Educators Guide

Using 100 Stories Before School





The Early Literacy Journey





With special thanks to Children First, partners in our initial project.



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Setting up 100 Stories Before School

	Action	Considerations	
1.	Introduce concept to team. Download and discuss the 100 Stories resources.	Choose resources that best fit your needs. Add other favourite books.	The project is very flexible. We have seen it done differently linked to group needs.
2.	Choose your champions and team to keep the momentum going.	A champion is passionate about the difference early literacy experiences can make lifelong.	 Purchasing responsibilities Library liaison Media /newsletter/Facebook enthuser Pinterest checker Overall
3.	Set your goals. Articulate your literacy culture, make the project your own.	Age and experiences of families. Cultural mix. Your budget. Your Previous literacy focus.	Examples of goals. Educators/family supporters • have confidence in sharing a wider range of stories with children and families • share more, and different, types of stories over x timeframe • encourage families to access and share more stories together • support parents with their children's continued learning • encourage and celebrate sharing many stories as a community.
	Write into your EYLF and NQS planning.	Possibly use as a QIP goal.	See this guide and our website for appropriate information.
4.	Set up your own literacy calendar and timeframes.	Link with your community needs and cultures. Find local celebrations and storytellers.	 See 100 Stories Literacy calendar page example Contact 100 Stories Before School if you are looking for particular types of books not on the booklist.
	Check our story categories. Our Pinterest boards have additional categories such as bilingualism.	The stories in 100 Stories Before School booklist have a variety of themes and topics from different categories. They are carefully chosen also for variety in writing and illustration. The list has a 1-page addition annually.	Aboriginal Additional needs Alphabet Australian author/illustrator Fun Award winning/ National Simultaneous Storytime Stories with maths language Homemade and photo albums Well loved Non fiction Multicultural Rhythmic and rhyming Traditional tales Videos and e books Wordless



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5.	Partner with your local children's librarian.	Set library dates in your literacy calendar	 Organise a centre/group library card Visit the library storytimes Promote library events to your families.
6.	Plan your budget, look for funding and donations.	Books and resources can be built up over time.	 See suggested story purchase ideas See budget page.
7.	Purchase stories, add from your own story library or borrow from your local library. Organise your stories so they are easily accessible.	Allow 2-4 weeks in advance for borrowing books. The most effective way is to library books is online.	 Attach a 100 Stories Sticker or colour stripe to books Have a specific area for your books Use clear files or computer folders so educators can check booklists and resources quickly Use ipads to access videos online Use Pinterest as a storage facility, add the link to your ipads and computers.
8.	Launch Project. Promote and enthuse your community.	Use your most effective communication streams. Be as visual as possible.	 See 100 Stories examples of centre and community activities Include 100 Stories Before School project to your photo permission form. Orientation meetings, newsletters, Facebook, mobile tips, daily diary, talking, posters, bookmarks, fliers.
9.	Ensure Parent Booklist and information are accessible.	Drip-feed literacy messages and visual examples through the year to families.	 Print off and give to families Publicise the 100 Stories Families page link Load on your own website or Facebook page for families to download Include the creative commons information. "The resources are available under a creative commons licence, for public use, however with no changes to the documents themselves."
10.	Use the 100 Stories Website, Blog, Facebook and Pinterest for current resources.	Save time finding resources linked to stories and on early literacy.	 Download resources Find new books Check Blog and Pinterest for literacy calendar resources and links.
11.	Evaluation.	Assess and change as you go along. We have found the second year teams are more used to the stories and process.	 Anecdotal: families and staff Portfolios Survey Monkey (5 quick questions-very easy to use) Educators Literacy Checklist- see http://www.familyreading.org/m-ideas.htm (under the heading Creating a Culture of Literacy Checklists) How many stories shared? Educators checklists and planning Attendance at parent sessions Library visits Books/stories purchased and used.



