What is National Buddy Day?
National Buddy Day is an initiative developed by NAB and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation to celebrate friendship and help raise awareness of bullying in Australian primary schools. ‘Band Together’ means joining forces with a buddy, friend or colleague on 13th June 2014.

Teachers and students will be involved in activities organised by the KidsMatter Action Team around Mental Health and Wellbeing and will share their findings with their Buddy Class on this day.

All the activities that the classes will be involved in are from the SAFE SCHOOLS HUB http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/.

The Prep and Grade 1 students are investigating Friendship – this is the web site for their activity http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/for-students/f-1/relationships

The grade 2 and 3 students are investigating Playing Safely – this is the web site for their activity http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/for-students/2-4/safe-schools

The grade 4 students are focusing on our School Values- Buddy Bear Values of Respect, Responsibility, Inclusion and Honesty – this is the web site for their activity http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/for-students/2-4/values
The grade 5 students are focusing on improving any safety concerns in the school – this is the web site for their activity
http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/for-students/5-8/safe-schools

The grade 6 students are focusing on physical and online safety – this is the web site for their activity
http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/for-students/5-8/safe-schools

Parents, teachers and students can make a difference by working together to build safe and supportive schools.
Parents, this part, http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/for-parents of the SAFE SCHOOLS HUB is your starting point to get an insight into the National Safe Schools Framework and to explore the wide range of online resources designed for parents.

In the lead up to, and on National Buddy Day, we will join thousands of other primary schools across Australia to show our support for raising awareness of bullying and will donate money to the Foundation.

**How will our donation help the Better Buddies Framework?**
Our donation will help the Foundation to further develop and grow the Better Buddies Framework. Currently there are more than 1,400 schools participating in the Better Buddies program. The Foundation’s aim is to grow Better Buddies to help create more caring and friendly school environments where bullying is reduced.

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