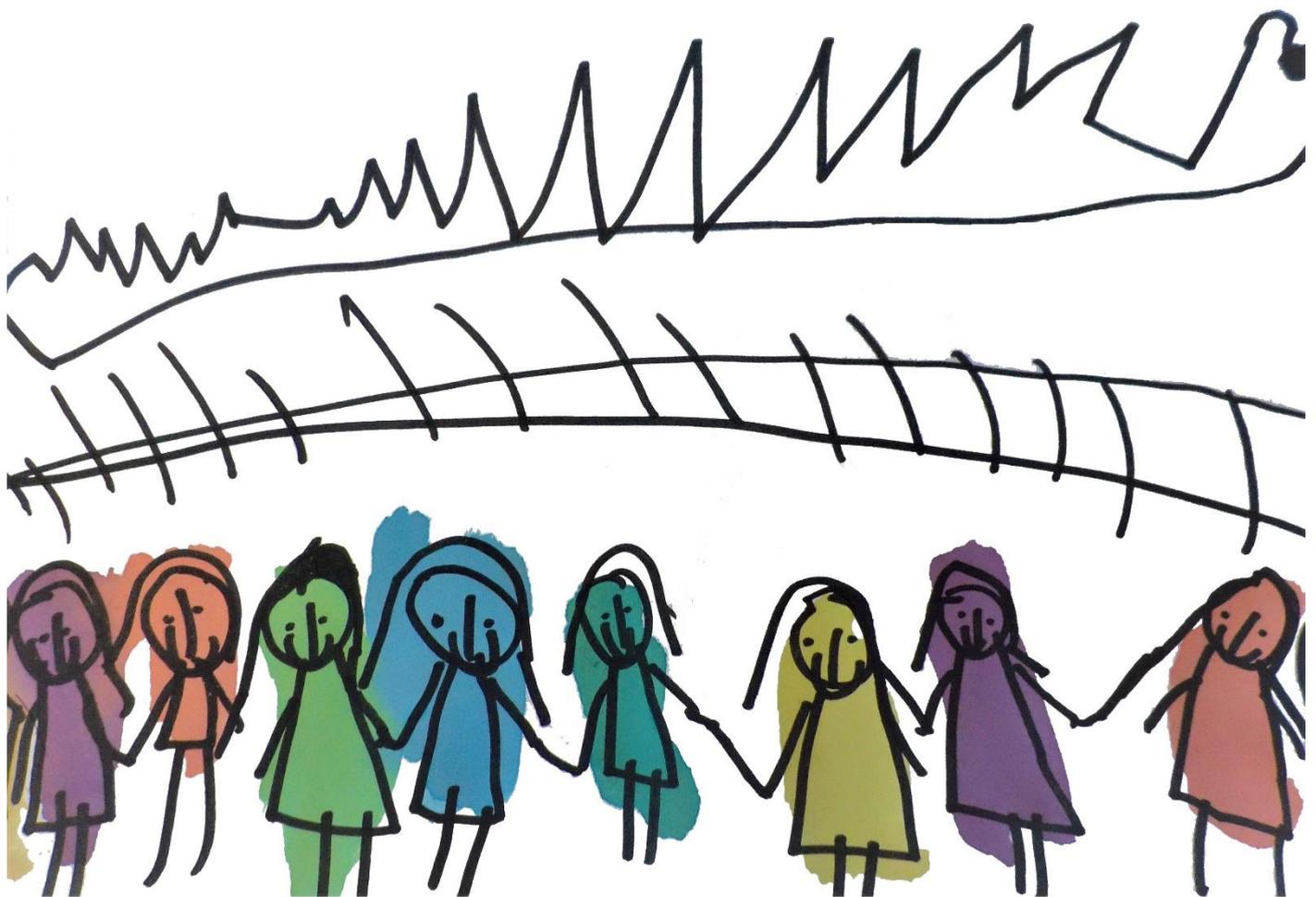


# Inclusion is...

[www.inclusionsupportqld.org.au](http://www.inclusionsupportqld.org.au)



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## Welcome to Inclusion Support QLD's sixth *Inclusion Is...* for 2020

Do you know who is in your community? The AEDC data identifies needs in a community, which can prompt discussions and partnerships with families that aim to improve outcomes for children. The AEDC resources can help us decide who we can call on to help us with this. We are getting close to the pointy end of the year now and transitions to school are coming fast. We know that working collaboratively with schools, transition officers, Inclusion Professionals and other networks in the community play an important role in effective transitions. For more info:

<https://www.aedc.gov.au/early-childhood/resources-for-early-childhood-educators>

<https://earlychildhood.qld.gov.au/early-years/activities-and-resources/transition-to-school->

**For Reflection...** How do you represent children's feelings about their community and the ways they experience connection within their community?