100 Stories Before School Literacy calendar

Month	Celebration	Links -dates and information
January	Australia Day.	http://www.australiaday.org.au/
,	Chinese New Year.	http://australia.gov.au/about-australia/australianstory/
	Starting school.	chinese-new-year
	over my content	
February	International Book Giving Day.	http://bookgivingday.com
	Library Lovers Day.	https://www.alia.org.au/advocacy-and-
		campaigns/library-lovers-day
March	Dr Seuss's birthday	See Seussville online.
	World Storytelling Day	
	World Read Aloud Day (register	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Storytelling_Day
	and download resources.)	
		http://www.litworld.org/wrad/
	Harmony Day.	
		http://www.harmony.gov.au/
April	Easter (Date changes April-	http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/easter-
•	March.)	sunday
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	ANZAC Day.	25 April
May	National Simultaneous	http://www.alia.org.au/nss
, , , ,	Storytime.	
	Library and Information Week.	https://www.alia.org.au/liw
	Mother's Day.	Second Sunday in month.
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	National Day of Healing,	http://www.nsdc.org.au/events-info/history-of-national-
	Aboriginal & Torres Strait	sorry-day
	Islander's, Australia. Also called	
	National Sorry Day.	
June	International Children's Day.	1 June
		http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/i/interna
		tionalchildrensday.asp
July	NAIDOC week.	http://www.naidoc.org.au/
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August	Book Week including picture book	http://cbca.org.au/bookweek.htm
	of the year.	http://www.love2read.org.au/readinghour.cfm
	Read Aloud Hour.	grading grady i dading flow form
	National Aboriginal and Torres	http://aboriginalchildrensday.com.au
	Strait Islander Children's Day.	mrp.//aboriginaterinarensaay.com.aa
September	Fathers Day.	First Sunday in month.
September	Turners Duy.	That Sulday III IIIOITH.
	International Literacy Day	http://www.unesco.org/new/en/education/themes/educa
	International Literacy Day.	
	Talk like a Dinata Day	tion-building-blocks/literacy/
	Talk like a Pirate Day.	http://www.talklikeapirate.com/piratehome.html
October	Halloween.	Last day of October.
November	Kindness Day.	http://www.kindness.com.au/schools-andkindness.
HOVEINDE	Milaless Day.	html
Dacambas	Starting School propagations	<u> </u>
December	Starting School preparations.	
	Christmas celebrations.	



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Flexible	Ramadan	Ninth month in the Islamic calendar.
Dates	Eid-al -Adha	http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/ramadar
		<u>-begins</u>
	Grandparents Day.	NSW, QLD, WA, SA, last Sunday in October
		http://bit.ly/1tT1qhX
	Diwali.	The 15th day of the month of Kartika in the Hindu
		calendar (October/November)
		http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/australia/diwali
	National Literacy and	http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/
	Numeracy Week with Read For	Usually July-August
	Australia.	
	Speech Pathology Book of the	http://bit.ly/1CQx5Cb
	Year-usually October.	6 1
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	CBCA Early childhood, shortlist,	Shortlist around April, announcement in Book Week in
	honour books and book of the	August.
	year.	http://cbca.org.au/awards.htm
	Visit yo <mark>ur l</mark> ocal library each term	Find your local library.
	for sto <mark>rytim</mark> es. Ask your librarian	http://bit.ly/1EO8Eos
	to visit yo <mark>ur centre.</mark>	
	Have a special storytellers day	Check Storytellers sites such as:
	for families. Find your best	http://www.storytellersnsw.org.au/aboutus.html
	storytellers from families and	
	staff.	
	Run some competitions- vote for	
	your favourite book from the	
	booklist.	
	Fundraise for more books	Scholastic book sale. Donate a book.
	Run an early literacy family	
	session.	
	Have a books and pyjamas day or	
	early evening event.	

Check out our 100 Stories Before School Facebook, Blog and Pinterest boards for resources and more days related to early literacy.

