

Organisation	Event Title	Number of participants - adults	Number of participants - children / young people	Brief description of event highlights	Contact details - email
Ainslie School	Cohort Picnics	50	480	Our school hosted cohort picnics, the children made muffins with our nutrition and wellbeing specialist and enjoyed time together relaxing.	justine.fuller@ed.act.edu.au
Ainslie School	Reid Preschool Family Afternoon Tea	25	22	Our Reid Preschool Families came together to celebrate the first year of their children's learning. The families enjoyed time in the preschool learning space participating in activities and sharing time together	justine.fuller@ed.act.edu.au
Ainslie School	Children's Week Forum	35	0	Ainslie School Staff attended a forum launching our Purposeful Play graphic. Staff listened to an expert panel share their thoughts about how it connects to their work, research and education philosophy	justine.fuller@ed.act.edu.au
Ainslie School	Loose Parts Play	25	30	Ainslie School Kinder teaching team hosted a Loose Parts Play transition visit with our Preschool children. The children and their families spent time connecting to their next learning space and building connected relationships new educators.	justine.fuller@ed.act.edu.au
Ainslie School P&C Association	Year 1/2 Looking Back at the Past	20	100	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.	annachu83@gmail.com
Ainslie School P&C Association	Year 5/6 picnic	12	100	Families came together to celebrate the end of year and celebrated treats budgeted for by students as part of financial literacy learning.	annachu83@gmail.com
Amaroo School	Children, Grandparents and Special Friends reading and morning tea	250	922	We created an intergenerational event that encouraged reading in classrooms with students and Grandparents/Grand friends in our community. It was highly successful and there were many students sharing reading with the older generation. We then invited the children and Grandfriends to a special morning tea in the library that was buzzing with conversation and excitement between the two generations. It was lovely to see the children so attentive to their older family members.	amanda.molloy@ed.act.edu.au
Arawang Preschool	Grandparents morning tea	100	60	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.	Erinhiguchi@gmail.com
Baker Gardens Preschool/ Ainslie School	Community Picnic	40	44	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.	fiona.callan@ed.act.edu.au
Bonython Primary School	Bonython Primary School Slow Start Morning	65	360	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.	jackalyn.herrick@ed.act.edu.au
Brindabella Venturer Unit at Southwell Scout Group	Venturer Led Joeys first overnight Hike	7	9	Our Venturers (Scouts aged 14-18) planned and led and 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!	Venturers.Southwell@scoutsact.com.au
Calwell High School	Yakisoba and Matcha Aisu	3	18	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 aisui). While enjoying the feast the students used appropriate language to express appreciation for the meal.	kevin.kirton@ed.act.edu.au
Calwell High School	Metal Work Technology Class Party	2	25	Great class party to celebrate the success they have had in this class this semester!!	jennie.sheppard@ed.act.edu.au
Calwell High School	Business Class Party	3	25	A great class party to celebrate our successes of the class and celebrate ACT Children's Week!	jennie.sheppard@ed.act.edu.au
Calwell High School	Whole School Lunch	10	400	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.	jennie.sheppard@ed.act.edu.au
Calwell High School	Indigenous Transition NRL School to Work Lunch	6	14	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.	jennie.sheppard@ed.act.edu.au

Calwell High School	Retirement Village afternoon tea / craft activity	4	14	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.	jennie.sheppard@ed.act.edu.au
Canberra College	ACT Schools Mock Trial Competition	7	56	Four mock trial rounds over two days, with three moot courts concurrently hosting a total of 39 participants - students and adults.	mary.antonios@ed.act.edu.au
Canberra High School	Big Breakfast Week	1	300	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.	Paul.Simmons@ed.act.edu.au
CBCA ACT Branch	Reader's Cup	20	124	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.	julie_h_long@hotmail.com
CCCare at Canberra College	Family Fun Day	20	16	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.	susan.johnson@ed.act.edu.au
