

Big school for little folk

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FAMILIES in the area are now well and truly prepared for 'big school', after a visit to Stockland Shellharbour last week.

The Big School Expo is part of the The Illawarra Transition to School Program and gives families of children starting school next year an opportunity to find out information and have fun.

While children enjoyed the fun activities on offer, principals, school staff and a range of health professionals (including speech pathologists and nutritionists) also spoke with parents.

"Staring school is a critical time for both children and parents and the expos are designed to make the transition a positive experience," Transition to



• Lilly Frost learns the importance of a healthy lunch box.
Picture: LYNLEY COLES

School project officer Kath Smith said.

"Families have the chance to familiarise themselves with all their local schools, at the event, and gather important information from transition to school experts."

The Illawarra Transition to

School Program is supported by Illawarra Children's Services and funded by Families NSW, a State Government initiative that aims to help parents give their children a good start in life.