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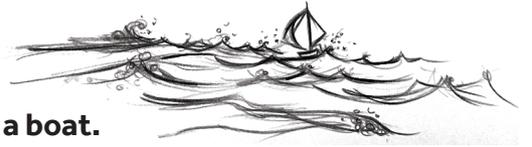
NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
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CHILDREN NEED WELL-SUPPORTED PARENTS AND SAFE, CONNECTED COMMUNITIES.

This National Child Protection Week you'll see lots of pictures of water and boats. That's because parenting is a lot like navigating a boat.



BOAT

The boat is like the family; children do best when things are sailing along smoothly and calmly.



WEATHER

Bad weather is like the challenges that can affect any family from time to time (e.g. stress from finances, health, work).



LIGHTHOUSES / SAFE HARBOURS

The lighthouses and safe harbours are the things that support all parents so they can continue on their parenting journey without getting stuck in the storm (e.g. strong communities, affordable housing, health care, friends and family, schools, child care, play groups, counselling).



Children need us to help build safe harbours by:

- Taking time out to listen to what they have to say.
- Being kind and supportive to their parents.
- Being friendly and including their families in our communities.
- Speaking up if we see something that harms children.
- Thinking about how all decisions affect children and families.
- Advocating for all parents to have easy access to the support they need.

For more information about how you can play your part or get involved with National Child Protection Week visit:

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Thanks to Anamika from Brisbane for the beautiful full page illustration - we hope you all enjoy colouring it in!



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