



# March Days and Events to Celebrate in the Classroom



# March

March heralds a change of season — to autumn in the Southern Hemisphere and spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

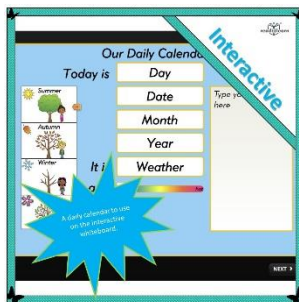
## Things to do in March

Regardless of your location, March is a good time for discussing the seasons and observing changes in the environment.

Records might include observations of changes in:

- plants
- animals
- the weather including temperature
- their own activities
- the clothing they wear
- the foods they eat

Records could be made using photographs, artworks (including drawing, painting, collage) and words.

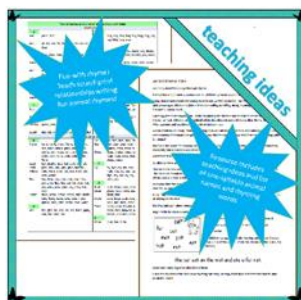


The [Classroom Daily Calendar](#) can assist you record the weather and season for each day.

## 2 March Dr Seuss's birthday

Dr Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel) was born on 2 March in 1904. His books are popular with children everywhere. How will you and your children celebrate his birthday?

Perhaps you could read a stack of books by Dr Seuss. Borrow them from the library. Ask children to bring in their own Dr Seuss books. Take a vote and draw a graph showing the children's favourite Dr Seuss book. Which will it be?



Dr Seuss loved to rhyme. Perhaps you could encourage the children to write their own rhymes too. Dr Seuss wrote about *The Cat in the Hat*. Challenge the children to think of rhymes about other animals, for example, the dog on a log, the pig in a wig, the goat in a coat. The resource [Animal Rhyme Time](#) provides some starting suggestions.

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**3 March**

## World Wildlife Day



The purpose of World Wildlife Day is to celebrate the Earth's biodiversity, including all of the world's fauna and flora. It also reminds us that we need to take care of the Earth and all its inhabitants. It's a perfect day for reading stories and sharing information about wildlife.

**7 March**

## Clean up Australia Day

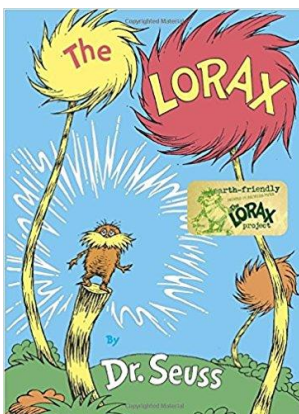


Clean up Australia Day occurs at the beginning of March. Visit the website for this year's date. The website provides useful information to assist each of us to be proactive in eliminating waste and reducing pollution. Each section in helping us to '[Clean Up Our Waste](#)' explains the problem and suggests actions we can take. Whether large or small, every action makes a difference. Why not encourage your students to employ positive actions for the environment.

The website also lists ways individuals, schools and communities can become involved in cleaning up Australia on Sunday 7 March. (Clean Up Schools Day is Friday, 5 March.)



Read Ori's Clean-Up by Anne Donnelly. Then read what motivated her to write the book in [Author-Illustrator Spotlight — Anne Donnelly](#).

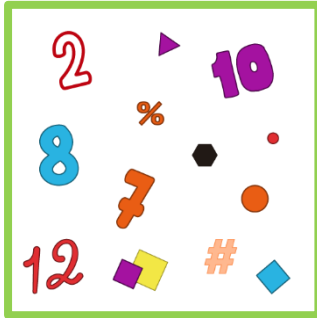


Another of my favourite books about pollution is *The Lorax* by Dr Seuss.

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**14 March**

## International Day of Mathematics



The International Day of Mathematics was celebrated for the first time on 14 March, 2020. The date was chosen as it is already celebrated by many around the world as Pi Day (3.14). The theme for 2021 is "Mathematics for a Better World."

Suggestions for joining in or creating an event are provided on the [website](#).

