

2025 ACT CHILDREN'S WEEK GRANTS – IMPACT STATEMENTS

Organisation	Event / Activity Title	Grant impact
Acacia Early Education & Care	Library Expansion	Educators and children have access to these new books and this shared learning has supported the growth and development of both staff and children, enriching our educational environment as a whole.
ACT Home Education	Picnic in the Park - Meet and Greet	Being awarded the grant enabled us to host our first home education meet and greet in several years. The funds added value and enabled our team to put together snack bags (popcorn, biscuits and a small chocolate bar) for each of the children as well as providing fruit and water for the families. This gave parents and young people a reason to come and connect with each other and the home education team.
Aeon Arts	Aeon Halloween Party!	This grant allowed us to depart from our usual menu and create some spookily healthy Halloween themed snacks like maggots in compost (noodles in pumpkin dip) eyeballs in blood (lychees in raspberry jelly) dead fingers (sausages with tomato sauce) etc. It also allowed us to pick up some Halloween 'treats' for children that were not sugar based, like temporary scar tattoos and glow in the dark stickers, to add as prizes and treat bags and generally make the event extremely enjoyable.
Ainslie School	Reading Hour	The ACT CW Grant improved our event as we purchased Children's Rights-related Resources which brought the Rights of Children to the attention of the community
Ainslie School	Children's Week Forum	The ACT CW Grant added to our staff event as we were able to engage a beautiful setting to host our forum
Ainslie School	Preschool Loose Parts Play - Transition Visit	The ACT CW Grant help to boost the Kindergarten supply of loose parts
Ainslie School	Buroinjin	New equipment was purchased to play Buroinjin
Ainslie School	Purposeful Play Play Date	School community connecting
Ainslie School	Fuel for Thought - Sandwich & Wrap Bar	Health snacks for the community, sharing learning for life
Ainslie School	Little People's Big Day Out	The ACT CW grant has helped strengthen our school community connections — a wonderful outcome for everyone!
Ainslie School - Baker Gardens Preschool	Indigenous Book Collection Launch	An ACT CW Grant was used to purchase 10 Indigenous picture books
Ainslie School - Reid Preschool	Indigenous Book Collection Launch	The ACT CW Grant was used to purchase 10 Indigenous picture books
Allara Creative	Book reading and creative arts at 13th Canberra Scouts	The ACT Children's Week Grant enabled us to deliver a high-quality, engaging reading of The Brindabellas' Big Night Out at no cost to participants or Scouts ACT. The funding allowed us to dedicate time towards preparing an interactive, enjoyable session and provide activities which were engaging for the Scouts.
Arawang preschool	Grandfriends morning tea	We were able to cater the morning tea with the funds and we also used children's week resources to 'brand' the event.

Arawang Primary School P&C	Childrens Kitchen Garden Revamp	The grant allowed us to purchase the new soil and vegie/fruit punnets. Without the grant, this would not have been possible
Bonython Primary School P&C Association	Bonython Kids Market - DIY stall	The DIY stall helped to increase engagement at the 2025 Bonython Kids Market by encouraging kids and young people in the broader Bonython community to get involved and show their support for their peers.
Bruce Ridge Early Childhood Centre	Excursion Duncan Echoes	The ACT CW Grant greatly enhanced the quality and impact of our service program. The funding allowed us to bring in external community groups to perform, engage, and teach children about different cultures. This provided the children with valuable opportunities to learn through creative and interactive experiences. Overall, the ACT CW Grant added significant value by supporting local arts engagement, fostering creativity, and building stronger connections between artists, cultural groups, and the community.
C+44ommunities at work Taylor CCEC	Hatching Chicks and the Science of Life	<p>Through the Hatching Chicks and the Science of Life program, children at Communities@Work Taylor Child Care and Education Centre experienced the wonder of observing life firsthand. Supported by the grant funding, the initiative offered an engaging, hands-on learning experience that brought the scientific concept of life cycles to life. Children observed eggs hatch, cared for the baby chicks, and learned about the importance of warmth, safety, and nurture — connecting deeply with themes of growth, responsibility, and empathy. One of the most meaningful outcomes of the project was the creation of a book, “Our Hatching Chicks Story.” Children collaborated to document their observations through drawings, dictations, and photos, turning their scientific exploration into a beautiful literacy-rich project. The book is now displayed in the studio library, symbolising the children’s voice, creativity, and growing scientific understanding.</p> <p>This literacy extension fostered ownership of learning and reflected the children’s ability to express their thinking through multiple modes — visual art, oral storytelling, and early writing.</p>
Canberra Islamic School	Acquire school resources for Children's Rights	We plan to use the materials including posters that will be printed to educate children about their rights and responsibilities. The materials acquired would make the learning fun and engaging.
Caroline Chisholm School	Stay and Play	Our event was smaller than planned but it was lovely to have families get together and talk to like-minded parents about ways to improve our P&C
Caroline Chisholm School- Stay and Playgroup	ACT Children's Week Celebration @ Stay and Play	Families and children were grateful for morning tea and more resources being added to stay and play. Stay and Play at CCS is self- funded and all toys are donated by community.
Chapman Preschool P&C	Preschool Garden Working Bee	The ACT Children's Week Grant completely funded our event purchasing all cleaning and painting supplies used at the working bee.

