



Playgroup SA

Playgroup Weekly Session Planner

Clean Up Australia Day

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday the 7th March 2021. There is also a Schools Clean Up Day on Friday the 5th March. Clean Up Australia Day is held each year to inspire and empower the community to clean up and conserve our environment.

Craft activity: Make a Bug Hotel

Children will need: 2L Plastic bottles, string/twine, leaves, bark, sticks, pinecones, or any other natural materials. Ask the families to bring in the natural materials from home if you do not have access to any at Playgroup, and a 2L plastic bottle.

Instructions: Cut a 2L plastic bottle into two cylinders, then stuff it with sticks, pinecones, bark, or any other natural material. Make sure to pack the organic material tightly. Loop a piece of twine or string around the two cylinders and hang your bug hotel from a tree branch or fence.

Extension ideas:

Use other recyclable containers, such as ice cream containers, old wooden boxes and repeat the process of stuffing it with organic material, to make a larger Bug Hotel. Let the bugs move in and report back to Playgroup the different type of Bugs that are living in the Hotel.

Fact: Clean Up Day has been running for over 30 years and was started by one man Ian Kiernan back in 1990.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Hold your own Clean Up Day Activity – give the children some tongs, and a bag to put rubbish in and walk around Playgroup or the surrounding area to do a Clean Up parade of your own.

SENSORY ACTIVITY

Recycling Sensory Tray

You will need: Shredded Newspaper, bottle tops, cut up egg cartons, bread tags – any other small recyclable items, tray or individual bowls, tongs.

Instructions: Place the shredded paper into the tray or bowls, mix in the recyclable items and let the children find the items.

COVID Safety: If using a large tray for multiple children to use, always ensure the tongs are wiped over before each child uses them. If individual trays or bowls used the children can use their hands.

GROUP TIME IDEAS

Talk about why it is important to “Clean Up” our environment, to use our recycling and green bins properly. Ask what can go in the Yellow Bin and what can go in the Green Bin.



Volunteers helping Clean Up Australia

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Why Should I Recycle? By Mike Gordon
Recycling Fun with Peppa Pig.