Here at readilearn we have many different lessons in [mathematics](#) ready for you to teach.

**17 March**

## St Patrick's Day



**18 March**

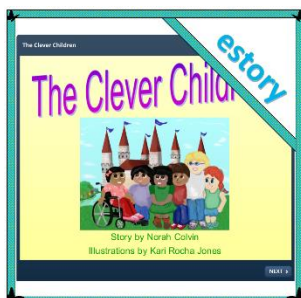
## National Close the Gap Day

National Close the Gap Day occurs on or around 19 March in Australia. The day is "an annual awareness event that aims to close the health and life expectancy gap between the indigenous and the non-indigenous communities in Australia." How can you help close the gap for children in your class? Go to the website for this year's date.

**18 March**

## Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

The aim of the Absolutely Incredible Kid Day is to celebrate children and to encourage adults to write letters to children telling them how incredible they are. Why not write a personal note to each child in your class, telling them something special about themselves?



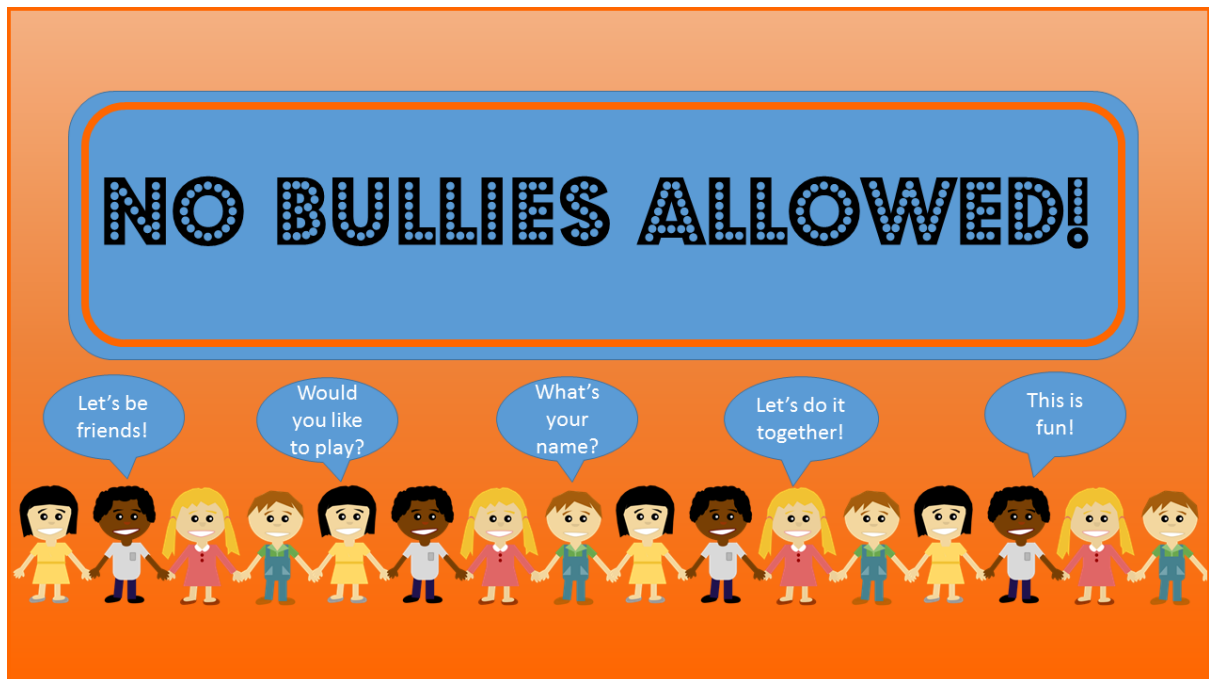
Or to help boost their confidence and self-esteem, you could make a class copy of the book [The Clever Children](#), to which each child contributes a page.

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day occurs at about this time each year. Follow the link for this year's date.