Charles Weston Preschool (Coombs)	Preschool Art Show	31	45	An art gallery experience was created for families to share the preschool children's learning throughout the year. A collection of the preschool children's artwork was displayed in the playground for families to view with their children and a picnic morning tea followed the event. Three children from a family at the school provided musical accompaniment for the event (violin and cello players).	rachel.robertson@ed.act.edu.au
Children's Book Council of Australia ACT Branch	Annual Christmas Book Giving	7	860	Throughout the year, we collect and store new books to be given to children who are in crisis centres, refuges or hospital and donate them so that they have a new book for Christmas. This year we were able to use the Children's Week Grant money to purchase extra books to give. Seven volunteer members from our Branch packed 860 books for distribution to 11 different organisations.	julie_h_long@hotmail.com
Communities at Work Narrabundah Early Childhood Service	Grandparents Day family BBQ / picnic	15	30	We had many families come to the service and gather together to enjoy an afternoon tea. It was delightful to have parents and grandparents alike join together, socialize together, engage in play with their children.	necs@commsatwork.org
Communities at work Taylor Childcare and Education Centre	Taylor CCEC Children's Week and Grandparents Day Event	100+	60	<p>On October 27th, Taylor hosted an event to celebrate Children's Week, coinciding with Grandparents Day. This special occasion brought together our families for a memorable day.</p> <p>We had the privilege of hosting the President and Chairperson of the ACT Children's Week Awards Committee, who bestowed the awards. It was a momentous occasion, and we were elated to have the opportunity to celebrate this achievement with all of you.</p> <p>During the opening ceremony, we paid tribute with the Acknowledgment of the Country and shared the joy of singing songs like "Taba-Naba" and "We are Australian" together.</p> <p>The event featured several engaging activities:</p> <p>At the Potting Table, grandparents and children had the opportunity to plant their chosen greenery, fostering a sense of connection with nature.</p> <p>The Art Table provided a creative outlet with various colors and printouts, allowing everyone to craft their unique artwork, which could be cherished at home or given as heartfelt gifts to grandparents.</p> <p>Playdough was set up on a table with a variety of colors and sensory exploration tools, promoting children's learning dispositions and helping them achieve their developmental goals.</p>	farah.junaid@commsatwork.org
COTA ACT	Intergenerational exercise	25	20	The local preschool children joined one of our seniors exercise groups for a morning of fun at the Hughes Community Centre.	kcross@cotaact.org.au
Cranleigh School	A Week of Celebrating our Children	70	94	Our school embraced Children's Week with a series of events over 5 days, including sensory play, reading and yoga clubs, a visit from a local musician, traditional games from around the world and culminating in a very exciting super hero dress up day.	penny.price@ed.act.edu.au

Diamantina Scout Group	Group Family Sausage Sizzle	30	40	<p>Our Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts enthusiastically prepared delicious salads, sausages and dessert for everyone. They used the catering equipment purchased with Children's Week grant to do the preparation. Every youth member was involved and without the grant we wouldn't have had sufficient equipment to do so. Parents and Scout leaders supported the youth members with the preparation.</p> <p>Youth members also participated in parachute games and used their pioneering skills to build catapults using spars and ropes.</p> <p>It was a wonderful family night enjoyed by all.</p>	elizabeth.davey@iinet.net.au
Erindale College	Dance Celebration	1	15	We played dance games, listened to music and enjoyed a pizza lunch	michelle.skerry@ed.act.edu.au
Erindale College	Canberra Reptile Zoo visit	6	12	Canberra Reptile Zoo visited The Erindale COMPASS Science class to teach students about behavioural and physical adaptations. The students learnt a lot, and were especially excited to have opportunities to hold snakes, a crocodile, lizards and a turtle.	kerrie.barnard@ed.act.edu.au