- Pinterest 100 Stories Literacy calendar http://bit.ly/1zt60El
- Pinterest Early literacy-Celebrations resources.
 http://bit.ly/1mSMLgF
- Blog http://www.100storiesbeforeschool.com/blog
- Facebook https://www.facebook.com/100storiesbeforeschool



Literacy Calendar Activity ideas.

Starting off

- Encourage families access to booklist through: copies in orientation material, easily
 available printed copies or website link to download. Parents could also take photos of the
 list with their phones or ipads.
- Catch up with your local librarian, and give them a copy of the list or links to the 100 Stories Before School website. Invite them down to see what you are doing. Give out their storytime fliers.
- · Ask a special person to do a story session to start off the first of the 100 stories.
- Give out 100 Stories bookmarks cheap to print.
- Keep encouraging families to read stories in your newsletters. Have a comfy space where they can read some stories if they have time at drop off/pick up.
- Talk regularly with families about 100 stories and the difference reading stories together before school makes lifelong.
- Excite the children with "HOW MANY BOOKS WE ARE GOING TO SHARE"

Make it visual

- · Put list on wall, tick off books.
- Display your 100 Stories information where families walk past daily.
- Choose one of the 100 Stories Before School characters as a puppet for storytime. (Or choose your own character, including Paint the Town Read characters.) Some Australian animal puppet providers: Australian Geographic, As we grow learning toys, Folkmanis (possum only), Educational Experience.
- Laminate book covers, put in a basket, display when read.
- Facebook: Put educator/staff
 member/child/family member: "book they love most" up weekly.
 (Very successful)
- Put picture of person with their loved book up in clear pocket each week.
- Book and ipad displays.
- · Posters and bookmarks from website.
- · Literacy calendar- display, give a copy to families.
- Take part in Simultaneous Storytime and International Book Giving Day. Download their great resources.
- Add photos of story activities to your parent information sheets/newsletters.
- Add story activities to your portfolio photos.











Literacy Calendar Activity ideas.

Travelling Along

- Purchase more Aboriginal /Torres Strait Islander and bilingual books to meet your community needs. (see our Pinterest boards)
- · Ask families to add books they love to the list. (See the booklist page to add books.)
- · Invite families on library visits.
- Invite Grandparents, family and community members to share their stories and songs.
 Record them on your phone or ipad, if they are Ok with this.



- Display books about grandparents for them to read on Grandparents Day.
- Encourage families to come in and help make storysacks to build your resources. Check out our Pinterest Storysacks board.
- Start a "send home storybook" for families to draw or take photos showing a soft toys week/weekend of adventures.
 - SKYPE a storyreader.
- Involve families in a major early literacy event from the Literacy calendar or your own centre calendar.
- Plan a BBQ/sharing stories day (see our sheet on a recipe for Storytelling success.)
- Start a families photo album as one of your stories to share.
- Run a "choose your favourite book competition" and link it into graphs for maths activities.
- Check out the 100 Stories Literacy Calendar Pinterest board and Facebook for updated information.
- Check out YouTube for stories (see our Pinterest videos online board- all carefully chosen.)



End of the year

- · Celebrate sharing stories- give out the participation certificates.
- Have a book sale and use the profits to buy more stories.
- · If you have the budget, give a book to a child leaving.
- Ask families which stories they would like to add next year.
- · Set up a sharing tub of books for families to borrow the following year.
- · Start planning for the following year!