Chifley Preschool	"Play the Day Away" sensory play day	The grant helped us to purchase several different sensory play materials and resources which would not have been possible without the money made available. The materials were of a good quality, colourful and appealed to the children.
Children's Book Council of Australia ACT Branch	Reader's Cup	The Grant enabled the organiser to purchase medallions and have the two Trophies engraved and give the students a chocolate snack during a break.
Children's Book Council, ACT Branch	Christmas Book Giving	Books make a huge impact on both the children and the adults who care for them. We get feedback thanking us for this initiative.
Communities at Work	Children's Week Celebration	Providing opportunities for educators, children and families to engage and network
Communities at Work	Indigenous Literary Library	We would not have been able to buy as many resources.
Communities at Work - Abacus Child Care and Education Centre	Obtaining children rights resources for children's week and beyond	During Children's Week, Abacus Child Care and Education Centre used the Children's Rights Educator Packs to deepen children's understanding of their rights through meaningful storytelling, discussions, and yarning circles. The beautifully illustrated books inspired children to explore themes of identity, belonging, respect, and fairness, helping them recognise their own rights and those of others. Educators observed increased confidence, empathy, and thoughtful communication among children as they shared ideas and experiences. Families were also engaged through story-sharing and conversations at home, strengthening partnerships and reinforcing our centre's vision of ensuring every child feels safe, valued, and empowered to express themselves
Communities at work Taylor CCEC	The Science of Life event & Children's Rights Walk	The ACT Children's Week Grant significantly strengthened our event by allowing us to offer richer, more meaningful experiences for children and families. The funding supported our intergenerational afternoon tea, provided high-quality children's rights and wellbeing resources, and enabled hands-on learning through our Hatching Chicks and Ducklings science project. These activities deepened children's understanding of their rights, encouraged creativity and inquiry, and strengthened connections between children and their families. The grant also allowed educators to facilitate purposeful discussions and create environments that supported belonging and participation. Overall, the funding added depth, engagement, and lasting impact to our Children's Week celebrations.
Communities@work	Children's week Art Exhibition- Amaroo OSHC Tree of Children's Rights	Thanks to the generous support from the ACT CW grant, Amaroo OSHC has been able to purchase essential stationery supplies for our Art Exhibition and beyond! These resources are already sparking creativity and will continue to support our children's future art and craft projects, helping them explore, express, and grow through hands-on learning. We're so grateful for this investment in our children's creative journey.
Cranleigh School	Come See Celebrate ME!	Without the ACT Children's Week grant students would not have had the opportunity to create high quality artworks using canvas.

Cranleigh School P&C	Come See Celebrate – Cranleigh Community Day	The ACT Children's Week Grant significantly enhanced the quality and inclusiveness of our event. Funding facilitated the hire of accessible lawn games, which created engaging, shared play spaces for children of all abilities and encouraged meaningful interaction between families. The grant also enabled us to provide afternoon tea for our dedicated volunteers, acknowledging their time and contribution. These additions elevated the overall experience, strengthened community connection, and ensured families who often face barriers could participate fully. The grant's support was instrumental in helping fund these activities.
Duffy Primary School	Traditional Games and Afternoon tea with an older adult	The grant we received we utilized to buy some of the resources that we used for the traditional games that we played. We also used as many natural materials that we could, such as gum nuts and seeds for the game 'Jacks'.
Erindale College	Economics Party	Students built further relationships with each other and their educators
Erindale College	Movie excursion to Limelight Cinemas	The ACT CW Grant allowed our students to attend the movies at no additional cost to them, meaning that families weren't financially impacted on this excursion. The grant provides wonderful opportunities for students that might not be able to happen otherwise.
Erindale College	Bridging Numeracy Class Excursion - Walking around the National Triangle and Lunch	The ACT Children's Week Grant allowed all students in the Bridging Numeracy class to participate fully in the National/Parliamentary Triangle excursion, including lunch, without financial barriers. The funding created an inclusive experience where students could apply maths skills in real-world contexts such as mapping distances, calculating travel times, and budgeting. Visiting the High Court of Australia added unique educational value and sparked meaningful discussions about rights, responsibilities, and everyday problem-solving. The grant promoted wellbeing, confidence, and engagement by connecting classroom learning with community experiences, reinforcing students' right to learn and participate in authentic, hands-on educational opportunities.
Erindale College	Celebrate Science	The grant enabled me to feed my students lunch, to socialise, build relationships and to enable full participation in learning activities.
Erindale College	Indigenous Art activity and Kingsley's morning tea	Without the grant we would not have been able to purchase the large canvas or the Kingsley's Chicken. I feel that it definitely helped to make the lesson successful and enjoyable for the students.
Erindale College	Wooden Clocks	All students were included as we could spread the cost further.
Erindale College	Essential Maths yr 12 Meet and Share	Children love to share moments with their friends over Pizza Lunch. End of school get together.

