

January

Martin Luther King Day

<p>It is Australia Day! What does Australia Day mean to you?</p> 	<p>How would you describe Australia to someone who has never been here before?</p> 	<p>What makes you proud to be an Australian?</p> 	<p>What things do you do to stay cool on a hot summer's day?</p>
<p>What things would you like to learn to do this year? Why?</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>How did you feel on the first day of school?</p>	<p>Write a report about all of the things you DIDN'T do last holidays.</p>
<p>"Run faster!" I shouted, just as the...</p>	<p>Would you rather be a pet dog or a pet cat? Why?</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>I stepped outside and a monkey...</p>
<p>You are a reporter for a television show. You are going to interview the Prime Minister. Write the questions that you would ask him.</p>	<p>Explain the rules of your favourite sport or game.</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>Describe someone who is a hero to you. Why are they a hero?</p>
<p>Make a list of all the ways that you are helpful to your friends and family.</p>	<p>The best day ever was...</p>	<p>The wind howled through the trees as...</p>	<p>Make a list of the pros and cons of doing homework.</p>


February

Groundhog Day | Valentine's Day






<p>It is Valentine's Day! Write about somebody you love.</p> 	<p>How do you show somebody that you love them?</p> 	<p>It is Random Acts of Kindness Week! Write about a time when somebody was kind to you.</p> 	<p>It is Clean Up Australia Day! Describe what your school would look like if everyone just dropped their rubbish on the ground.</p> 
<p>There was an octopus in my pool...</p>	<p>Which character from a book would you most like to meet and why?</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>I wish I never...</p>
<p>The world's largest theme park just opened. Be a reporter and describe the theme park in a report.</p>	<p>Why is it important to be sun safe? How are you sun safe?</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>I was hiding in my tree house...</p>
<p>Convince someone to give money to charity.</p>	<p>Where would you travel to if you could go anywhere in the world? Why?</p>	<p>Make a list of all of the things you would take with you on a trip to the moon.</p>	<p>Free choice</p>
<p>Do you think it is important for kids to play outside? Why/why not?</p>	<p>Five years from now, I will be....</p>	<p>Is art important? Why/why not?</p>	<p>The scream echoed around the room...</p>

march

International Day of Happiness (20th March) | World Poetry Day (21st March) | World Water Day (22nd March) | St Patricks Day

<p>It is International Day of Happiness! I feel happy when...</p> 	<p>The 5 best things about me are...</p> 	<p>Write about a book, movie or song that made you feel happy? What about it made you feel this way?</p> 	<p>It is World Poetry Day! Write a poem about something that makes you happy.</p> 
<p>It is World Water Day! Make a list of all of the ways that you could help save water.</p> 	<p>Should plastic water bottles be banned? Why/why not?</p> 	<p>It is Harmony Day! Write about someone that you admire that has a different cultural background to your own.</p> 	<p>What are some examples of harmony in the world?</p>
<p>Helmets should be compulsory. Why/why not?</p>	<p>The pirate ship was fast approaching...</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>If you had \$100,000, how would you spend it?</p>
<p>Choose any animal that you would like to have as a pet. Write a letter to your parents or carers convincing them to allow you to get it.</p>	<p>Rain was pouring down...</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>Should junk food be sold at school? Why/why not?</p>
<p>Make a list of all of the things that you are grateful for in your life.</p>	<p>Her heart was pounding as...</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>What is the most exciting possible job? Why?</p>

April

World Health Day (7 th April)			
<p>It is ANZAC Day! Why is it important for us to commemorate ANZAC day?</p> 	<p>It is Easter! What does your family do for the Easter break?</p> 	<p>It is World Health Day! Should healthy eating and exercise be taught in school? Why/why not?</p> 	<p>Make a list of all of the fruits and vegetables that you eat.</p> 
<p>How do you think eating junk food affects you?</p> 	<p>Write a rhyming poem about the approaching winter.</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>Make a list of all of your favourite songs at the moment, including title and artist.</p>
<p>Invent a monster and describe it. Explain its characteristics and habitat.</p>	<p>What makes you laugh? Why is it important to laugh?</p>	<p>Persuade someone to go outside.</p>	<p>Free choice</p>
<p>If you could be any book character, who would you be and why?</p>	<p>What is your favourite shop? Why?</p>	<p>I found a strange package by the door...</p>	<p>Write a review of your favourite book or movie. What do you like about it? Why would other people like it?</p>
<p>Free choice</p>	<p>What is your favourite time of the day? Why?</p>	<p>The birds were chirping and the sun was shining...</p>	<p>Convince someone to eat at your favourite restaurant.</p>

May

Mother's Day | Memorial Day | International Day of Families (15th May)

