

## Days of celebration and remembrance

There are many days of celebration and remembrance related to relationships and sexuality. Here are some ways that these days can be incorporated into your school culture and curriculum:

- Add to your school calendar and newsletters with links to relevant information and support sites.
- Display on your classroom board with some information about the importance of the day.
- A 5 minute share with the class, the staff meeting, the assembly, etc.
- A guest speaker on the topic (See [Background teacher notes: Guest speakers](#) for more information).
- A themed morning tea or shared lunch with students, staff, P&C, parents.
- Professional development for staff on a related topic (See [Professional Development](#) for upcoming events and [Agencies](#) for possible presenters).
- Have students or staff share their expertise and/or knowledge on the topic area.
- Read a book to the class on the topic area.
- Decorate an area of your classroom, staff room, school or office.
- Display books on the topic area.
- Watch short videos on the topic area (See [Resource section](#) and filter by topic and video for ideas).
- Listen to music on the topic area.
- Fundraise for the area of support (e.g. ribbons, badges, lanyards and other merchandise that has been created to help fundraise for the day).
- Host a special event (e.g. a colour run, a special assembly, an excursion/incursion, dress-up day, dance).
- Have students and staff share reasons why the day is important to them or why they think the day is important.
- Research the history of the day.

## Days to commemorate

Date	Occasion	What the occasion celebrates and/or commemorates	Links to sites
14 February	Valentine's Day	Celebrating love, affection and romance	<a href="https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/valentines-day">kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/valentines-day</a>

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14 February	National Condom Day	Promoting condom use and safer sex practices	<a href="http://shq.org.au/national-condom-day-2021/">shq.org.au/national-condom-day-2021/</a>
14 February (week of)	Sexual Health Week	Celebrating and promoting sexual health in its entirety	<a href="http://waaids.com/item/1072-wa-sexual-health-week.html">waaids.com/item/1072-wa-sexual-health-week.html</a>
20 March	National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence	Promotes ways to prevent bullying and violence in schools and communities	<a href="http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/preventing-bullying/national-day-of-action-against-bullying-and-violence">bullyingnoway.gov.au/preventing-bullying/national-day-of-action-against-bullying-and-violence</a>
21 March	Harmony Day (and week)	Celebrates cultural diversity	<a href="http://www.harmony.gov.au/">www.harmony.gov.au/</a>
31 March	International Transgender Day of Visibility	Celebration of trans pride and awareness, recognising trans and gender diverse experiences and achievements	<a href="http://tdov.org.au/">tdov.org.au/</a> <a href="http://www.transfolkofwa.org/">www.transfolkofwa.org/</a>
15 May	International Day of Families	Promotes awareness of issues relating to families with different themes each year	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-of-families">www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-of-families</a>
17 May	International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT)	Celebrates LGBTQIA+ people globally and raises awareness for the work still needed to combat discrimination	<a href="http://www.idahobit.org.au/">www.idahobit.org.au/</a>

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26 May	National Sorry Day	Acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people forcibly removed from their families	<a href="http://www.reconciliation.org.au/">www.reconciliation.org.au/</a>
27 May - 3 June	National Reconciliation Week	Celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians	<a href="http://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/">www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/</a>
First Sunday of July (week)	National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week	Celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples	<a href="http://www.naidoc.org.au/">www.naidoc.org.au/</a>
28 July	World Hepatitis Day	Aims to mobilise action on the elimination of viral hepatitis through a coordinated response	<a href="http://www.worldhepatitisday.org">www.worldhepatitisday.org</a> <a href="http://www.hepatitiswa.com.au/">www.hepatitiswa.com.au/</a>
30 July	International Day of Friendship	Promotes friendship between people, countries, cultures and individuals to inspire peace	<a href="http://www.un.org/en/observances/friendship-day">www.un.org/en/observances/friendship-day</a>

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27 August	Wear It Purple Day	Fosters supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow (LGBTI+) young people	<a href="http://www.wearitpurple.org/">www.wearitpurple.org/</a>
31 August	International Overdose Awareness Day	Aims to end overdose, remember those who have died	<a href="http://www.overdoseday.com/">www.overdoseday.com/</a>
September	Sexual Health Month	Aims to expand conversations and resources around sexual health	<a href="http://nationaltoday.com/sexual-health-month">nationaltoday.com/sexual-health-month</a>
4 September	World Sexual Health Day	Raising awareness of sexual health and sexual rights	<a href="http://worldsexualhealth.net/world-sexual-health-day/">worldsexualhealth.net/world-sexual-health-day/</a>
First Monday in September (week)	Women's Health Week	Dedicated to all women across Australia to make good health a priority	<a href="http://www.womenshealthweek.com.au/">www.womenshealthweek.com.au/</a>
10 September	R U OK? Day	Raising awareness of mental health and preventing suicide	<a href="http://www.ruok.org.au/join-r-u-ok-day">www.ruok.org.au/join-r-u-ok-day</a>
November	WA PrideFest	Celebration of LGBTIQ+ community - history, presence and future	<a href="http://www.pridewa.com.au">www.pridewa.com.au</a>

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20 November	Transgender Day of Remembrance	Honours the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of transphobic violence	<a href="http://www.transfolkofwa.org">www.transfolkofwa.org</a>
1 December	World AIDS Day	Raises awareness about issues surrounding HIV and AIDS, shows support for people living with HIV and commemorates people who have lost their lives	<a href="http://www.worldaidsday.org.au">www.worldaidsday.org.au</a> <a href="http://waaids.com">waaids.com</a>
3 December	International Day for People Living with Disability	Aims to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability and celebrate their achievements and contributions	<a href="http://www.idpwd.com.au">www.idpwd.com.au</a>