Erindale College	Erindale College Year 12 Arts & Photo Exhibition	25	20	Exhibition of artworks hosted at Tuggeranong Arts Centre to celebrate Year 12 graduating students. Opening event was hosted 17th Nov (unforeseen delay meant official event was after official Children's Week). Flyers included Children's Week sponsorship logo.	thea.katauskas@ed.act.edu.au
Erindale college	Children's week 2023	Ongoing numbers of students and staff using the weighted toy but weighted toy has been very helpful and used a lot. Thank you.	See above	I obtained a weighted toy (4.5kg lap dog) for my school psychology office. The weighted toy is for students to sit with who come to see the school psychologist for counselling.	anne.shaw@ed.act.edu.au
Erindale College	Year 12 End of Year Exhibition	2	20	Our Friday 17th, we held the opening for our Year 12 Art and Photography Exhibition at Tuggeranong Arts Centre. We showcased and celebrated our wonderful year 12 students. The students were able to display their self-directed independent projects focusing on areas of personal interest and exploration. It was amazing to see the students eyes light up as they hung their works on the gallery wall and as other members of the community and their families came to celebrate with them.	tiffany.roweth@ed.act.edu.au
Erindale College Hospitality	Hospitality open day	20	150	My Hospitality students put on a "children's party" with food games and music nostalgic of childhood and classes came and participated in the party.	megan.lennard@ed.act.edu.au
Evatt Primary School	Community Library Courtyard Opening	20	40	Parents and grandparents were invited to the opening of a new library courtyard space where they were able to play together in the nature playground and spend time reading in the new cubby shelters.	chloe.frost@ed.act.edu.au
Fadden Preschool	End of Year Celebration	80	45	The preschool children performed songs they had learnt throughout the year and then shared morning tea with their grandparents/parents whilst playing with their friends in the preschool playground. The money from the Children's Week grant was used to purchase drinks, a fruit platter and other morning tea items.	eleanor.senyard@gmail.com
Fadden primary school P&C	Spring disco	20	270	Disco at the school	faddenpc@gmail.com
Farrer P&C	Children's Week	150	300	Pastries and Paper planes. Childrens week activities combined with Grandparents Day.	farrereps.communityassociation@gmail.com
Forrest out of school Hours Care	Family disco	42	150	A wonderful gathering bringing the community together to celebrate children's week. A professional disco was provided and offered the latest music accompanied by inclusive games to encourage families and children to participate. An inclusive bbq was also provided catering for all cultures with foods that represent their culture.	info@fooshc.org.au
Forrest Primary School P&C	Ride or walk to school safely extravaganza	80	550	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.	rebecca_underwood11@yahoo.com.au
Fraser After School Care	Children's Week Celebrations	23	118	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.	fasc@bigpond.com
Garran Scout Group	Children's Week Halloween Electrical Engineering	4	17	The Scouts enjoyed learning about circuits and electrical circuits and components to build their own Halloween decoration with spooky LED eyes.	Scouts.Garran@scoutsact.com.au

Gilmore Primary School	Children's Week Pancake Breakfast	25	147	At Gilmore our children love to cook and we are equipped with electric fry pans, utensils and aprons donated by Oz Food Harvest. To celebrate the 2023 theme we hosted a very special Breakfast Club where children cooked and ate pancakes.	sarah.grainger@ed.ed.act.edu.au
Giralang Primary School	Caring Creations: a celebration of the arts	200	300	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.	tracey.blackmore@ed.act.edu.au
Girl Guides ACT & SE NSW Region	Operation Adventure 2023	25	141	Outdoor adventure event held at our Region Campsite. Girls took part in outdoor activities including - Obstacle Courses, Low Ropes, Mountain Biking, Virtual Reality, Archery, Orienteering and much more. 141 girls participated on the day.	adminact@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au
Girl Guides Tuggeranong District	Girl Guides Camp - Fantasy Quest	8	19	Archery, fun water games, colour run, campfire and camp cooking. Plus hanging out with friends and sleeping in tents overnight. Photos at https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0yDcRxGdV9FoVS8uPMkU3xPRnwUivMCjAZV4V9W9dLm3bDZ5oZ4dCuxg43rVHYLLo&id=100064915951289&mb_extid=en6awd	Veronica.Heard@girlguides-nswactnt.org.au