Erindale College	Mathematical Application yr 11 (line 4) Success & Recognising Students' Rights	The ACT Children's Week Grant supported us financially to celebrate our end-of-year success with a pizza lunch. This celebration also highlighted children's rights to participate and enjoy positive school experiences. The students thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.
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Erindale College - Bridging Maths (Mainstream) to the movies	Went to see the movies to see Tron	The ACT Children's Week Grant allowed all students in the Bridging Maths (Mainstream) class to participate in a shared learning experience without financial barriers. The funding covered the cost of movie tickets and refreshments, making the excursion inclusive and enjoyable for everyone. This opportunity added value by helping students connect their classroom learning to real-world applications, such as budgeting, time management, and travel planning. It also promoted social interaction, teamwork, and wellbeing. The grant made it possible for every student to engage equally in a positive, practical, and memorable activity that celebrated Children's Week.
Erindale College - Hospitality	Hospitality showcase - Children's party	With the grant money (and the idea of Children's Week) we were able to put this event on and provide a free party for our whole school community rather than just the Hospitality students.
Erindale College Drama Class - "The Play That Goes Wrong"	Play "The Play That goes Wrong"	The ACT Children's Week Grant made it possible for all Drama students, including those from the Learning Support Unit, to attend the professional performance "The Play That Goes Wrong." This experience would not have been possible for some students without the financial support provided. The grant added value by giving students a real-world connection to their own production, helping them reflect on acting, stage design, and teamwork. It also promoted inclusion, confidence, and wellbeing by ensuring that every student could participate equally in a shared cultural experience, celebrating their right to access the arts and creative learning opportunities.
Erindale College Life Skills Class	School bus trip to see the movie Tron	The ACT Children's Week Grant made it possible for all Life Skills students to take part in the movie excursion without worrying about cost. Many of our students experience barriers to community participation, so this funding ensured everyone could be included. The grant added value by supporting real-life learning in a safe, enjoyable way—helping students practise budgeting, travel planning, and social interaction. It also promoted wellbeing by giving students a sense of belonging and shared achievement. The outing helped build confidence and reinforced the importance of inclusion, respect, and access to community experiences for all young people.

Erindale College Pasifika Group	End of Year Pizza Celebration	The ACT CW Grant greatly enhanced our Pasifika program by enabling us to celebrate and share our diverse Pacific cultures in authentic and meaningful ways. With this support, we provided cultural workshops, performances, and our inaugural Pacific Excellence Awards, recognising Pasifika achievement and leadership. The funding allowed us to purchase traditional materials, costumes, and decorations that brought pride and cultural identity to our events. Most importantly, it strengthened connections between students, families, and the wider community, creating a strong sense of belonging. The grant truly uplifted our Pasifika voices and empowered our students to celebrate who they are.
Erindale College Wood Work - Pizzas Together	Sharing Pizzas in the Wood Class	The ACT Children's Week Grant made it possible for all Wood Work students to share in a celebratory pizza lunch without any cost barriers. The funding supported inclusion by ensuring every student could take part equally, helping to strengthen relationships and build a positive sense of community within the class. This simple but meaningful activity added value by promoting wellbeing, teamwork, and recognition of students' efforts throughout the term. It also reflected the 2025 Children's Week theme by supporting students' right to relax, enjoy leisure time, and feel valued and connected within their learning environment.
Erindale College: Compass Program Star Buffet Excursion	Compass Program Star Buffet Excursion	The ACT Children's Week Grant significantly improved the Star Buffet excursion by ensuring all Compass Program and Food Class students could participate without financial pressure. In addition to the allocated funding, approval to use unspent money from other Children's Week grants further supported this event and helped reduce costs for families. This combined funding allowed students to enjoy a shared meal, try new foods, and build confidence in a community setting. The experience promoted inclusion, wellbeing, and social connection, supporting the Children's Week theme by ensuring every student had the right to participate fully and enjoy a positive, memorable celebration.
Evelyn Scott School	Book Launch - 'Children's Rights'	The grant enabled us to publish the book in hard copy, creating a real sense of pride and achievement in co-creating a class book about Rights. The children view themselves as writers, authors and active participants in our learning community.
Fadden Primary P & C	Stay and Play Preschool Picnic	Grant enabled food to be purchased which encouraged people to stay and participate.
Fadden Primary P & C	Fadden Primary P&C Stay and Play afternoon tea	Enabled the purchase of food which encouraged people to stay and play.

