES TAKING AWAY THE TOYS

It's widely acknowledged that play based learning is important for the wellbeing and development of young children. But when it comes to playing with toys the jury is out. Regardless of whether they're designed to be educational or not, some experts now believe that toys are the wrong tactic for helping toddlers grow and learn.

Replacing toys with everyday objects

A children's nursery in Bristol, England recently removed and locked away all toys on its premises for a month. While it seems like a harsh form of punishment, it was in fact an experiment which saw them replace the toys with ordinary objects such as cardboard boxes, tin containers and used train tickets.

The results were fascinating with the staff noticing the following:

- Children who normally spent a lot of time indoors ventured outside a lot more to play
- Children talked to each other more and increased the amount of time they actively played with one another
- Children were more creative and used their imaginations more when playing with the real objects instead of toys

Parents of the children attending the preschool also reported that their children appeared very happy playing these simple, yet imaginative, old-style games with everyday items.