Gungahlin Child and Family Centre	Tiddas Girls group baking and decorating afternoon tea	2	6	Tiddas' welcomed some new girls to our group this week! When the girls arrived, we had an afternoon tea and cookie decorating stations set up for the girls to design and decorate sugar cookies to take home with them. It was a lovely afternoon, and the girls were able to demonstrate their creativity and playfulness with their end products. The girls got to know each other better and enjoy a relaxing activity to wind down after school. The girls look forward to practicing their skills at home together with their families and were proud to show their parents what they had made at the end of the session to Celebrate ACT Children's Week.	tahlia.rickwood@act.gov.au
Harrison School	Children's Week	30	1000	A week of celebrations! Week 3 – Monday Sport Clinics run by the year 9/10 students. Week 3 – Tuesday Yoga in the hall Week 3 – Wednesday - World Children's Day Wear blue! Gold coin donation – all money raised to go to Unicef Picnic lunch at 11am for all students Week 3 – Thursday Crazy sock day! All classes to organise a fun art activity for students to do during the day with the theme of Children's Week. Week 3 – Friday Music and Dance afternoon from 2-3pm for P-4. Ice blocks will be provided for all students P-6 to celebrate the final day of Children's Week.	niomi.ashly@ed.act.edu.au
Hawker Primary School age care.	Children's week	7	50	We celebrated children's week for the whole week "23rd to 27th October. Children learned "Rights of the Child " and children made a poster of the Rights of the Child, explored their creativity by doing canvas paintings, and made a hair salon to show their pretending skills. Had a picnic afternoon tea and watched the movie "Rock Dog "with popcorn.	hawkersac@ywca-canberra.org.au
Hughes Community Garden	Visit from local school children	5	20	The local Hughes preschool children visited the community garden to have some morning tea and help feed the worms. A great time was had by all (with lots of hand-washing throughout).	kcross@cotaact.org.au
Hughes Primary School P and C	Community Connection day	50	80	This was a great event that allowed families across the school community to come together for the afternoon in an informal setting, and get to know each other, while the children enjoyed afternoon tea and playing together. Lots of positive feedback was received and we hope to run these more regularly.	sarah.tomay@gmail.com
Kingsford Smith School	Grandfriend's Day	40	79	Kingsford Smith Preschool students planted seeds in the garden and participated in other associated activities with their Grand Friends to celebrate Children's Week. During the event, preschool children shared the learning and activities they have been doing in preschool.	harleen.kaur@ed.act.edu.au
Koala Playschool Inc	Grandparents & Children mindfulness / yoga session	90	55	Shine Om Yoga ran a beautiful multi-generational yoga session for our children and their grandparents in our Koala Playschool gardens. This was responsive to both the children's and grandparents interests. As it was Halloween week, many of the children wanted to do Halloween poses which was a lot of fun! We then had a beautiful morning tea together sharing plates of food that families had brought in. It was the most well attended event we have run at Koalas and we will definitely be doing this again in the future.	melwise@koalaplayschool.com.au

Lake Tuggeranong College	Literary Lunch	20	35	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.	holly.godfree@ed.act.edu.au
Lake Tuggeranong College	Subway Lunch	1	10	Had a Subway lunch and chat	dave.hromow@ed.act.edu.au
Lake Tuggeranong College (ACT Education)	The Little Prince Production	84	92	The Year 6 Matinee was a huge success with our Q&A session after the show demonstrating how positively the work had been received, and how differently each audience member had responded to the different characters. Students interacted with the hosts who led them through the production, and also had a chance to really chat with the older students about the production process, the play's meaning, and their characters.	catherine.jean-krista@ed.act.edu.au
Lanyon High School	Indigenous Students Year 6 Transitions Day	6	350	Students participating fully in all the fun opportunities there were to get involved in cultural arts, fun competitions, and activities.	jessica.haythorpe@ed.act.edu.au