Farrer Primary School	Colour Run	The Children's Week grant had a significant positive impact on our school community by enhancing the 2025 Colour Run and ensuring every student could fully participate. The funding allowed us to provide bubbles and icy poles for all students, creating a shared experience that promoted joy, inclusion, and celebration. It also supported the purchase of coloured paint, which transformed the event into a vibrant, high-engagement activity that encouraged physical activity and school connectedness. As a result, the Colour Run strengthened student wellbeing, fostered a sense of belonging across Preschool to Year 6, and brought families, staff, and P&C volunteers together in a meaningful community event. The grant directly contributed to creating a fun, memorable, and inclusive Children's Week experience for every child.
Flynn Early Childhood Education Centre	Celebrating our Reconciliation Action Plan Success	The grant funds supported us to celebrate the success of our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) with the children in a meaningful and engaging way. The mat will continue to be a valuable addition to our outdoor environments, supporting children's ongoing learning, play, and connection to culture.
Forrest Early Education & Care	Library Expansion	Educators and children have access to these new books and this shared learning has supported the growth and development of both staff and children, enriching our educational environment as a whole.
Forrest Out of School Hours Care	Family Play Day	The grant impact was huge as a NFP service it gave us the funds to buy additional resources and promote childrens rights,
Forrest Primary School P and C	Letters to Our Leaders at Forrest Primary School	Resources and promotion helped explain the week and encouragement meaningful engagement
Franklin School Parent Committee	<i>Seen</i> screening	The cost of screening licence for <i>Seen</i> was \$250 so the grant allowed us to undertake the screening. We are a small P&C with not much capital reserves
Fraser After School Care	Children's Week STEAM Extravaganza	The grant allowed for us to widen the range of activities we could put on offer for the children and allowed for us to cater to their wider curiosities and desires. It ensured the day was fully designed for them.
Garran Scout Group	Children's Week - Learning Through Bushcraft	The impact was allowing the purchase of much needed equipment for the Scouts. We purchased 10 ferro rods so more youth members could participate in the fire lighting skills session. The rods are now also available for youth at their meetings and future camps to easily re-run the same session.
Gumnuts Yarralumla Playgroup	The Life Cycle of a Plant	The Grant was wonderful in that it allowed us to do something different for the children as we do not have much income. Learning and doing something different was exciting for the children and they entered into it wholeheartedly, so thank you very much for the Grant.

Gungahlin Child and Family Centre	Fletcher's Ark Farmyard Fun	The ACT CW Grant added significant value to our event by enabling us to host Fletcher's Ark Farmyard at our playgroup. This experience was unlike our usual sessions, providing a new and enriching way for children to build empathy, confidence, and social skills, while also bringing families together to create lasting memories and strengthen community connections.
Gungahlin Child and Family Centre	Welcome back to Tiddas Indigenous Young Girls Group	We were able to expand on our existing resources, allowing the girls to explore their creativity and exposure to beautiful food ingredients.
Gungahlin Child and Family Centre	Children's Week 2025 Arboretum Excursion for Atfaal and Learn Giggle Grow playgroups: Exploring Rights Through Nature event	The ACT Children's Week Grant significantly enhanced the success and accessibility of our Arboretum excursion by enabling us to hire a charter bus to transport families to and from the National Arboretum Canberra. This support ensured that families without access to private transport could participate in the event, promoting inclusivity and reducing barriers to engagement. By providing safe and convenient travel, the grant helped create a welcoming experience for all attendees, allowing families to focus on connecting with nature, exploring children's rights, and enjoying quality time together. The charter bus was instrumental in fostering community participation and ensuring the event was accessible to a broader range of families.
HeartKids Ltd	Two Feet and a Heartbeat	The grant allowed us to purchase bubble wands for all children participating, coloured hairspray for kids and siblings to proudly wear HeartKids colours of red and blue, colouring and painting supplies and partial payment for our face painter.
Holy Family Primary School	Grandparents Day	The financial impact of the grant was significant as we did not need to charge the families as much if they wished to purchase a grazing box to share at the event.
Holy Trinity ELC	Slow Afternoon and Loose Parts	The ACT Children's Week Grant enabled us to enrich our outdoor learning environments through the addition of high-quality loose parts, which inspired creativity, collaboration and problem-solving during our Slow Afternoon event. These materials encouraged children and families to engage in open-ended play and meaningful interaction, aligning beautifully with this year's theme, "Everyone should know about Children's Rights." The grant helped us create a calm, inviting space where children's capabilities, curiosity, and joy were celebrated — deepening family connections and strengthening our shared understanding of children's rights in action.