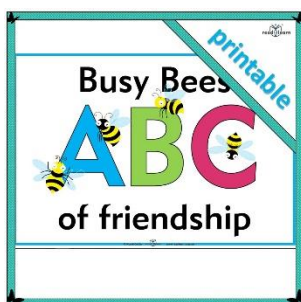
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19 March National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

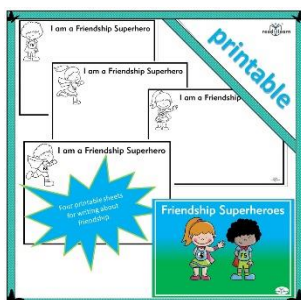


*Note: The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence has now moved to the third Friday in August. However, every day is a good day to take a stand against bullying and violence, so I will leave the links here. Check out the [Bullying. No Way!](#) website for many teaching ideas and suggestions.*

*Here at readilearn, we believe that schools should be safe places for children where kindness and friendship flourish. We have numerous resources to assist the development of [friendship skills](#), including:*

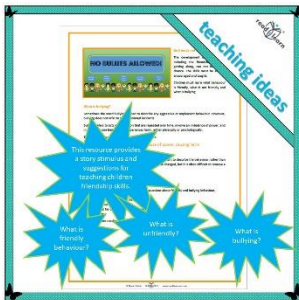


[Busy Bees ABC of friendship](#)



[Friendship Superheroes](#)

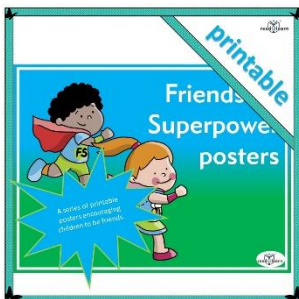
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[Be friends not bullies](#)



[Extend the hand of friendship](#)



[Friends superpower posters](#)

We have also interviewed author [Karen Tyrrell](#) several times about her books for empowering children. They are suitable for reading aloud to your class or for independent reading by your older children. Her books include:

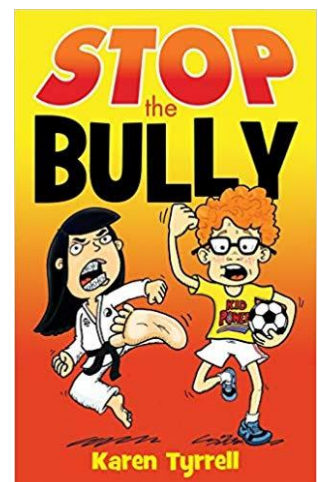


*Song Bird Superhero*

*The Battle of Bug World*

*Rainforest Rescue*

*Great Barrier Reef Rescue*

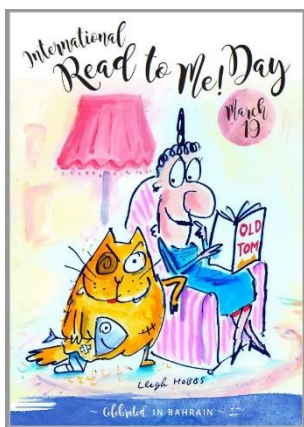


*Karen's book Stop the Bully is also a good one to read at this time.*

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**19 March**

## International Read to Me Day

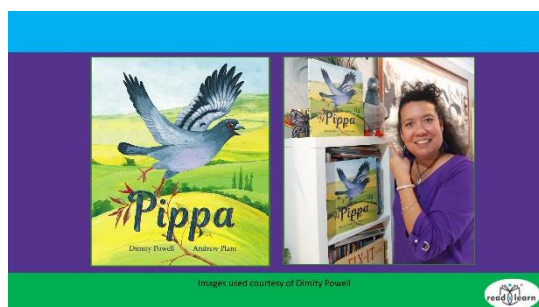


International Read to Me Day is held on 19 March each year. The day aims to empower children to take an active role in their developing literacy by reminding adults that they need to be read to every day. How many stories will you read to children today? Perhaps you could:

- Remind children why it is important to ask someone to read to them.
- Invite children to choose a library book to take home for someone to read to them.
- Send a note home to parents and carers reminding them why it is important to read to their children every day.



