

Anti-Poverty Week 2009

Anti-Poverty Week will be recognised in Australia from 11 – 17 October.

Anti-Poverty Week is an initiative that supports the United Nations' [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#), which is held on 17 October. Across the world, over one billion people are living in extreme poverty, which has a significant impact on their access to basic human rights such as food, shelter, clothing, health care and education.

In Australia, poverty affects approximately 10% of the population. Anti-Poverty Week provides an opportunity for the community to learn more about poverty in Australia and around the world, and to take some action.

As Anti-Poverty Week 2009 occurs during the second week of the Spring school holidays, schools may consider scheduling activities for the end of Term 3 or the beginning of Term 4.

The *Anti-Poverty Week 2009* website, www.antipovertyweek.org.au, has an extensive range of resources to support schools in developing strategies to promote student engagement in this event. The website includes a specific section for [schools](#), along with [materials and websites](#) that provide more information about poverty and related issues.

The Unitingcare Centre for Social Justice has compiled [a list of 12 actions](#) schools and other community groups could take to recognise Anti-Poverty Week. This list may be useful in planning school-based events in 2009.

The [Equity Resource Library](#), based at the [Henry Parkes Equity Resource Centre](#), holds a range of resources to support teachers to address poverty through the curriculum. Resources can be viewed using the [online catalogue](#), or schools can contact the library staff on (02) 8808 1177.

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