<p>It is National Reconciliation Week! What does reconciliation mean?</p> 	<p>It is Mother's Day! Write a letter to your Mum or Grandmother telling her how you feel about her.</p> 	<p>It is International Day of Families! What do you think makes a happy family?</p> 	<p>Families are important because...</p> 
<p>Describe a happy memory for your family.</p> 	<p>It is National Volunteer Week! If you could volunteer to help anywhere, where would you volunteer and why?</p> 	<p>Make a list of words that describe you. Pick three of these words and write why you chose them to describe yourself.</p>	<h2>Free choice</h2>
<p>Who is the person from history that you would most like to meet and why? What would you ask them?</p>	<p>The robot was out of control...</p>	<p>Write about an incident that happened to you, but exaggerate all of the details.</p>	<p>What is a characteristic about yourself that you like? What is something that you would like to improve on?</p>
<h2>Free choice</h2>	<p>I wish I could forget the time I... because...</p>	<p>What would happen if there was no television? Would that be a good or a bad thing?</p>	<p>The massive bolder raced down the hill, directly toward...</p>
<p>If you could take three people on a trip around the world, who would you take and why?</p>	<p>It was midnight and I was...</p>	<h2>Free choice</h2>	<p>Make a list of the pros and cons of wearing a uniform to school.</p>

June

Father's Day | Global Day of Parents (1st June) | World Environment Day (5th June) | World Oceans Day (5th June)

It is Global Day of Parents! What is one of your earliest memories of your parents or carers?



It is World Environment Day! Why is it important for us to look after the environment?



Make a list of all of the ways that you can help look after the environment.



Explain what pollution is to someone who hasn't heard of it before.



It is World Oceans Day! Why do you think it is important not to litter at the beach?



Recycling should be mandatory for everyone? Who/Why not?



I heard an explosion in the science lab...

When did you help somebody? How did you help them?

Free choice

Do you think it's important to be good at spelling or maths? Why?

What is your hobby? Why do you enjoy it?

Describe the most difficult thing about being your age.

The planet was far, far away but we had to...

Free choice

If you could any gift to anyone in the world, what would it be and who would you give it to?

What is your favourite season? Why?

I wish everyone had...





Free choice

Write about why you should be hired to do your dream job.





The crowd was screaming as I took the shot...

July

Independence Day | International Day of Friendship (30th July)




<p>It is International Day of Friendship! What characteristics do you think make a good friend?</p> 	<p>Friends are important because...</p> 	<p>Describe someone in your class who knows how to be a good friend.</p> 	<p>It is NAIDOC week! Why is it important to commemorate NAIDOC week?</p> 
<p>What would you do if you were locked in your favourite department store for a night?</p>	<p>Zing! A spark shot out from the witch's wand...</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>Is there a machine that you feel like you couldn't live without? What is it and why?</p>
<p>Describe a possession that has sentimental meaning to you.</p>	<p>What would happen if children ruled the world?</p>	<p>A bat flew in my window and told me...</p>	<p>Write a list of all of the ingredients and the steps you would need to follow to make your favourite meal.</p>
<p>Free choice</p>	<p>The incredible experiment was...</p>	<p>You're stuck on a deserted island. What three things would you want with you and why?</p>	<p>If you could travel back in time to any moment, what would it be, and why? Would you change history or just observe?</p>
<p>Free choice</p>	<p>I'm important because...</p>	<p>Persuade someone to stay inside.</p>	<p>The dog was ferociously barking...</p>

August

<p>It is Book Week! Who is your favourite author? Why do you like their books?</p> 	<p>Do you think people will still be reading hard copies of books in 10 years? Why/why not?</p> 	<p>Write about your favourite childhood book.</p> 	<p>It is National Science Week! Studying science in school is important because...</p> 
<p>What are some things that really annoy you? Why?</p>	<p>With 10 seconds left on the clock, it was now or never...</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>What would you like to do when you leave school?</p>
<p>If you had to be a tour guide for your area, where would you take people?</p>	<p>City life is better than country life. Agree or disagree?</p>	<p>There was money everywhere and...</p>	<p>What is the best advice you ever received?</p>
<p>Free choice</p>	<p>Should animals be used for medical research? Why/why not?</p>	<p>I wish there was no more...</p>	<p>What do you think the saying 'The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence,' means? Describe a time when you thought the grass was greener.</p>
<p>Free choice</p>	<p>"Land Ahoy!" yelled the bearded pirate as the...</p>	<p>The school bus pulled up and I realised...</p>	<p>Make a list of the pros and cons of learning a sport.</p>






September

Labor Day (7th Sept)