### Equipment in Focus...



The Jenn Swing is a highbacked, molded plastic, full support swing, adaptable to a broad range of physical needs. The Jenn Swing supports increased participation in play experiences. Educators should consult how this swing will be used within their care environment to maximise children's participation in the program and to facilitate peer interaction. Educators should consult with therapists and parents about appropriate timeframes when using the swing and, like all our specialist equipment, it must be recommended by a child's treating specialist.

### Spotlight on the Portal...

Displaying this sticker confirms for your community that your service values diversity, continues to recognise inclusion as a right for all children and is committed to working with the Inclusion Support QLD (ISQ). ISQ has been working with ACECQA to find ways for authorised officers to recognise when services stay actively engaged with inclusion. When authorised officers visit the service and see these stickers displayed, they will know that your team is engaged in ongoing reflective practice around inclusion and that the ongoing SIP is linked with the service's QIP.



Receiving the red 'Our service values inclusion' sticker acknowledges that the service has undergone reflection and planning to develop a Strategic Inclusion Plan (SIP). Each year that your Strategic Inclusion Plan (SIP) remains current, your Inclusion Professional will provide you with a star which shows that the service continues to be a service that values inclusion. To receive your sticker or next star recognising your ongoing commitment to inclusion, talk to your IP about completing the SIP or SIP review. Did you know that FDC educators with current SIPs are entitled to their own sticker and star to display in their care environment? The FDC scheme will also receive one for the office.

### That's Innovative...

Have you thought about developing an Innovative Solutions Support (ISS) group project with other services and educators encountering similar challenges in their inclusive practices? The North Queensland FDC service in Cairns has developed and is about to start a project using two service providers and supporting 30 educators across two locations in Far North Queensland. The scheme recognised that many educators are experiencing challenges supporting children with a range of communication issues and, using ISS, has engaged a speech pathologist to provide tailored concrete strategies and an early childhood consultant to consider how their environments and pedagogy support language rich environments. Talk to your Inclusion Professional about getting your own innovative group project going.

## NAIDOC Week November 8 - 15 2020



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**  
8-15 NOV 2020

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, this year it was decided to move the celebrations to November. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Local community celebrations during NAIDOC Week are encouraged and often organised by communities, government agencies, local councils, schools and workplaces. Have you thought about organising a NAIDOC event in your service and area? A few suggestions about how you can celebrate NAIDOC can be found on the NAIDOC.org website. For more info: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>

Please note that permission is not required to fly either the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flag. However, if you want to reproduce either flag (for example, on a flyer or poster), [you will need to seek permission.](#)

## Family Matters National Week of Action November 15 - 21 2020

2020 Theme: Our Mob Matters

Community empowerment and human rights lie at the heart of the Family Matters campaign. Together with community leaders and communities, the aim is to drive local change, inform and empower families and call on governments to act. For more info: <https://www.familymatters.org.au/week-action/>

## Diwali November 14 2020

Diwali is one of the most significant festivals in India. It is enthusiastically celebrated across the country. Diwali is a five-day celebration known as the 'Festival of Lights' because it symbolises the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and hope over despair. For more info: <http://edition24.com/2015/10/27/3-ways-to-celebrate-diwali-in-your-child-care-centre/>

## Remembrance Day November 11 2020

Each year at 11am on 11 November Australians pause for one minute's silence in memory of all those who have died in wars, conflicts and peace operations around the world. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. For more info: <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/research-and-education/schools/mailout-remembrance-day-2020>

## Universal Children's Day November 29 2020

Universal Children's Day (or World Children's Day) was first established in 1954 and is celebrated on 20 November each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and children's welfare. The Declaration on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child were both adopted on November 20 (1959 and 1989 respectively). For more info: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-childrens-day>