



2025 Day for Daniel Early Years Activities

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child will soon be taking part in this year's Day for Daniel activities. The theme for Day for Daniel is **Safe Spaces - creating safer environments for children in online and offline spaces.**

This focus is particularly important in light of recent high-profile cases of institutional child sexual abuse in early childhood education and care settings which have prompted widespread public demand for preventative measures. Early childhood (ages 0–5), is a critical time for the development of a child's brain. Experiences of child sexual abuse can have significant negative impacts on a child's development and long-term wellbeing. Strategies and resources are urgently needed to reduce opportunities for harm and increase positive intervention.

To support this, your child will be viewing 'Jelly Surprise', which is a digital storybook specifically designed for parents, caregivers and educators of children aged 0 to 6 (early years and foundation year).

The content of 'Jelly Surprise' is evidence-informed, trauma-informed and age-appropriate. It teaches children to recognise and understand their body clues, feelings and emotions, to help them to recognise, react and report unsafe situations.

'Jelly Surprise' aligns to the Early Years Learning Framework V2.0 focusing on Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing; and Health and Physical Education content descriptors in the Australian Curriculum Version 9.0. The book aims to give learners the knowledge and skills to develop help seeking strategies to support their mental and physical health and personal safety.

Continuing Conversations

'Jelly Surprise' provides a starting point for important conversations about personal safety with your child. Some questions that can continue the conversation include:

- What body clues do you feel when you feel...
 - ...happy?
 - ...sad?
 - ...tired?
 - ...excited?
 - ...worried?
 - ...unsafe or frightened?
- Have you felt unsafe or frightened at daycare/school?
- Do you know who to tell if you feel unsafe or frightened at daycare/school??

These conversations are ongoing and will change as children grow and experience different environments. You can find more resources to support ongoing discussions here:

[Goodstart Early Learning Feel Safe, Be Safe - Teaching children protective strategies.](#)

If you have any concerns or questions regarding 'Jelly Surprise', please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you.

For more information on how to keep kids safe, please visit: www.danielmorcombe.com.au

Thank you,

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