OUTDOO DAY

Dear brilliant teacher or educator!

Will you get involved in the Outdoor Classroom Day movement? Will you take your students outdoors for learning and play opportunities? As someone who believes children need time outdoors for their wellbeing, this is a campaign I really believe is important.

The Outdoor Classroom Day movement is a **celebration** of outdoor learning and play, and a way to inspire schools and early learning centres everywhere to make outdoor learning and play part of every day.

Why?

- 95% of teachers say taking lessons outdoors make them more enjoyable
- 90% of pupils who go outdoors to learn feel happier and healthier
- **96%** of parents say play enables children to become well-rounded adultsⁱ

As well as teaching children critical life skills, schools that introduce more freedom to play and more outdoor learning see less bullying, fewer accidents and greater readiness to learn. Children and teachers say it makes school much more enjoyable too.

To get involved, simply sign up a single class or, preferably, your whole school!

In Australia, Outdoor Classroom Day is celebrated on **5 November**.

Over 1 million children around the world have already taken learning outdoors in 2019!

To register and to access lots of free resources to help you plan for the day (and beyond), please visit the website: www.outdoorclassroomday.com.au or just search 'Outdoor Classroom Day Australia'.

Thank you, together I believe that we can ensure the brightest possible future for all our children!

Yours sincerely,

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Outdoor Classroom Day is led globally by SEMBLE and locally by Nature Play Australia. Together we are on a mission to make outdoor learning and play part of every day!

¹ For links to sources, and some more information, please see: <u>https://outdoorclassroomday.com.au</u> Nature Play Australia Cnr Mounts Bay Road & Hackett Drive Crawley WA 6009 www.natureplay.org.au