Latham Primary School P&C Association	Happiness Hands	50	378	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.	grants.lathamandc@gmail.com
LillyPilly Early Education Centre	Reading Adventure	36	175	Our Reading Adventure coincided with our Children's Week celebrations, where each child selected from a range of children's hardcover storybooks to take home, enjoy and add to their libraries. Each of the children with their families, explored the book titles and selected a book of their choice, taking it home to enjoy and share the magic of reading and literacy.	amy@lillypillyeec.com.au
Lyneham High School	Zen Gardens	1	20	The students were able to share and get involved in the steps that they felt comfortable with. The gardens are now being used by the students during their break times and often while waiting for the photocopier.	Alison.Simmons@ed.act.edu.au
Lyneham High School	Yarning Circle	2	12	The students were able to create prints to make into wall panels to make their yarning room more inviting. The students are very keen now to show off their room to their friends and are inviting others to come in and learn about their culture and stories.	Alison.Simmons@ed.act.edu.au
Lyons Early Childhood School and Woden Community Service	Playgroup @ Lyons Children's Week Celebration	15	23	Playgroup @ Lyons hosted two parent/carer and bubs yoga sessions to celebrate Children's week. Children's Week dates also coincided with the one year anniversary of the community playgroup. The sessions focused on mindfulness and how this can be achieved through breath and movement. Parents were taught a series of simple tools that are easily accessible and can make a big difference in shifting from negative feelings, like anxious, overwhelmed, nervous or scared to focusing on feelings of calm, present and clear. The first session was focused on sharing movements and techniques that they can use with children. The second session had more of a focus on parents. Offering time for them to stop and enjoy yoga. Families were also invited to join in a healthy morning tea after each session.	lisa.planinac@ed.act.edu.au
Macquarie Primary School	Grandfriends and Outdoor learning day for children's week	40	330	Our students invited their Grand friends to join in a day of outdoor learning followed by Devonshire tea. Our students created activities including; jump rope, gardening, scavenger hunts, art works, bubbles and dancing. Watching our students share in multigenerational learning activities was incredible and our Grand friends were so grateful to share in the learning for the day. Having them join together for Devonshire tea was a great way for our Grand friends to network.	kristy.grant@ed.act.edu.au

Maura Pierlot, Big Ideas Press	The Book Bench Project	Please see event summary	Please see event summary.	<p>Funds were used to purchase children's books from Lifeline Australia. Over sixty books, including several from my own collections, were distributed via park benches throughout Canberra over a three-week period (14/10/23 - 5/11/23). The children's books catered to all ages and interests: picture books, junior fiction, middle grade and young adult novels, fiction and non-fiction. Approximately 20 books were distributed each week, with half the books promoted to designated suburbs on social media (Instagram and Facebook), the others dropped randomly in my travels.</p> <p>It's not possible to know exactly how many people interacted with the books. I would estimate 50-100 as usually the first to find the book/s, takes them home. But as there was a Book Bench card included with each book drop, perhaps the number was higher due to word of mouth.</p> <p>Penny Travers, a reporter for ABC News Canberra, accompanied me for one of the drops as part of her feature on The Book Bench Project in late October. Her article, which mentioned the ACT Children's Week Grant, received very positive feedback with a high number of shares, comments and likes across several ABC and personal social media accounts. You can find the article on Instagram @abccanberra (22 Oct post), @abc_arts (2 Nov) and Facebook @abccanberra (22 Oct) or online: https://ab.co/3tNW4tG. Photos of various book drops are available on Instagram (@thebookbenchproject).</p>	maura@maurapierlot.com
Mother's group playgroup	Cardboard construction and waterplay	6	7	<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>	Staceymluscombe@gmail.com
Namadgi School	Canberra Reptile park incursion	4	40	The Reptile Man presented a range of small reptiles for the preschool children to see, touch and learn about.	michelle.vanpuyvelde@act.gov.au