Holy Trinity Primary School	Holy Trinity Family Tennis Tournament: Celebrating Children's Right to Play	The ACT Children's Week grant was instrumental in enhancing our Tennis Challenge event. The funding enabled us to provide catering for all attending families, which significantly increased participation by removing barriers and creating a relaxed, social atmosphere where families could stay longer and connect more meaningfully. By offering food and refreshments, we transformed the event from simply a tennis activity into a genuine community gathering. The catering reinforced the welcoming, inclusive nature of the event, ensuring every family could participate fully without additional cost.
jessica wright	Theo's Rainbow Rush (Colour Run)	The ACT CW Grant provided helpful support for our Rainbow Rush by contributing toward key items like colour powder and safety supplies. While the \$200 grant didn't cover the overall event costs, it eased some pressure and allowed us to offer the event free for all students to participate in. This assistance helped us deliver a fun, inclusive and well-run experience that students described as "the best day ever", while still raising valuable funds for our school.
Joeys Weston (Scouts ACT)	Joeys & Grandfriends: Play, Share, and Explore Together	The grant added value by helping us provide additional materials and resources that enriched the activities and made the overall experience more enjoyable for everyone involved.
Kaleen Primary School	Grandparents Day	The positive feedback from grandparents was overwhelming. They were happy to be invited into the school, grandparents day had not been event at the school since prior to covid. It was evident to the connection between the different generations.
Kingsford Smith School	Grand friends Day Sing-along and Morning Tea	The impact of the grant supported a healthy morning tea to share with students and their families.
Koala Playschool	Grandparents and special persons day	Facilitating the money to buy the art making resources allowed us to provide a meaningful shared experienced between the grandparents/special people and the young children form our service. They money allowed us to purchase quality materials that facilitated the interaction between them and allowed the children to showcase their artistic abilities.
Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts - Rainbow Joeys	Coding Robots	Without the grant this activity wouldn't have been possible, as we wouldn't have been able to purchase the robots.
Latham Preschool	Our Relationship with Country	We would not have been able to purchase these resources if not for the grant money we graciously received.
Lillypilly Early Education Centre	"Everyone should know about Children's Rights	We were able to purchase two wonderful sets of Qld Children's Rights books, including a set for our famil+C81ies to take home in the library. The books have helped challenge our children and understand what their rights are.
Macquarie Preschool	Collaborative Play with Community	We were able to purchase a number of resources which will enhance children's collaborative play possibilities. When the event does happen both Macquarie and Milestones students will have a collaborative artwork to display in their centre as a symbol of their place in community and an ongoing relationship.

Macquarie Primary School	Grandfriends' Morning Tea	It sure did - we were able to fund not only morning tea but many activities for the children to partake in with their guests, including rock painting, scavenger hunt, dance class, art and craft activities, Pickleball and much more
Margaret Hendry School	Children's Week welcome sign unveiling	It supported the purchase of the welcome sign, enabling us to conduct this event! Thank you!
Marlee Early Education & Care	Our Rights Storybook	The grant provided our service the opportunity to purchase a range of materials the children could utilise in creating their book. We were able to laminate and collate the book to add to our library and for it to remain a long lasting piece in our collection.
Mawson Out of School Hours Care	Library Expansion	Educators and children have access to these new books and this shared learning has supported the growth and development of both staff and children, enriching our educational environment as a whole.
Mulga Scouts ACT	Messengers of Peace Little Free Library	We would not have been able to do this without receiving the grant in essence the grant allowed us to live our value of youth empowerment in allowing the children to plan and complete the activity as well as being a service to their community .
Music Theatre Projects Ltd	Newsies Jnr	Our project was ambitious, and we were starting out on a new program without any base funding, so every grant we received was incredibly important in getting this project over the line. It also underlined the meaning of the production, to be associated with events that share values and goals.
Namadgi School	Grandfriends afternoon	It was very valuable as it provided valuable resources to use
Namadgi School	Community Library	It was a wonderful event that brought our community together
Narrabundah Children's Cottage	Grandparents Day	The grant allowed the team at Cottage to purchase stamps, envelopes and letter writing supplies to encourage connection and communication between children and their older family members.
Neville Bonner Preschool - Burugun and Malunggang groups	Children's Fun Day	The grant enabled us to purchase the resources needed to have a fun, engaging day for the children including the cake, napkins etc to go with this, as well as the face paint, nail polish and a new football target set. Thank you!
Neville Bonner Primary School	A fun outside day for children. Throughout the week, we will focus our teaching and learning on the Children's Rights with a particular focus on number 31 - Children have the right to rest, relax and play.	I actually used the United Convention on the rights of the child with children and families which I haven't done before. It was lovely to celebrate in a fun way as a preschool community as well.

