

Newsletter



BIRAK DECEMBER - JANUARY

The Noongar Season 'Birak' is represented by the colour red as it symbolises heat, sun and fire. Traditionally this was the fire season when the easterly winds in the morning and sea breezes in the afternoon meant that this was burning time of the year for Noongar people. There are a few reasons for this, like reducing the buildup of fuel, improving grazing land for animals, helping seeds grow, and making it easier to move around country.

There are many fledglings venturing out of nests in Birak. Reptiles will also be shedding their old skin for a new one. With the rising temperatures and the decreasing rainfall, it's also a time for the baby frogs to complete their transformation into adulthood.

Not long to go now before the man in the big red suit comes down the chimney. With the Moodjar (WA Christmas tree) flowering in gorgeous yellows, it is a sign that the year is coming to an end. What a wonderful year we have had. I hope you all take the time to take a break, rest and rejuvenate before next year. To all our members I wish you a safe festive season and If you are travelling this year stay safe.

Boordawan
Tanya



Merry Christmas!
We look forward to connecting with all our ECA WA members in 2025!
Best wishes from the ECA WA Committee xx

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- Reconciliation In Action (RAG)
- Pedagogy
- Conference
- Membership

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Reflect and celebrate your successes to help you start 2025 feeling refreshed and rejuvenated

Here are **six** ways to host inclusive end-of-year celebrations:

- Seek **input** from across your learning community
- Identify the **purpose** of the celebration
- Be mindful of the **demographics** within your learning community
- Include the **voice** of families, children and young people in planning
- Reduce **obstacles** to attending
- Be flexible to **accommodate** a whole-learning community approach to the celebrating



How does the year end at your service or school ?

Finding inclusive, purposeful and relevant ways to celebrate.

For many educational settings in Australia, the end of year is often a time to come together in celebration to review, reminisce and reflect.

Taking the time to reflect and celebrate your successes as the year ends will help you start 2025 feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.

Inclusive plans for end-of-year celebrations can bring joy and reflection. Here are six ways to host inclusive end-of-year celebrations.

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