Recipe for a successful Preschool storytelling event

- Choose your storytellers, the best you can find. People happy to dress up, share stories in funny voices
 and with a love of children's picture books. Some storytellers may want to tell a story without a book,
 or maybe sing some songs and rhymes—they're all stories in one way or another.
- Storytellers can either choose their books from the 100 Stories Before School booklist, or any book they love and think the kids will have fun with. Just check no one is reading the same one.
- Link the day with a BBQ or morning tea, and displays about literacy. Publicise well ahead. Let the kids
 dress up in story costumes or T Shirts with story characters.
 Include home made stories, using electronic media— ipads, the computer, photo albums and story stones
 or bags.
- You may like to organise some simple handouts for families about the importance of stories and language before school. (See the page in the 100 Stories families booklet or check the 100 Stories website for relevant information.)
- Print off some stickers or bookmarks for the kids to take home.
- Run a competition; such as choose your favourite book from our list, with labelled vote boxes and one
 vote from each child. Put the book with the box. They can talk to Mum and Dad or Grandparents
 about which one to choose.
- Rotate the children in groups through the storytelling places. Try and make them special—a tent, under a tree, in the sandpit, in a special storytelling corner with soft toys, a rug, and puppets.
- Take lots of photos and make a book for the children to share about the day, either hard copy or on the ipad.
- If possible read the stories again in the centre rooms the following week, or ask the children which
 ones they would like to share reading again. The more readings of the same stories, the greater the
 language development.

More Storytime links (also check our Pinterest page http://bit.ly/1rsj722).

- http://www.teachpreschool.org/story-telling-on-teach-preschool/
 - Post from Teach Preschool with all the links they have used about storytelling bags, boxes, stones and more.
- http://inspirationlaboratories.com/50-storytelling-ideas/
 - Really comprehensive lists on storytimes, from a number of bloggers.
- http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/?page_id=519
 - Library based resources but good for prior to school services.
- Max Webber library Storytime videos: http://bit.ly/lvcDukP

The 100 Stories Before School resources are available under a creative commons licence, for public use, however with no changes to the documents themselves.



Budget Considerations

Programme		Costings
elements.		
Book purchases.	Paperbacks are cheaper (but not as durable as hardbacks.) Worst scenario- mixture of new and second-hand estimated: \$2000 for 100 books. Books can be purchased over time and supplemented with library books. Use online sites like Booko where you can compare	\$10-\$15 compared to \$25
	prices and get free shipping. Some have a used book option. http://booko.com.au Other online sites:	
	The Children's Bookshop, Beecroft. http://www.thechildrensbookshop.indies.com.au/Default.aspx Story Mama. https://www.storymama.com.au The Little Bookroom. http://www.littlebookroom.com.au Most publishers have sites. Aboriginal books- MAGABALA, Dreamtime Kullilla Art. http://www.kullillaart.com.au/default.asp?PageID=210 Aboriginal and multicultural: Global Kids OZ, Global Language Books, and Go Fair Trading.	
	Use Scholastic Book Club points to purchase books.	
	Books online can be cheaper, just check postage.	
Find cheaper stories.	Use your local library to bulk order books. Reserve from the online catalogue, as many libraries do not group children's books by author. These books will be put aside for you when they are returned so may not all come at once.	NIL
	For some stories use e-books.	
	Share our carefully chosen videos at the 100 Stories Before School Pinterest page. Make your own books, especially with photos.	NIL
	Use online photo processing to save costs. Use dollar shop photo albums, both with photos or junk mail.	Minimal
	Film a storytelling on your phone and download to an ipad to share.	NIL
	Use the Max Webber library story session videos. http://bit.ly/lvcDukP	NIL
	Give everyone the list and see what they can pick up at bookfairs, garage sales and markets.	
	Check for discounts at your local bookshop, and larger department and variety stores. Big W, ALDI and K Mart often have cheaper books.	



