



PUMPKIN LONG DAY CARE Centre

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

JANUARY 2017

- 02nd - Monday** - New Year's Day Holiday - Centre Closed
- 5th - Thursday** – National Bird Day
- 6th - Friday** – Epiphany – Christian Tradition, this day commemorates the manifestation of Jesus Christ.
- 7th - Saturday** – Orthodox Christmas - Eastern Orthodox religions mark their dates by Julian calendar as opposed to the Gregorian calendar.
- 14th – Saturday** – Orthodox New Year.
- 26th – Thursday** - Australia Day – centre closed.
- 28th – Saturday** – Chinese New Year, Year of a Rooster.



FEBRUARY 2017

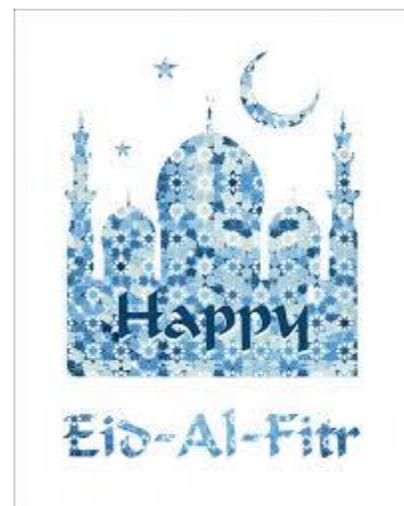
- All Month** - Dental Health Month.
- 01st - Wednesday** - **Vasant Panchami** – Hindu Tradition, dedicated to Saraswati, The Goddess of Learning. During this festival, children are taught to write their first words, ancestor worship is performed and the colour yellow is widely used.
- 4th – Saturday** – World Cancer Day
- 10th – 11th** - Tu B' Shevat is the 15th day of the Jewish months of Shevat.
- 11th - Saturday** - Lantern Festival - Chinese Tradition.
- 11th- 12th - Purim** – Jewish tradition, Purim celebrates Queen Esther's saving of the Jewish people from Haman, advisor to King Ahauerus of Persia. The traditional practices of Purim include public reading of the book of Esther, feasting of charity to the poor and gifts of food amongst friends).
- 14th- Tuesday** - Valentine's Day.
- 22nd – Wednesday** - Parent Information Night at 6.30 pm.
- 25th – Saturday** – Maha Shivaratri, Hindu tradition.
- 28th – Tuesday** - Shrove Tuesday – Pancake day, day before lent begins.



MARCH 2017

- 25th – 05th** - Seaweek - It's about exciting and inspiring all New Zealanders to renew their connections with the sea! It's a time for all of us to get to know our ocean, its habitats, characteristics and inhabitants better.
- 01st - Wednesday**– Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent 2017.
- 05th - Sunday** – Clean up Australia Day.
- 11th -12th** – Purim, Jewish Holiday.
- 12th - Sunday** - Magha Puja Day – Buddhist tradition – Full Moon Day.
- 13th - Monday** – Holi/Dhulandi – Hindu Tradition.
- 17th - Friday** – St Patrick's Day, come and dress in green.
- 21st – Tuesday** – Harmony Day.



APRIL 2017**05th – Wednesday** - Ram**Navami** – Hindu tradition, celebrate the birth of Lord Rama. The day involves visiting temples and telling stories.**07th – Friday** – Walk to Work Day.**09th – Sunday** – Mahavir**Jayanti** – Jain, celebrates the birth of Mahavira.**09th – Sunday** – Palm Sunday, Christian.**10th – 18th** – Passover, Jewish Holiday.**11th – Tuesday** – Hanuman**Jayanti** – Hindu tradition, this day celebrates Hanuman, who was an embodiment of Lord Rama. Devotion and selfless work are encouraged.**14th – Friday** – Good Friday, Centre closed.**15th – Saturday** – Holy Saturday.**17th – Sunday** – Easter Day.**18th – Monday** – Easter Monday, Centre Closed.**25th – Tuesday** – Anzac Day.**MAY 2017****01st – 02nd** – Yom Ha Atzmaut, Jewish Holiday.**07th – 13th** – International Composting Awareness Week.**05th - Friday**– Isra & Miraj, Muslim tradition.**12th - Friday**– Mother's Day afternoon tea at 3.15 pm.**14th - Sunday**– Mother's Day.**13th – 14/05/17** – Lag B'Omer, Jewish tradition.**23rd – 24th** – Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day), Jewish Holiday.**25th - Thursday**– Ascension Day, Christian tradition.**25th – Thursday** – Australia's Biggest Morning tea.**26th – Friday** – National Sorry Day.**27th - Saturday** – Ramadan begins, Muslim tradition.**JUNE 2017****30th – 01/06/17** – Shavuot, Jewish Holiday.**04th – Sunday** – Pentecost, Christian tradition.**05th – Monday** – Whit Monday, Christian tradition.**11th – Sunday** – Trinity Sunday, Christian tradition.**05th – 09/06/17** – Parent-Teacher interview to see how your child has been progressed.**12th - Monday** – Queen's Birthday, Centre closed.**15th – Thursday** – Corpus Christi, Christian Tradition.**19th – 25/06/17** – Refugee Week.**21st - Tuesday** – Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Destiny), Muslim tradition**26th – Monday** – Eid Al Fitr.**30th – Friday** – Red Nose Day.