Ngunnawal Primary School	ACT Children's Week 2023	14	18	This event involved children and their parents and grandparents coming together and taking part in activities and enjoying a multicultural feast showcasing our families and celebrating where we come from.	jessica.potts@ed.act.edu.au
O'Connor Cooperative School	Reptile Man Visit	15	75	Our school community had an absolutely fantastic day during the Reptile Man visit. It was truly special to witness families coming together to watch the show. The joy on the children's faces was simply beautiful, and their inquisitive questions added an extra lay of excitement to the show. On behalf of our entire school community, we extend a heartfelt thank you for providing our children with an extraordinary Children's Week experience this year.	nathan.young@ed.act.edu.au
Pearce Preschool Echidnas	First Nations Storytelling & Bookish Play	3	16	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.	oliviag.hall@ed.act.edu.au
Pearce Preschool Kookaburra Group	Resources to support the exploration of our light table	2	18	The Children's week grant money was used to purchase new resources to support children's engagement in exploring our light table.	kim.shelley@ed.act.edu.au
Richardson Primary School	Community BBQ & Games on the oval	40	200	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.	natalie.hogan@ed.act.edu.au

Shine Om	Free family yoga to celebrate ACT children's week	10	9	To celebrate ACT children's week we held a 30 minute family yoga session for the community. We had an additional 5 families registered but unfortunately couldn't attend due to illness. The class theme was centred around 'birthdays' to acknowledge our individual ways of celebrating children. We had people from as young as 6 months old attending the class. The participants played an active role in creating the story and poses for the session. It was an absolute delight hosting this free event for the community and providing an opportunity for young and old to reap the benefits of mindfulness and yoga.	info@shineom.com.au
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	Community Gathering: Bike and Kite Day	300	400	Our whole community (past, current and present) were invited to a twilight evening event to celebrate Children's Week. Children rode bikes on our bike track, flew kites, had their faces painted, engaged in circus skills and played large outdoor games. Our P&C ran a BBQ. The highlight was all of our families and children connecting and celebrating.	kelly.booker@ed.act.edu.au
St Bedes SAC	Children have the right to relax, play and to take part in activities they enjoy.	4	26	St Bedes After School Care has observed Children's Week for a week on the theme "Children have the right to relax, play, and take part in activities they enjoy". To achieve the above-mentioned theme, we have organized various activities based on different areas such as the Right to Relax, the importance of play, and Participation in enjoyable activities. To meet the goals, children were engaged in indoor activities as well as outdoor activities based on their interests. For instance, children were fully engaged in reading a book, doing hammy beads, painting, drawing, loombands, and dressing up. Some of them danced to the music. In the same manner, children had fun playing soccer, skipping, and netball. The rationale behind organizing such activities is to create spaces and environments where children can find solace, peace, and tranquility. It is also to recognize and support children's right to participate in activities they enjoy and to enhance their personal growth and happiness. Overall, the program went very well, and the children had fun.	lektshy@gmail.com
St Edmund's College	St Edmund's - Retirement Outreach	40	20	Students from St Edmund's College enjoyed sharing their music and time with their local retirement village where the common language of singing and music was shared.	lthomas@stedmunds.act.edu.au
St Edmund's College	Floriade and Children's Week Launch	60	100	Students from St Edmund's college were able to share their music with the local community enjoying inter-generational collaboration at Floriade and the Children's Week launch.	lthomas@stedmunds.act.edu.au
St John Vianney's Primary	Grand 'Friends' Day	75	140	SJV children joined their Grand friends and celebrated 'fun' by making and flying kites. Followed by a Pizza lunch with ELC children and then a market day.	nina.derosa@cg.catholic.edu.au
