

Organisation	Event Title	Event Date(s)	Brief description of Event Highlights
Richardson Primary School	Community BBQ & Games on the oval	13-Oct-23	This morning we celebrated ACT Children's Day with a community breakfast of bacon & eggs. Families joined with staff from the school to enjoy bacon & egg sandwiches. This event enables us to connect to children and their families. It also provides an opportunity to foster open and caring relationships. We also opened our oval at lunchtime for children to enjoy the space, playing soccer and other ball games.
Brindabella Venturer Unit at Southwell Scout Group	Venturer Led Joeys first overnight Hike	21-Oct-23	Our Venturers (Scouts aged 14-18) planned and led an over-night hike for our Joeys (Scouts aged 5-8). All the navigation, catering and risk management was done by the Venturers, in particular Benji. Then two Venturers led the hike. The Joeys ended up hiking 8.6km over the two days, carrying almost all of their gear, (we had Venturers and adults carry the heavy stuff). The Joeys helped put up their own tents, experienced dehydrated hiking food for the first time, learned how to purify water on the trail, and explored the area, finding many insects, spiders, birds and Kangaroos. At the end of the activity the 7 Joeys were asked, "Did you have fun, Would you do it again", to which all replied an energetic YES!
Forrest Primary School P&C	Ride or walk to school safely extravaganza	24-Oct-23	A morning event, organised by Mr Robson, our PE coordinator, designed to raise safety awareness around riding or walking to school safely and to bring together the school community. The \$150 grant from ACT Children's Week went directly to fund part of the bbq breakfast for the children, staff and families which was run by the Forrest Primary School P&C and volunteers. There were lots of activities and prizes for the best decorated bike, scooter and helmet. Photos of the event, including the flyer which displayed "ACT Children's Week", will be sent through in a separate email.
Farrer P&C	Children's Week	26-Oct-23	Pastries and Paper planes. Children's week activities combined with Grandparents Day.
Canberra High School	Big Breakfast Week	24-Oct-23	Over 3 days, 24/10 – 26/10/23 from 8am – 8:30am I was able to run the CHS Big Breakfast. It was a free offering to all students, including healthy food options of Fruit platters, Cereal, Fruit smoothies, Hot Milo's & Breakfast Bars. The event also helped raise awareness of the need to start the day by having a healthy & nutritional breakfast for children & also help celebrate the 2023 ACT Children's Week.
Mother's group playgroup	Cardboard construction and waterplay	22-Oct-23	<p>Such a fun day for the kids of a range of ages. Toddlers enjoyed stacking and running through cardboard boxes, sitting in cardboard boxes singing row row row your boat and throwing balls in the boxes. Time was spent cutting and ripping the boxes and practising their hand eye coordination of screwing together pieces of cardboard.</p> <p>The little babies had fun in the sun laying on a playmat getting their hands and feet wet as the mums (and some dads) showed cause and effect of putting their wet hands on the magic canvas and then the big kids were fascinated when the canvas dried and the painted water faded.</p> <p>There were healthy snacks as we talking about how food gives us energy and the session ended with a play in the playground and going down the slides!</p> <p>A great day and a lot of excitement to our usual mothers playgroup!</p>

Calwell High School	Yakisoba and Matcha Aisu	26-Oct-23	Our students learned the vocab and methods for cooking Japanese style fried noodles (yakisoba) which we enjoyed with a dessert of green tea ice cream (matcha aisu). While enjoying the feast the students used appropriate language to express appreciation for the meal.
Bonython Primary School	Bonython Primary School Slow Start Morning	27-Oct-23	Students engaged in a slow start morning which was a culmination between ACT Ride Safely Week, World Teacher's Day and ACT Children's Week. Students began with a ride, walk or scooter to school morning, followed by fruit and games and activities in the playground.
Latham Primary School P&C Association	Happiness Hands	26-Oct-23	We provided Latham Primary School students and teachers with cardboard hand cut outs and decorations that they could write on and decorate in response to the question 'What makes you happy?'. Each class then returned the hands to the front office, and they are now on display as a wall of 'happiness hands'. The children's families will be invited to make a happiness hands. These will be added to the main display of hands. Our idea is to demonstrate how many hands make up our school community and different ways we can support each other. Some of the highlights from the response's included: family, friends, pets, helping. winning and potatoes make me happy.
Calwell High School	Metal Work Technology Class Party	26-Oct-23	Great class party to celebrate the success they have had in this class this semester!!
Calwell High School	Business Class Party	26-Oct-23	A great class party to celebrate our successes of the class and celebrate ACT Children' s Week!
Calwell High School	Whole School Lunch	27-Oct-23	At lunchtime today we held a whole school lunch of sausage sandwiches! The kids were really excited that this was put on for them and many that I talked to felt appreciated and grateful that this was supplied for them.
Calwell High School	Indigenous Transition NRL School to Work Lunch	26-Oct-23	The Indigenous Students at our school met with the NRL School to Work program coordinators for a pizza lunch and yarn. The students learnt about the life journeys of the youth workers and that support programs exist for them in many facets of their lives, including education and training.
Calwell High School	Retirement Village afternoon tea / craft activity	18-Oct-23	Calwell High School made a visit to the Warrigal Retirement Village, and we had one on one conversations and discussed the terrariums and we look forward to having more interactions with the village as we foster this relationship with the older people in our community.
CCCares at Canberra College	Family Fun Day	26-Oct-23	We had a fantastic picnic lunch and the children absolutely loved playing in the Arboretum playground. Especially the big slide and the bell walk and drums.
Arawang Preschool	Grandparents morning tea	23-Oct-23	This was a very well-received event (two morning teas were held on 23 October and 27 October for the two different preschool streams). The Preschool has not held a grandparents/special people event for some time and so it was well supported with many parents and grandparents. The children sang a song for their guests, shared morning tea, and decorated a rock to gift their guest.

