

Transition to School is a walk in the park

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The latest Picnic in the Park, for children in the Shellharbour region starting school next year, will be held today at Blackbutt Forest Reserve.

Transition to School project officer Kath Smith said the event, which had attracted strong support from the local community in the past, offered families a fun way to introduce their child to transition

activities.

“Principals will be on hand to meet with children and families, and help children make connections with their future schools,” she said.

“The picnic also provides an opportunity for local high school students to contribute to the community while developing new skills.

“Students from Warilla High School and Corpus Christi Catholic High School



Transition to School mascot Billy Backpack (pictured) will drop by the Picnic in the Park today at Blackbutt Forest Reserve.

will be on hand to make sure all goes smoothly on the day, helping little hands with fun activities and making sure all the school starters enjoy healthy picnic snacks.”

Attractions at the picnic, which runs from 10am to noon, included a visit from the popular Transition to School mascot Billy Backpack, face painting, craft activities, Active After School Communities, the NSW Fire Brigade (Shellharbour) and Matildas

Farm Yard.

Each school starter will receive a free school starter pack, which includes a hat, drink bottle and pencils.

The Illawarra Transition to School Project is funded through Families NSW, a State Government initiative.

Visit www.transitionto-school.com.au for more information on the Transition to School Project.