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Budget Considerations

	Your local Australia post office- especially before Christmas, often have cheap book packs from well known Australian authors. http://catalogue.auspost.com.au/home.html Amazon are good for e-books, also consider their used books.	2014 4 books for about \$12-16, \$4 each.
	Look on Gumtree and eBay for used books. Ask a local business for sponsorship and add their name to your information.	NIL
	Ask your local bookshop for a donation. Approach your local Rotary or Lions Club. Put in a submission to a local club for their	
	communities grants. Ask children to bring their own books to read.	NIL
	Make a "Teddy go home for a weekend" book. Felt boards count as stories, make your own.	Minimal
	Grandparents, family and community members visiting and talking count as stories. Parent donations.	Minimal NIL
Puppets or mascots.	If you have a local initiative such as Paint the Town read, link together, and use any mascots. Make up your own set of 100 stories characters as puppets. (Kangaroo, possum and lorikeet)	Minimal
Event costs.	Storytelling Day BBQ sausage and bread lunch: 70 children, 40 adults - @ \$2 per head (2014 costs) Professional Storyteller - \$240 This can be counted as a children's activity day, which is budgeted for by most centres.	\$220 \$240
	Literacy/Open Day. BBQ sausage and bread lunch: 70 children, 40 adults - @ \$2 per head (2014 costs) Gifts for community readers - \$50-60	\$220 \$50-\$60
Share your resources.	Playgroups, Community groups, Family Day Care or grouped Early Education Centres Suggest purchasing a tub/resources that can rotate through carers/rooms on a monthly basis.	
Storage	Put information in clear files for educators/leaders or link the computer to the 100 Stories Before School website and social media sites. Use Centre ipads or computers for online stories.	Minimal
Print costs Paper, ink, copier.	Printing of booklist for educators and families, laminated booklist pages for room walls, permission note for photos, information notes and fliers for events, laminated certificate, bookmarks, photos, posters, and stickers. (2014 costs)	\$4 per child



100 Stories Before School Pinterest Boards

http://bit.ly/1rsj722

Current Boards 2015	Board summary	Examples
100 Stories Before School	Find links and resources for the stories, rhymes and songs from our booklist. Many of our wonderful Australian books are included. Books types include: Absolutely fun, Aboriginal, Alphabet, Australian, Awarded, e-books, Homemade, Math's concepts, Multicultural, Non fiction, online (e.g. YouTube, vimeo), Rhythmic and rhyming, Traditional tales and Wordless.	100 Stories before School
100 Stories e books and apps. 100 Stories fairy tales, traditional stories and nursery rhymes.	E books and Apps that relate to the 100 Stories project. Nursery rhymes, traditional tales and fairy Stories all help children with learning about language and imagination. Find links here to support other stories you may have in print.	100 Stories fairy takes, tradit
100 Stories Literacy Calendar. 100 Stories rhythm and rhyme.	We'll be adding links for early literacy resources for literacy activities and events through the Australian year. Rhythm and Rhyme activities are lots of fun, and have an essential role in children developing phonological awareness- a critically important skill in learning to read and write.	100 Stories Literacy Calendar Goldy Luck Three Rindins
100 Stories publishers. 100 Stories videos online.	Find links here through to (mainly Australian) publishers of the 100 stories project. Most have a description of the book and some have purchase links. Find links here for books that you can read online. Great to find some of those older books or maybe books not now in print.	100 Stories videos online
Additional needs early literacy before school. Australian Aboriginal Stories-100 Stories Before	Find a range of strategies for parents and carers, carefully chosen, specifically for additional needs early literacy development, that blossoms with very individual care and attention. Find a range of Australian Aboriginal stories and videos here suitable to read in the 100 Stories Before School	Australian Aboriginal Stories Crow and The Waterhole 1 32 ABBELIN KWAYAMLEINA
School. Australian early literacy. Bilingual early literacy.	Project. Find early literacy ideas and resources here from Australian authors and relevant to the early learning curriculum. Parents and carers have lots of questions about	Bilingual early literacy Diwali Fun with Playdough
Books, books and more	bilingualism, especially as children are starting school. Find out more here. We've brought together choices of the best children's	Early literacy activities for ba
Early literacy activities for babies.	books- both commercial and home made! Includes lists of highly regarded books. Babies learn from Day 1! Stories, songs and rhymes together grow bonds, language and communication.	To the state of th
Early literacy alphabet play activities.	Lots of great play based ideas for developing an understanding of sounds and letters before school. This understanding is one of the key elements in learning to read and write earlier at school.	Early literacy alphabet play a
Early literacy basics.	What's so important about literacy development before school? Find tips and developmental information here.	



