



# ACT Council of Parents & Citizens Associations

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## Children's Week event funding for Preschool/Kindy transition to school

Following Council's 'Transition to School' annual parent forum, Children's Week funding has been matched by Council and is available to assist with small events that promote play and community building.

Research tells us that when parents engage early with their children's learning at home and at school, learning outcomes are improved and sustained. Covid19 has created uncertainty around parent access to school grounds, with fewer opportunities for spontaneous meetings and playdates, and interactions that help school families build community.

Council's 'Play & Network' project provides funding and support for parent association representatives to collaborate with the school on a transition event. Council can provide up to \$200 to assist with costs.

### Event Framework

Is there a transition event in your school calendar? Could it include information about play and networking? For example:

1. Discuss options with your school's relevant educators for 'transition to school' support,
2. Are there opportunities to provide [reference](#) information to families, or about [Transition to School](#) (recording), information about play ie Kids at Play Factsheet 'Why active play is important' [active play tips](#), and fun with [fundamental movement skills](#)
3. Are there opportunities for families to connect with other families ie P-K *opt-in* email contact list, or option to volunteer as the parent group administrator. See Council's Closed Groups Guide.

### Costs

On-site events may include costs of items such as refreshments, printing or small awards for children starting school. Online events may also include items such as postage, children's awards, welcome to families, video tours.

### Criteria for funding

- Activities to be held within the eligible time period: November-February
- Increase awareness of the needs, interest, rights and achievements of children
- Promote community involvement and cooperation.

Acknowledge parents/carers as first educators and existing Covid19 challenges.

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