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News - Budget Summary

The 2023 budget was considered a first step budget by not for profits. Our Community Matters 2023 budget edition describes the budget as 3.5 lamingtons out of 5 for the sector, recognising that many community organisation rely on fundraising to survive. The overall intent was positive yet sustainable significant investment in programs and services is still lacking and there is still work to do to lift people out of poverty and to target support towards disadvantaged and children. Learn more [here](#).



News - Child Care Subsidy Increase

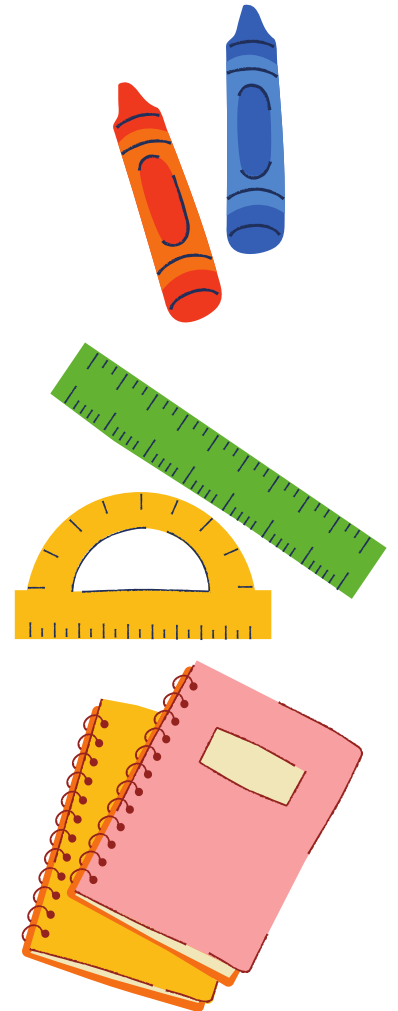
The Child Care Subsidy for family day care, centre based care, in home care or outside school hours care is increasing from 10 July 2023. Find out more [here](#).

If you want to know more about what your future subsidy will be, use the Starting Blocks website [here](#) to calculate your future rates.



News - Envisaging Schools

Despite continuous reforms and investment, educational performance in Australia's schools is considered questionable. Australia's PISA scores (Performance International Student Assessment) have dropped in maths, NAPLAN (National Assessment Program) has been stagnant or declining, achievement gaps exist in different equity groups (rural/indigenous or socio educationally disadvantaged) and spending has gone up by 22%. So what could a new vision for schools look like? A whole child and whole school approach that optimises opportunities for all children to grow up as the individuals they want to become? Find out more [here](#).



News - Employment Opportunities



PCA Families is looking for two new part time staff members in our Helpline support and our Better Futures/Homestretch Programs. If you have experience in working with young people and experience in administration or telephone support, please consider applying. Find out more [here](#).

News - NDIS Paperwork Overload?

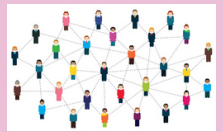
The repetitive paperwork involved in the NDIS has come into the spotlight. Could there be a move to longer term planning? Participants hope so. Watch this video [here](#) to learn more.



Events - Click & Connect Peer Support

TOPIC: EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

DATE: Wednesday 24 May 12.00 to 1.00pm



TOPIC: Robyn Papworth is a paediatric exercise physiologist, developmental educator and trainer who is passionate about helping children's body and brain to be ready for kindergarten and school through movement and play strategies. In her YouTube recording with PCA Families, Robyn reminds us that movement development can be fun and there are critical milestones that are part of a progression, not a race to deliver at a point in time. She shares exercises we can do to help with visual tracking, core strength, crossing the midline, spatial awareness and shoulder stabilisation, all key elements to sit in a classroom and learn. She reminds us to connect feelings and visuals with letters, not to teach the ABCs. We need to meet the child with where they are at.

In preparation for this lease watch or read the transcript of the YouTube Recording with Robyn Papworth, exercise physiologist [here](#).

REGISTER: [here](#) via Zoom Link

Carer Assistance Program - Therapeutic Support

Self referral available [here](#).

DFFH Flexible Funding - Funding Additional Needs

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Helpline - Information, support and referrals

Further information available [here](#).

Better Futures and Home Stretch - Support to 21

Find out more [here](#).

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