St Jude's Primary School	Buddy walk and icecream treat!	10	125	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=pfbid02YEvzctwHTL6N2NHXVPg1bnoL9bzoZJsnmtagR6EhGkSXUbeQYJo38VgKZ9qtLRDML&id=100084439961012	jessica.betterton@cg.catholic.edu.au
St Monica's Primary School	Grandparents Day	550	390	The students had a wonderful hour sharing their letters and work with their grandparents. The grandparents watched the choir perform and then enjoyed morning tea in the hall.	veronica.melville@cg.catholic.edu.au
St Thomas More's Primary School, Campbell	Mission Fete	20	165	Our Year 5 and 6 students organised a Mission Fete for our school community. Students for a small donation participated in STEM activities. Money raised was donated to Catholic Mission to help them provide for programs that benefit communities in Timor-Leste.	samantha.mance@cg.catholic.edu.au
TEDDYBEARS CHILDCARE CENTRE	CIRCLE OF SECURITY WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATORS	16	130	Our educators play a crucial role in shaping the lives of the children we work with. By attending the Circle of Security program, they have gained valuable insights and tools to facilitate stronger, healthier relationships between educators and children. This will not only improve the quality of our services but also contribute significantly to the overall well-being and development of the children under our care.	andy.edleader@outlook.com

Theodore Primary School - Preschool	Preschool Community Gardening Day	7	26	<p>Theodore preschool children participated in a day of outdoor sustainable gardening activities, they planted tomato, pea and zucchini seedlings in vegetable garden beds that were revitalised using funding from the Children's Week grant. The children learnt about the importance of using water sustainably and placed sugar cane mulch into the vegetable beds to retain the moisture. The children worked collaboratively to build a scarecrow for the gardens. The children also participated in weaving using recycled plastic bottles.</p>	susan.hough@ed.act.edu.au
Theodore Primary School P&C Association	Colour Explosion Fun Run	150	300	<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>	theodoreprimarypc@gmail.com
Torrens Primary School	Grandparents Day - Read a Story, Share a Story	150	400	<p>Grandparents reading stories with students. Grandparents connecting over morning tea.</p>	Rachel.Matthews@ed.act.edu.au
Torrens primary School	Just 50 Words Celebration	60	400	<p>Just 50 Words competition was celebrated with a special assembly. This year's assembly was our seventh assembly celebrating the annual competition. Just 50 words is an annual writing/illustrating competition which involves all Torrens students from kindergarten to Year 6 as well as all students from our pre-schools. It is a time when we are able to celebrate and showcase all the wonderful writing that we do in our school. We were excited to welcome parents, friends and our preschoolers. We also enjoyed hearing from local special guest Journalist and Mix 106.4 radio host , Sammy Rose, who gave an entertaining talk about her writing journey and tips for being effective writers. Sammy loves bringing us the latest news on fashion, food and sport, especially the Canberra Raider men's and women's teams.</p> <p>Then, the Just 50 Words committee shortlisted six pieces of work from each year level. From the shortlist, runner(s) up and winners are selected for each year level.</p> <p>Over 100 children were honoured with honourable mentions, shortlisted certificates or announced as the runner up or winner on the day.</p> <p>All winning and runner up stories were published in a special compilation and given to the winners and runners up of each year level as part of their prize (along with a book chosen especially for them) and are also displayed in the library, front office and in principals' office proudly. We thank the Children's Week Grant again for their support.</p>	alicia.hourigan@ed.act.edu.au
Tuggeranong Child and Family Centre	Tidbinbilla Excursion for families of the Learn Giggle Grow Playgroup	8	10	<p>Families of the Learn Giggle Grow Playgroup had the opportunity to participate in an excursion and guided tour of Tidbinbilla. The children saw koalas and listened to a talk on other animals and also learnt about the customs and cultures of our First Nations People. Families enjoyed a barbeque lunch and a play on the playground. The excursion took up most of the day and the children were all exhausted by the time we returned to the Child and Family Centre.</p>	sally.duncan@act.gov.au or Kui.worthingtin@act.gov.au
