



Transition to School mascot Billy Backpack is a popular attraction for children preparing to begin school next year.

Expos equip school starters

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Helensburgh and Bulli will host Transition to School events this month allowing parents to speak with principals, school staff and health professionals.

The event is designed to equip parents to assist their young child into school.

Helensburgh Community Centre will host an event on June 11 and Woonona-Bulli RSL on June 30.

Other locations are Stockland Shellharbour on June 18 and Dapto Mall on June 25.

The events offer free entertainment for school starters including giveaways, face painting, craft activities, music performances and visits from Matilda's Farmyard and Transition to School mascot Billy Backpack.

While children enjoy the fun activities on offer, principals, school staff and a range of health professionals -

including speech pathologists and nutritionists - will be on hand.

"Starting school is a critical time for both children and parents and the expos are designed to make the transition a positive experience," Transition to School project officer Kath Smith said.

The Helensburgh and Bulli events will start at 6.30pm while the Shellharbour and Dapto events run from 9.30am to 5.30pm.