## B KINDER FOUNDATION B KINDER DAY 2024 CARD WRITING AND MORNING TEA REMARKS BY

## HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MONDAY 3 JUNE 2024

Good morning, everyone, and a very warm welcome to you all to Government House!

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose Country we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and continued connection to land, sea and waters.

Today you are here to write cards for b kinder day, and then after that, we can all have some morning tea; I'm looking forward to hearing about how you think you can be kinder to others.

But before that, let's talk about b kinder day and the b kinder foundation.

Imagine a day that is all about being especially kind to everyone around you. That's what b kinder day is about! This special day is celebrated on 22<sup>nd</sup> June every year, where people do lovely things for others.

b kinder day started because a beautiful young girl named Billie wanted to make the world a better place. Sadly, she passed away in an accident, but her family wanted to keep her spirit and memory alive by encouraging everyone to be kinder every day, especially on b kinder day.

On b kinder day, you can do thoughtful and kind things like:

- Smiling at people: a big friendly smile can make someone's day a lot brighter!
- Sharing: share your toys or games with others to show you care.
- Helping out: you could help out at home with chores or help a friend with homework.

Writing kind notes: you can write kind messages to your friends or family.
 This is what you will do today ...

... and to explain more, I would like to introduce Danny Mayson-Kinder who will tell you more about b kinder day and the b kinder cards that you will be writing in.