Ngunnawal Child Care and Education Centre	Nature Environment Explore and Engage	The grant to our centre, supported the cost of part of the items required for our vision to be funded, which allowed C97for us to achieve our vision.
Noah's Ark Inc.	You Can! Read, Learn, Belong: A Noah's Ark community event celebrating children's strengths and rights through inclusive shared reading	The ACT Children's Week Grant significantly enhanced the quality and of our book-sharing event at Ruth Park. Thanks to the funding, we were able to: Provide a free morning tea, which encouraged families to stay longer, connect with one another, and build a sense of community. Purchase inclusive resources such as key word sign visuals and picture boards, allowing children of all abilities to actively participate in the storytelling experience. Offer take-home materials for parents and carers, supporting early literacy beyond the event and reinforcing the message that every child can be a reader. Create a welcoming and accessible environment, ensuring that cost was not a barrier to participation and that every family felt included. The grant helped us deliver a meaningful, inclusive, event that celebrated children's rights and belonging.
North Ainslie Primary School P and C	Green Halloween	Year 5 and 6 students used the grant funding to design and run Side Show Alley stalls, purchasing materials for engaging activities such as spider-making, face painting, bowling, archery, and throwing games. This hands-on experience empowered students to take initiative, collaborate with peers, and play a meaningful role in the success of the event. Funds raised through these student-led stalls will help subsidise Year 6 graduation celebrations and contribute towards a gift for the school— something future students can enjoy and benefit from. This cycle of giving and leadership reflects the strong community values at the heart of our school.
North Ainslie Primary School P and C	Obtaining Children's Rights Resources	This initiative supports North Ainslie's ongoing commitment to embedding the Child Safe Standards. By promoting identity safety and emotional wellbeing, The Big Box of Rights aligns with our efforts to create a school environment where children feel safe, supported, and free to express who they are.
North Ainslie Primary School P and C	Bush Tucker Garden	The impact of this garden extends beyond planting. Students will take care of the plants, observe their growth, and learn about the Six Aboriginal Seasons through intentional plant selection— connecting seasonal changes to traditional knowledge and ecological cycles.
O'Connor Cooperative School	Ice Cream Dreams & Crazy Hair	The ACT Children's Week Grant significantly enhanced our event by allowing the children's chosen idea to come to life exactly as they imagined it. Because the activity was fully funded, every child could participate equally, removing financial barriers for families. The grant enabled us to purchase quality resources, decorations, and treats that created a fun, inclusive and memorable experience. It also strengthened student voice, as the children proudly voted for the theme and saw their ideas respected and celebrated. Overall, the grant added excitement, ownership, and joy, transforming a simple activity into a vibrant whole-school celebration.

O'Connor Cooperative School	STEM on Wheels	The event had a significant impact on the children by combining STEM learning with genuine student voice. The children voted for this activity themselves and were excited and proud when their idea received a Children's Week Grant. Using the STEM remote-control circuit cars, students built, connected and experimented with electronics in a hands-on, playful way. This boosted their curiosity, problem-solving abilities and confidence in STEM. The activity encouraged collaboration, testing ideas, and learning from mistakes in a supportive environment. Overall, the grant transformed their chosen idea into an engaging STEM experience that strengthened learning, ownership and joy across the school.
Parish of the Transfiguration, North Woden	Obtaining Children's Rights Resources	The ACT Children's Week grant enabled Transfiguration Parish to purchase comprehensive Children's Rights resources for every classroom at Holy Trinity Primary School. The funding allowed us to place high-quality picture books in all seven year levels from Kindergarten to Year 6, ensuring every student has equitable access to Children's Rights education. The grant made it possible to embed Children's Rights learning across our entire school immediately, creating a consistent, whole-school approach to understanding and celebrating the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This comprehensive approach ensures maximum impact and reach across our parish school community.
Pearce Preschool Kookaburras	Storytelling with Holly Bidwell - Pearce Preschool Kookaburras	Receiving the 2025 ACT Children's Week Grant allowed us to facilitate an incursion with a local storyteller without cost to families, allowing all children at our service the opportunity to participate in the experience. The enjoyment and engagement from the children participating in the incursion supported their wellbeing by strengthening emotional intelligence, building resilience, and enhancing cognitive and social skills. It also allowed us the opportunity to build a relationship with our local community by inviting Holly to come and share stories with the children.
Rebels Netball Club	Rebels Netball Club Presentation Night	The grant helped alleviate the financial costs of the night on a not for profit group.
Rosary Out of School Hours Care	STEM Workshop Challenge - Creating Safe & Accessible Environments	We used the grant money to access resources that encourage and excite the children in exploring science, technology, engineering and maths and to be able to use these resources to expand on their ideas and support them all in accessing STEM related experiences. We will use these resources to develop our workshop and continue to use this space regularly.
School Volunteer Program ACT Inc	Recruiting Volunteers to work with students building meccano models	The \$200 purchased advertising in CityNews. This also led to an interview with 2CC. We were trying to recruit as many volunteers as possible.
Scouts ACT Survival Team	Foraging for Food, Fire, Water and Cordage	It provided the funds to acquire navigational equipment for the foraging walk.
South Belconnen Girl Guides	JOTA/JOTI	The morse code machines made brought morse code to life. The girls had heaps of fun with the walkie talkies, and the build your own kits added a more hands on component to the day.
Southern Cross Early Childhood School	Grandparents/friends Celebration Morning Tea	This event would not have been successful at all, without this grant. Thank you very much from our school community.

