

National Reconciliation Week

May 27th - June 3rd



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National Reconciliation Week is held each year from 27 May to 3 June. The week provides an opportunity for Australians to explore our history and share our diverse cultures. It is a time to reflect on how we can contribute to reconciliation in Australia. Here with a fact sheet about [National Reconciliation Week](#).

The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, “Be Brave. Make Change.” is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

National Reconciliation Week commences on the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, where more than 90 percent of Australians voted for the Australian Government to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the census. Here is a fact sheet about the [Referendum](#).

National Reconciliation Week finishes on the anniversary of the High Court Mabo decision. The Mabo decision was delivered in the Australian High Court where Eddie Mabo challenged the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one). This decision made way for the Native Title and led to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the land.

The Good for Kid's team have a couple of suggestions to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week. These suggestions promote healthy eating, and do so by embedding Aboriginal perspectives. To ensure the authenticity of these activities and others, work with key stakeholders to make a decision about which activities your centre will include.

Activity 1

[The Koori Kids Move](#) was developed by The Victorian Aboriginal Education Association. Although the resource was designed for use at home, it can easily be used in your service. Be mindful, that not all the activities may be appropriate to use at your service. For example, Aboriginal people may or may not identify as being a Koori.

Activity 2

The Victorian Aboriginal Education Association also developed the resource about [shapes and colours](#), which can possibly be used in your service. An extra activity that you can include is asking children to name the shape and/or colours of fruit and veggies.



Artwork: 'Heart of a child'
Worimi Artist Lara Went