The website includes suggestions for getting involved and a reading list that includes *The Lion in Our Living Room* by Emma Middleton. I had the pleasure of interviewing Emma in 2018.



The list also includes *Pippa* by Dimity Powell. I was delighted to interview Dimity about her lovely book in 2019.

If you would like to read any of these interviews, please email me.  
[hello@readilearn.com.au](mailto:hello@readilearn.com.au).

## **19 – 20 March      The Equinoxes**

*The spring equinox occurs on 19 March in the Northern Hemisphere.*

*The autumn equinox occurs on 20 March in the Southern Hemisphere.*

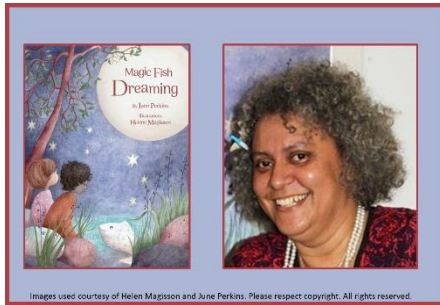
*The equinoxes occur when the centre of the sun is exactly over the equator. The equinoxes mark the change of seasons astronomically, while the first of the month in which the equinox occurs marks the seasons meteorologically.*

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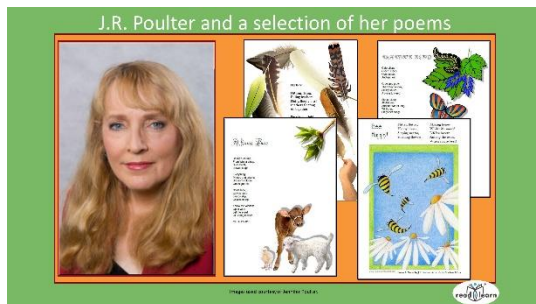
## 21 March World Poetry Day

World Poetry Day is observed on 21 March each year. It is a day for appreciating and supporting poets, and for reading and writing poetry

Children enjoy poetry and rhyming verse and stories. It helps to develop an ear for language in a fun way and can be used as a springboard for lots of learning.



We had the pleasure of interviewing Australian poet June Perkins about her beautiful book of poetry for children *Magic Fish Dreaming*



and the Appreciating and exploring poetry in lower primary classrooms includes poetry by Jennifer R. Poulter.

Note: This post is no longer available on line.  
Email me if you would like a copy.  
[hello@realilearn.com.au](mailto:hello@realilearn.com.au).

Here at readilearn, we also have many resources to support your teaching of poetry; including:



[Christmas poems](#) has examples and templates for writing five different forms of poems: acrostic, sound, haiku, I love and shape poems.



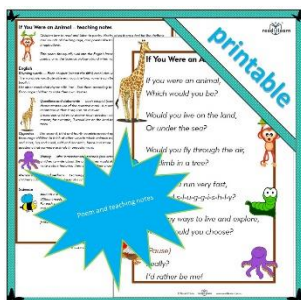
[Let's read and write with Little Miss Muffet](#) provides suggestions for a series of lessons developing oral language, reading, writing and imagination.



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[Write your own "I love" poem](#) encourages children to innovate on the traditional camping song *I love the mountains*.



[If You Were an animal —poem and teaching notes](#) includes a fun poem to recite with lesson ideas for both English and Science.



[Busy Bee chants](#) help to foster and sense of belonging and can be learned and chanted every day to send the children out of the classroom at the end of the day feeling joyous and happy to be at school.

How will you include poetry reading and writing in your class program?

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[Harmony Day](#)



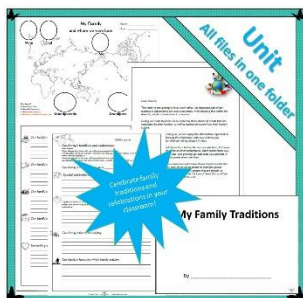
In Australia, Harmony Week runs for a week towards the end of March. Check the website for this year's dates. It is a celebration of Australia's cultural diversity. "It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone." A collection of [free lesson suggestions](#) are available on the website.