Pearce Preschool Echidnas	First Nations Storytelling & Bookish Play	26-Oct-23	As part of our children's week celebrations, the Pearce Preschool Echidnas engaged in a First Nations bookish play, small world and storytelling experience using our new Felt Australian Playscape Mats, Australian Animal Finger Puppets and First Nations perspective picture books that we were able to purchase with the Children's Week Grant. The children spent lots of time using expressive language as they took on the roles of the different Australian animal finger puppets. They also engaged in rich storytelling as they created scenes for the animals in the Australian playscapes.
Giralang Primary School	Caring Creations: a celebration of the arts	25-Oct-23	Fun filled afternoon with children's art from P-6 on display for families to come and view. Various music performances including singing, movement, band from students K-6 entertained the audience as they viewed the art show.
Wesley Whippersnappers Playgroup	Halloween Morning Tea	27-Oct-23	A delicious spread of morning tea for everyone big and small. The children helped Franky put together his pasta body. Some made coloured window film with their favourite colours. The children also enjoyed digging around the coloured rice for dinosaurs with the help of dump trucks. Tattoos were a hit with older children. We sang some new songs that coincide with the event and the craft - Dem bones, Dino stomp. At the end of the party, the children got to choose a dinosaur to take home and a treat of chocolate or stickers at the discretion of their parents.
St Jude's Primary School	Buddy walk and icecream treat!	25-Oct-23	We loved walking from St Jude's to That Gelato Place in Weston to enjoy a sweet treat on a hot day. This helped provide a local business with over \$500 worth of sales. We supplemented the grant with our excursion budget. It was great to explore the local area we had been learning about in such a fun and practical way. On the way back to school we stopped at a local park for some fun! Please follow link for pictures. Sorry there are none of us eating the icecream. It was all hands on deck!! https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02YEvzctwHTL6N2NHXVPg1bnoL9bzoZjSnmtagR6EhGkSXUbeQYJo38VgKZ9qtLRDMI&id=100084439961012
Pearce Preschool Kookaburra Group	Resources to support the exploration of our light table	17-Oct-23	The Children's week grant money was used to purchase new resources to support children's engagement in exploring our light table.
Fraser After School Care	Children's Week Celebrations	23-Oct-23	We hosted a wide range of activities across the whole of children's week that were chosen and run by the children. This included a silent disco, face paint, cooking activities, giant board games, slime and so many more.
CBCA ACT Branch	Reader's Cup	27-Oct-23	Twenty nine teams of 4 students (and some with 1 extra substitute) read 5 chapter books and studied them in detail. They met up at St Monica's Primary school in Evatt from 1-4pm on Friday 27 October to answer 50 questions about those books. Three judges marked their responses. The first, second and third teams were presented with medallions and the Winning School's name is engraved on a trophy and held at the school until the next Reader's Cup event.

Ainslie School P&C Association	Year 1/2 Looking Back at the Past	26-Oct-23	The Year 1/2 cohort enjoyed a morning of old school games to conclude their unit looking back at the past. The grant was used to purchase old school games. Games included hopscotch, skittles, elastics, quoits, jacks, jump rope, tin can stilts, sack racing, three legged racing, etc. Children and adults had a wonderful time.
Baker Gardens Preschool/ Ainslie School	Community Picnic	25-Oct-23	Bringing families into the Preschool space allowed the children to expand their sense of belonging to a wider community. The families could see and experience the children's learning with them. Families were able to meet and talk with other parents and extended family.
Lake Tuggeranong College	Literary Lunch	19-Oct-23	The Lake Tuggeranong College Library was pleased to host our largest Literary Lunch ever. Students from our Drama class presented excerpts from their upcoming production, The Little Prince, and captivated the audience instantly with their dynamic performances. Three students from Literature classes read from their original works with impressive poise and engaging language. The event was capped off with a gripping keynote from local author, James Knight, including an "Oh Captain, My Captain" moment when he leapt onto a chair. The nibbles may have been what got people in the door, but the speakers kept us all rapt for the duration of the afternoon.
Garran Scout Group	Children's Week Halloween Electrical Engineering	17-Oct-23	The Scouts enjoyed learning about circuits and electrical circuits and components to build their own Halloween decoration with spooky LED eyes.
Theodore Primary School P&C Association	Colour Explosion Fun Run	20-Oct-23	<p>The Colour Explosion Fun Run was an absolute party at the school with music, dancing, cheering, chanting, sliming, and of course, running an obstacle course full of water and colour!</p> <p>Described by more than one student as 'the best day of my life', everyone had a blast.</p> <p>The event saw lots of parents, grandparents and younger siblings joining to watch and volunteer to spray chalk and water on the students.</p> <p>In addition, the event was supported by students from Calwell High School and Erindale College volunteering their time.</p> <p>All students were able to participate in this free event thanks to the help of the ACT Children's Week grant which covered the cost of the obstacle course.</p> <p>On top of this fantastic fun filled day - families were given the option to fundraise in the lead up to the event and our school raised over \$11,000 with the highest fundraising class receiving a pizza party and various students getting to slime a teacher.</p> <p>The fundraising funds will be spent purchasing junior bikes for the school's popular bike program, buddy benches, library resources, Play Club equipment, and sports jerseys. All items that fit perfectly with the theme for Children's Week 2023.</p>

Weston Scout Group - Joey's	Visit to Mirinjani Nursing Home with Reptiles Inc	8-Nov-23	Joey Scouts sharing their favourite reptiles with the elderly residents - they were all very happy to engage and smiling for the whole activity
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