It is Wattle Day! Wattle is a symbol of Australia and Australians. What other things do you think represent Australia. 	It is Father's Day! Write a biography on your Father/Grandfather/Carer. 	It is International Talk Like a Pirate Day! Write a short story and then re-write it using 'pirate language'. Hi there = Ahoy there matey. 	Describe the most difficult thing about being your age.
Describe how you would get through your day if you didn't have any electricity.	Free choice	Yesterday I discovered my super power was...	If you could change one law, what would it be and how would you change it.
Who is the most important role model in your life? Why?	Free choice	What is the best book you have ever read? Did the book change you in any way?	Give directions to your house from school.
How do you think a new student starting at school would feel?	Should you have to do chores around the house? Why/why not?	Free choice	What makes you feel safe?
I really wish I never had to...	Flames leapt from the dragon's mouth as we ran...	Jack looked around the room and was...	What do you think is the scariest animal alive? Why?




October

Columbus Day (12th October) | Halloween (31st October) | World Teacher Day (5th October) | World Maths Day

<p>It is World Teacher Day! Write a letter to your teacher telling them something they may not know about you.</p> 	<p>Imagine yourself as a teacher. What parts of the job would you like and what parts do you think you would find difficult?</p> 	<p>What class rules would you have if you were the teacher?</p> 	<p>Name and describe a teacher that has made a difference in your life. What did they do that was so significant?</p> 
<p>It is World Maths Day! The maths concepts I would like to improve on are... I will do this by...</p> 	<p>I jumped in the water, only to find that...</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>You are going to write a book on penguins. What kind of research do you think you would need to do? What topics/information would you include in the book?</p>
<p>"Wake up," the dragon shouted to...</p>	<p>Would you rather have a brother or sister? Why?</p>	<p>Write about some of the things that you worry about.</p>	<p>Free choice</p>
<p>Who should be paid more, professional athletes or nurses? Why?</p>	<p>When you have a problem, who do you talk to? Why?</p>	<p>You are about to start chopping down a tree, but suddenly it talks to you. Write the conversation that you had with the tree.</p>	<p>Free choice</p>
<p>Would you like to be famous? Why/why not? What would you be famous for?</p>	<p>Why is it important to be honest?</p>	<p>Persuade someone that knowing how to write well is important.</p>	<p>The baby was crying and...</p>

November

Thanksgiving Day | Veteran's Day | World Kindness Day | Universal Children's Day

<p>It is Remembrance Day! Today we remember fallen soldiers because...</p> 	<p>It is National Hat Day! Do you agree that you should have to wear a hat at playtime? Why/Why not?</p> 	<p>It is World Kindness Day! Write about a time when you did something kind for someone else.</p> 	<p>I was on safari and a giant tiger...</p>
<p>If you had three wishes, what would they be?</p>	<p>People might be surprised to find out that I'm really good at...</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>If you could be a guest star on any TV show, which one would it be and why?</p>
<p>How would you describe your home to someone who has never been there before?</p>	<p>Should skateboards be allowed on sidewalks? Why/Why not?</p>	<p>The box of treasure was...</p>	<p>What would you do if you could be invisible for a day?</p>
<p>Three goals I have set for myself are...</p>	<p>Write about a time when you had to apologise to someone.</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>If I were not in school today, I would...</p>
<p>"Pass the ball!" I yelled, knowing it was...</p>	<p>What is the most important quality to have in a leader and why?</p>	<p>The door slammed shut and the footsteps...</p>	<p>Free choice</p>

December


Christmas (25th December)

<p>Recount what a typical Christmas Day is like in your house.</p> 	<p>Make a list of all of the things that you would like for Christmas.</p> 	<p>What ways can you help people less fortunate than yourself at Christmas?</p> 	<p>What animal would you most like to be able to talk to? What questions would you like to ask it?</p>
<p>At the Dinosaur Park, I rode a...</p>	<p>What do you consider was your greatest accomplishment this year?</p>	<p>List things that you have done this year that you are proud of and why you are proud of them.</p>	<p>We still needed four points, but Jason was...</p>
<p>Free choice</p>	<p>'Money can't buy happiness.' Do you agree or disagree?</p>	<p>We had a full tank of fuel and...</p>	<p>What is the best birthday present you ever received?</p>
<p>The best word to describe how I feel today is... because...</p>	<p>Should animals be kept in zoos? Why/why not?</p>	<p>Free choice</p>	<p>Before school starts again, I would like to...</p>
<p>Over the school holidays, I'm going to learn...</p>	<p>Would you sign up to be one of the first people to live on the moon? Why/why not?</p>	<p>The Queen turned to me and said...</p>	<p>Free choice</p>

December

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