Southern Valley Spartans Basketball club	Fruit at training	The grant meant it didn't impact on the running costs+C106 of the club.
Southwell Cub scouts	Science project night	If we didn't get the grant the Cubs would've had to share the few kits we had & then their experience in making different projects would've suffered. The Cubs scouts were so engaged in making different science experiments we could've spent hours & hours on the event. The Cubs were so happy with the night they have asked if we can plan another night next year with the science kits.
Southwell Scout Group - Brindabella Venturers	Tombola stall at the Hawker School Fete	The ACT Children's Week grant empowered Southwell Scout Group's Venturer Scouts to design and deliver a youth-led Tombola stall at the Hawker School Fete. This initiative provided practical leadership experience for 14–18 year olds, while engaging children and families in a fun, inclusive activity. By reusing jars for prizes, the project modelled sustainability and resourcefulness. It also raised awareness of Scouting opportunities across age groups, fostering resilience, teamwork and civic responsibility. The grant covered materials, prizes and safety supplies, enabling Venturers to contribute meaningfully to their community and inspiring more families to explore the benefits of Scouting.
St John Vianney's Primary School Waramanga	Read, Reflect, Connect: Building Resilience Through Books	The grant allowed us to purchase some new updated Resilience books.
St Jude's Primary School	Year 5/6 Book-club Manga Party	Our grant enabled us to purchase books that are expensive and not readily available. By responding to our students requests I build a strong trust with them and we improve our reading culture at St Jude's.
St Jude's School Holder ACT	Purchasing a Buddy Bench from recycled Lids	Without the grant we would probably have had to wait until next year to purchase the bench which would have been well after the competition which would not be ideal. It is also great for the Year 6 children who are here to see the culmination of the project they have been very involved in.
St Michael's Out of School Hours Care	STEM Challenge - Keeping Everyone Safe	The grant money was used to access resources that encourage and excite the children in exploring science, technology, engineering and maths and to be able to use these resources to expand on their ideas and support them all in accessing STEM related experiences. The resources included blocks, building kits and recyclable building materials.
St Michael's Primary Kaleen	Grandparent's and Greatfriend's Day	We were able to use the grant to purchase treats for the students. Each child received a mini frozen yogurt.
St Monica's Primary School	Children's Rights to an education	The books have allowed us to build a collection of books that are fresh and up to date about Children's Rights for our students to access and learn about Children's Rights