Tuggeranong Child and Family Centre	Multicultural Playgroup - Children's week BBQ	16	20	<p>On Thursday 26th October families from the Multicultural Playgroup met to celebrate Children's Week. We enjoyed a visit from CRCS and all participated in special activities such as glitter tattoos, toys, and a fishing game. We then shared a BBQ lunch in the sunshine.</p>	Matty.Samson@act.gov.au
Tuggeranong child and family centre	Koori Playgroup Zoo trip	9	10	<p>Koori playgroup attended the National Zoo and Aquarium! The kids loved spotting their favourite animals. We started in the aquarium where we spotted some sharks and then some snakes, followed by visits to the bigger animals. The lions were a crowd favourite!</p>	Rebekah.aguilar@act.gov.au

Tuggeranong Link Community Houses and Centres	Teddy Bears Picnic 24/10/23 and Mad hair day with cooking pizza 25/10/23	12	15	Playgroup was made up of Parents and children, babies to 3 years, Teddy Bear Picnic. The next day Playschool was mad hat/hair day with cooking their own Pizzas	bonythonhub@tugglink.org.au
Wanniassa School	Habitat Construction	8	14	Students planned and built sanctuary enclosures for endangered animals to highlight the necessity of biodiversity in our community	olivia.wish@ed.act.edu.au
Wanniassa School	Crochet and Knitting Group	4	12	Students were inspired and educated by members of a local community group who shared their crochet and knitting expertise in a collaborative day celebrating wool!	lisa.garner@ed.act.edu.au
Wanniassa SGP Maths	Pirate Day Treasure Hunt	4	32	Senior students designed a Treasure Hunt to encourage Year 2 students to get outside and have fun solving puzzles, looking for clues and finding treasure - of things to play with outside!	lisa.garner@ed.act.edu.au
Wattle Early Childhood Centre	Grandfriends Stay and Play Spooky Halloween	30	40	Children have the right to play and that is exactly what we did. We invited our loved ones into the service for an afternoon of play and relationship building across our community. Our grant went to providing a beautiful afternoon tea for all to enjoy. It was such a hit, with a huge turnout Wattle was buzzing with excitement. Not only did all our children dress up, but so did the staff and the families that turned up! We played and played and played! We are so thankful for the grant that allowed for this afternoon to be possible.	director@wattleecc.org.au
Wesley Whippersnappers Playgroup	Halloween Morning Tea	15	19	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.	wesley.whippersnappers@gmail.com
West Belconnen Child and Family Centre	Children's week - Friday Fun	11	13	We celebrated children's week in one of our targeted playgroups - Friday Fun at West Belconnen Child and Family Centre. We had multiple activities focusing on all children's right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy. Families from other targeted playgroups at our centre also attended. These include; Large ball pit, slide and sand pit outside and Make your own button badges (Children's week themed) and DIY & craft activity (collaborated with Bunnings Belconnen) inside. We finished the session with morning tea where children decorated their own cupcakes with icing, sprinkles and Children's week cake flags.	chaeyoung.kim@act.gov.au
Weston Scout Group - Joeys	Visit to Mirinjani Nursing Home with Reptiles Inc	25	18	Joey Scouts sharing their favourite reptiles with the elderly residents - they were all very happy to engage and smiling for the whole activity	JudithPaulM@gmail.com
Woden Valley Early Learning Centre	Dinosaur Museum Excursion	40	75	It was an incredible day filled with dino-mite fun, laughter, and precious memories, all made possible by your enthusiastic participation! The joy on the children's faces as they explored the fascinating world of dinosaurs was truly priceless. We couldn't have asked for a better turnout, and it warmed our hearts to see the museum come alive with your energy and excitement. Your presence made this event a remarkable success. In the spirit of Children's Week, we hope that this event has not only provided a day of entertainment but also fostered a love for learning and sparked curiosity in the hearts and minds of our young explorers. Together, we celebrated the beauty of childhood and the importance of nurturing young minds.	wvccc@inet.net.au
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