JULY 2017

02 - 09/07/17 - NAIDOC Week
– Honouring our Elders,
Nurturing our Youth.

15th - Saturday – Asalha Puja Day – Buddhist – Buddha's first sermon.

28th - Friday – National tree Day.

31st – 01/08/17 – Tisha B'Av – Jewish Tradition, on this day Jewish people fast in order to remember the sufferings of the Jewish people throughout history.



Our Languages Matter

2-9 JULY 2017

AUGUST 2017

02nd – Monday – New South Wales Bank Holiday.

04th – Friday – National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day (NAICD).

07th - Monday- Raksha Bandhan
– Hindu tradition, celebrates the love between brothers and sisters. Sisters will tie a rakhi thread on their brother's wrist as a form of protection against evil spirits.

09th – Wednesday - International Day for World Indigenous People.

12th – 20/08/17 – National Science Week, Theme: Future Earth.

15th – Tuesday – Krishna Janmashtami – Hindu Tradition, celebrates the birth of Krishna. This is a two day festival. On the first day, participants fast. This is broken at midnight by eating sweet dairy products.

18th - 25/08/17 – Children's Book Week.

21st – 27/08/16 – Keep Australia Beautiful Week.

26th – Friday – Daffodil Day.

31st - 01/09/17 – Eid Al Adha – Islamic tradition.

**SEPTEMBER 2017**

1st – Friday - Wattle Day – Wattle Day is a day of celebration in [New South Wales, Australia](#) of the first day of [spring](#) with the use of [acacias](#), known by the common name "wattle" in Australia.

01st – Friday – Father's Day afternoon tea – Please come and joins us for an afternoon tea at 3.20 pm.

03rd – Sunday – Father's Day.
03rd - Sunday – National Flag Day.

04th – 08/09/17 – Kids Teaching Kids Week.

13th – 19/09/17 – National Recycling Week.

22nd – Friday – Jeans for Genes Day.

25th – Monday – Family & Community Day (ACT).

20th – 22/09/17 – Rosh Hashanah – Jewish tradition, commemorates the creation of the world.

21st – 29/09/1 – Navaratri – Hindu – Worship of Durga.

29th – 30/09/17 – Yom Kippur – Jewish tradition.

30th - Saturday – Dussehra (Dasara) – Indian Festival "remover of bad fate".

30th - Saturday – Vijaya Dashami – Hindu tradition, this marks the triumph of good over evil.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

October 2017

All Month – Energy Awareness Month.

02nd – Monday – Labour Day – Centre Closed.

04th – Wednesday – The Walk to School Day.

16th – Monday – World Food Day.

20th – Friday - Loud Shirt Day
– Wear a loud shirt and help deaf children.



19th – 23/10/17 - Diwali– Hindu tradition, Festival of Lights, this festival celebrates knowledge over ignorance.

31th - Tuesday – Halloween Party – come dressed up as a spooky person, “Trick or Treat?”



November 2017

31st – 01/11/17 – Samhain –
Festival marking the end of the Harvest Season.

07th – Tuesday – Melbourne Cup Day



11th - Saturday - Remembrance Day remember to buy a poppy and wear it to childcare, we will also be making our own poppy's.

15th - Wednesday – Steve Irwin Day

22nd - Wednesday – Parents Meeting at 6.30 pm.



December 2017

03rd - Sunday – International Day of People with Disabilities.

08th - Friday – Immaculate Conception – Catholic Tradition, feast day in honour of Mary, mother of Jesus was preserved from original sin.

22nd – Friday – Proposed Centre Christmas Party.

25th - 29/12/17 - Centre Closed for one week.

25th – Monday - Christmas Day

26th – Tuesday - Boxing Day

01st – New Year's Day – Centre Closed.

02nd - Tuesday – CENTRE REOPENED