St Vincent's Primary School	Children's Rights Garden, Art competition and Resources for the library	The grant allowed us to purchase some books which supported our work in promoting Children's Rights. These will remain a permanent fixture in our library.
Sts Peter & Paul Out of School Hours Care	STEM Station	Using the grant money, we were able to buy resources to go towards our STEM station, supporting children in their exploration of STEM related learning experiences. Most importantly this now extends beyond Children's Week, with the STEM Station being accessible throughout the program
The Learning Nest Co	Free Intergenerational Playgroup	We were able to purchase resources that were reflective of what we were wanting to achieve + paying for staff to conduct the session. It was very successful!
Throsby Out of School Hours Care	Wellbeing Space	This tent has been a safe haven for children when they need support with social interactions, self regulation and personal space. Being able to provide them a resources that allows them to understand and advocate for a range of their rights is a truly wonderful way to spend children's week and celebrating this year's theme.
Torrens Primary School	Grandfriends Day	It had a huge impact! Without the grant we would not have been able to host such a beautiful morning tea for our grandparents.
Torrens Primary School	Addition of Children's Week Resources to our Library Collection	These resources are key to our focus on children's rights in the curriculum for all future units of work across K-6
Torrens Primary School P&C Association Incorporated	Big Bubble Station and Children's Art Show	The grant added value to the event by providing a space at the fete that was no cost to families and focused on connection and child-led fun. It honoured kids' creativity and curiosity.
Tuggeranong Child & Family Centre	Children's Week theme Everyone Should Know about Children's Rights	Being able to invite a paid balloon artist to the Learn, Giggle and Grow Playgroup at the Tuggeranong Child & Family Centre took the Children's week celebration to the next level.
Tuggeranong Child and Family Centre	Everyone should know about Children's Rights-event	It supported us to provide very important information to our Koori families about the rights of every child. It was a fun event and every child does, as the Convention on the Rights of the Child states, have the right to play and have fun. The Balloon artist made a little story about the Three Little Pigs. This is a story about feeling safe. She also made individual balloons in the shapes of Australian native animals, whihc helps with identity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and every child could choose which animal they wanted.
Tuggeranong Child and Family Centre	Multicultural Playgroup Children's Party theme	The grant allowed our Centre to hold a Children's Party theme including a visit from the reptile zoo. This added value to our event by likely attracting more families to visit the centre and therefore allowing us to educate more families regarding the UN's Right of the Children while demonstrating our safe and inclusive group and centre.

Watson Early Childhood Education & Care	Children's Gallery	Using the fund provided, Watson was able to host a really special evening, with artwork displayed respectfully. Families were so proud to see their childrens voices shared with dignity, respect and appreciation.
Wesley Whippersnappers Playgroup	Colours of the Rainbow	The grant helped us put together a wonderful morning tea for the children and their carers who could play and have a feast at the same time. It paid for the resources such as the rice, the flowers, the knives and the fruits, the morning tea and extra stationery which we usually don't have a lot of budget for.
West Belconnen Child and Family Centre	Learn Giggle Grow	Thanks to the grant, we were able to enhance our regular play group session by offering a special activity day for children and parents. This event provided opportunities for families to engage in creative play, strengthen social connections, and enjoy a variety of enriching experiences that would not have been possible without this funding. The grant allowed us to cover costs for Fletcher's ARK services creating a memorable and inclusive environment for all participants.
West Belconnen Child and Family Centre - Multicultural Playgroup	Excursion to National Zoo & Aquarium	Thanks to the grant, we were able to cover essential costs for the excursion, such as food, water, and transport, which made the event possible.
West Belconnen Child and Family Centres	Koori Pre Children's week	The children loved the books. Each preschool received two: Learning Country by Ryhia Dank, which teaches traditional place names and totems, helping children connect with their identity and culture. The second, Silly Birds by Gregg Dreise, explores the importance of choosing good friends and learning from mistakes. It shows how poor choices can lead to trouble, but also how to take responsibility and make things right. Both books sparked meaningful conversations and helped children understand their place in culture and community.
Wonderschool Dickson	Exploring animals that live on Ngunnawal Country Australia - Reptile Incursion	The grant allowed the opportunity for all children to be involved
YMCA Early learning Holt	Larry Brandy session	The grant enabled us to engage storyteller Larry Brandy, enriching children's learning about culture, identity, and wellbeing. His interactive session encouraged children to express themselves, listen to others, and connect with Aboriginal heritage, fostering confidence, creativity, and a sense of belonging. It also provided educators with new ideas to support engagement and cultural awareness. By supporting this activity during Children's Week, the grant directly promoted children's rights, voices, and wellbeing. Overall, it enhanced the quality of our program, created meaningful experiences for children, and left a lasting positive impact on both participants and the wider community.
YMCA Gungahlin	Banner display	This support enabled the service to acquire the required resources and materials for the development of the display.

YWCA	Discussed and learn about the Rights of the children	<p>The ACT Children's Week Grant added great value to our event by helping us create meaningful learning experiences for all children. The funds allowed us to provide engaging materials and resources that supported children to explore and share their ideas about their rights through art, discussion, and play. It also enabled educators to learn more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and reflect on how to embed these principles in daily practice. The grant helped us celebrate children's voices and promote respect, inclusion, and awareness across our service community.</p>
YWCA O'Connor SAC	Children's Disco	<p>The \$150 grant made a meaningful impact by supporting a disco experience shaped directly by the children's voices and interests. Their suggestions guided the music, activities and overall atmosphere, ensuring the event was genuinely child-led. The funding allowed us to create a fun, inclusive and engaging environment that promoted movement, joy and social connection. This experience positively supported children's wellbeing by giving them opportunities to express themselves, build confidence and feel a strong sense of belonging within the group. By easing financial pressure on the service, the grant enabled educators to prioritise high-quality, child-centred experiences that met the children's emotional and developmental needs.</p>