



Children painted their faces blue at Cath's Kindy.



Staff and children celebrated at the event.



The boys and girls had plenty to smile about.



Blue balloons were released into the air at Cath's Kindy in Wilton to mark Autism Week.

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# Nothing but big blue skies

## KINDY KIDS CAMPAIGN FOR UNDERSTANDING

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THE Wilton sky was filled with blue balloons recently as the children at Cath's Kindy marked Autism Week.

The event helped highlight the importance of being inclusive and trying to understand others, Cath's Kindy director Cathryn Ivanoff said.

"Our centre includes special needs families and we just wanted to show them that we always offer support and value every child as our own instead of segregating them," she said. She said the children,

### FLYING HIGH

**What:** Cath's Kindy children let blue balloons go into the skies recently

**Why:** To celebrate Autism Week

**Details:** 4630 8106

aged six and under, were "really excited" and wore blue clothing and face paint.

"The feeling on the day was very uplifting and rewarding," she said.

"Everything was peaceful as the balloons were released."

A gold coin donation from each child was also given to

the Kids of Macarthur Health Foundation.

"Kids of Macarthur Health Foundation were our first choice," she said.

"They distribute money and equipment to special needs families in the Macarthur region.

"To have the privilege of working with my kids, is very rewarding and humbling and I hope there are many more years to come."

The day coincided with the Light it Up Blue for World Autism Day.

**HAVING A BALL:** See more photos of the event online at [macarthurchronicle.com.au](http://macarthurchronicle.com.au)