



April is World Autism Awareness month and we are asking your school to help us make children more aware.

The Autism Community Network (ACN) is an award winning charity enabling families to better care for their children through regular support groups and social experiences. We support over 1200 families Sydney wide and are endorsed by both our local and federal members in this exercise.

This year, we are writing to all schools in the area to seek your support in holding a Mufti Day to help raise awareness. The concept is simple:

- Children wear something blue on the day
- Each teacher spends five minutes in class explaining autism and how the kids may be able to make school a better place for their classmates affected by autism.
- The ACN will provide the school with an information sheet that staff can use in this exercise.

We already know that some schools are keen to do more on the day and are talking about fundraising by selling blue cupcakes or other appropriate items. Such initiatives are up to each school to consider.

As the ACN provides all its services free to families we rely on community support, so any funds raised from the day through gold coin donations or other means would help us to continue our work if they were offered to us. Our prime motivation however remains increasing awareness among school aged children; fundraising is secondary.

If you would like to participate, please let us know and we will provide you with all the resources to help you be part of World Autism Awareness Day. We will follow up with a phone call in the next week to answer any questions and hopefully include your school in this awareness campaign.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require any further information.

Support for parents of children with autism

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