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Early literacy- Celebrations resources.	Find early literacy resources here for all sorts of celebrations, all year long.	Easter Tale
Early literacy for librarians before school.	Early literacy tips and suggestions for library story and rhyme times. Examples of good practice and sessions for children under school age.	ANGLES ANGLES
Early literacy research.	Up to date education links about the importance of early literacy development prior to starting school.	Getting ready for writing with
Getting ready for writing with early literacy activities.	Small and large motor skills are important in developing the muscle control later needed for writing. Find tips here for activities to encourage and develop writing skills.	
Early literacy with limited resources. How to read stories with	Help develop early literacy skills with simple activities and things found around the home or the local environment.	linfo rithive exholate busin oil world
children.	Tips and hints on reading to children before school.	not moved entertain
Language and early literacy.	Language growth is phenomenal in early childhood. Strong language is an essential cornerstone of early literacy. Find resources and information here on early language development.	Literacy for Early Educators
Literacy for Early Educators.	Information specific to early literacy teaching and learning, before school.	REE
Math's early literacy.	Early math's concepts are found in many picture books, songs and rhymes. Understanding and using math's language is an important part of strong school readiness.	Making a Calendar with Preschoolers
Multicultural early literacy.	100 Stories Before School values diversity in stories, songs and rhymes for children. Find resources here to support multiculturalism.	Top uses Private Calendar Pares
New stories for 100 Stories Before School 2014-15.	Find new stories here, in addition to our 100 Stories before School booklist.	New stories for 100 Stories B
Picture Books winning awards.	Find quality picture books here that have won awards for illustration and/or writing. We are so lucky to have so many talented writers and illustrators in this area.	
Preschool non-fiction picture books.	It seems really hard to easily find non-fiction for prior to school, that is not too wordy, but engaging and interesting. I can't read all these books but will try to post award winners and highly recommended books. (As well as the ones I love!)	Preschool non fiction picture
Simultaneous Storytime.	"National Simultaneous Storytime is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books." (Text from ALIA website https://www.alia.org.au/nss Find resources to support each annual picture book choice here.	Simultaneous Storytima 2014
So now we are at school!	Early literacy enters a different phase when starting school. Parent engagement is still critical at this stage. Look for ideas and support here.	Technology for early literacy
Technology for early literacy.	How can we encourage early literacy with through technology? Find out more here.	
Watching TV and media- ok for early literacy?	Parents and carers have lots of choices to make in this area, even from birth. Find helpful information here.	Within the state of the state o

100 Stories Before School: Best Practice Information.

Leonie Gabriel, Director at Children First, Balmoral and Alpha Street Preschools, has provided examples of links from their high quality programmes to the Australian National Quality Standards and the Early Years Learning Framework.

Early Years Learning Framework relating to 100 Stories Before School project:

Learning outcomes

- LO 1 Children have a strong sense of identity.
- 1.3 Children develop knowledgeable and confident self-identities.
- LO 2 Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
- 2.2 Children respond to diversity with respect.
- 2.3 Children become aware of fairness.
- LO 4 Children are confident and involved learners.
- 4.1 Children develop dispositions for learning such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity.
- 4.2 Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesizing, researching and investigating.
- 4.3 Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.
- LO 5 Children are effective communicators
- 5.1 Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes.
- 5.2 Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts.
- 5.3 Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media.

Practice Principles

Holistic approaches Relationships with families
Intentional Teaching High expectations and equity

Cultural competence Respect for diversity

National Quality Standards - related to 100 Stories Before School project

Quality area 1: Educational program and practice.

This quality area focuses on ensuring that the educational program and practice is stimulating and engaging and enhances children's learning and development.

Quality Area 5: Relationships with children.

This quality area focuses on relationships with children being responsive, respectful and promoting children's sense of security and belonging. Relationships of this kind free children to explore the environment and engage in play and learning.

Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities.

This quality area focuses on collaborative relationships with families that are fundamental to achieving quality outcomes for children and community partnerships that are based on active communication, consultation and collaboration.

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