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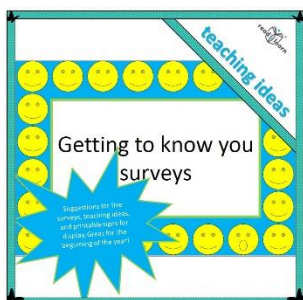
## 21 March International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

*The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination "aims to remind people of racial discrimination's negative consequences. It also encourages people to remember their obligation and determination to combat racial discrimination."*

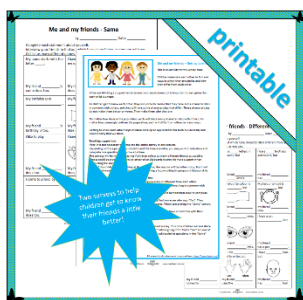
*Supportive and welcoming classrooms in which everyone feels accepted and has a sense of belonging contribute to a harmonious and tolerant society. Here at readilearn, many of our resources assist you in developing those features in your classroom.*



The [Family Traditions and Celebrations](#) unit helps children get to know more about their own family's history and to share those histories with each other. When we learn about each other, we learn respect and tolerance.



[Getting to know you surveys](#) are great to help children get to know each other, to find their similarities and to accept and appreciate their differences.



[Me and my friends](#) is another great way to help children get to know each other.



It is also important to read stories about children and families from diverse backgrounds. The list of [Multicultural picture books — a selection from my bookshelf](#) provides some suggestions to get you started.

Many great resources are also available on the [Multicultural Children's Book Day](#) website.

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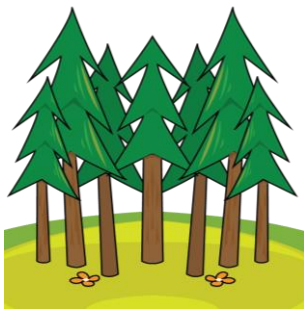
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## World Down Syndrome Day

Also celebrated on 21 March is World Down Syndrome Day. It is celebrated on 21 March to "raise public awareness of Down syndrome, a congenital disorder caused by having an extra 21st chromosome". This year's theme #Connect, because together we can make a difference.

21 March

## International Day of Forests



The purpose of the International Day of Forests is to promote the importance of forests and trees in our lives.

You could:

- include learning about trees and forests in your science work – types of trees, features of trees, how trees grow, what trees need.
- read books about trees; for example, *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein, *Leaf Litter* by Rachel Tonkin and *The Lorax* by Dr Seuss.
- write poems about trees as you sit under trees (use the [Tree shape poem template](#) for presenting the poems).
- make a classroom display with information about trees (refer to the [3D Classroom tree display](#) for suggestions).

27 March

## Earth Hour



From 8.30 – 9.30 pm on a Saturday towards the end of March, Earth Hour encourages people to switch off and take positive action for the planet and climate change. Earth Hour for Schools is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. A collection of [free resources for teachers](#) is available from the website. We are all encouraged to be part of the solution, switch off and #Connect2Earth.

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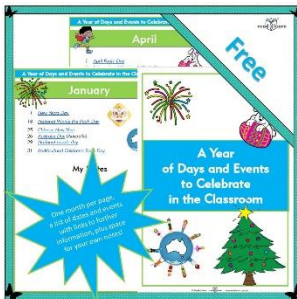
*There is certainly no shortage of dates to celebrate in March.*

*March is a month for*

- *raising awareness and taking action about climate change by caring for our planet.*
- *ensuring that we are respectful and accepting of each other in our diverse and multicultural communities.*
- *reading, writing and appreciating literature in all its forms.*

*Have a wonderful March.*

## The year at a glance



A printable copy of a calendar of special days and events for the year is available to download free [here](#).

Please note that all links may not have been updated for the new website yet. If you get a 404 page not found message, simply type the name of the resource into the search bar and you will find it that way. Enjoy!

