

# Social Story™

## Children's Week Event



# What is a social story?

A social story™ uses storytelling to explain new experiences and environment, helpful for people feeling nervous about attending a new place or event.

- Read the social story before visiting the new place or event.
- If reading to someone, help them understand key points.
- After the visit, re-read the social story to celebrate achievements.







Children's Week is celebrated in Australia every October. It is a time to recognise that children have the right to enjoy childhood and show their talents, skills, and abilities.

On Tuesday 22 October, 10am to 12pm there will be a free community event at Caterpillar Park with fun activities for everyone to enjoy.





Caterpillar Park is also called Milgar Street Reserve and is located on Park Road in Mandurah.

There is plenty of parking at Caterpillar Park including four ACROD parking bays.





The entire park is fenced in with tall safety gates to keep little ones from wandering off.

The only part outside the fence is the public toilets.





Caterpillar Park has plenty of fun equipment to play on, with something for children of all abilities and ages to enjoy.





There is a Liberty Swing for children and adults who use a wheelchair.

Don't forget to bring your own Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK) to use the swing.

For more information about getting an MLAK, click on the following link: <https://masterlocksmiths.com.au/mlak/>.





There are quiet spaces to retreat to for a break from the busy event.





There are sensory-seeking activities too, like the flying fox.

The flying fox might have a line of children waiting for their turn because it is a popular activity.

I will try to wait my turn.





There are public toilets near the playground, including a wheelchair accessible toilet. The toilets are outside the playground fence.

If I need to go to the toilet, I will ask my trusted adult to go with me.





There will be lots of fun activities to try. I can touch different things and feel different textures during the sensory activities.

My hands might get messy, and that's okay. If I don't like getting my hands messy, I can choose something else to play with.





There will be art and craft activities.

Some of the activities might be busy. I will try and wait my turn.





I might have a picnic with my family and friends.





There will be farm animals in a small fenced area. I can look at them and gently pat them. I need to be gentle so the animals don't get hurt.

The animals might have a smell that I don't like. If the smell bothers me, I can go to another part of the park where there's plenty of space and fresh air.





There will be information stalls that the adults might want to visit. These stalls will have information about family support and early childhood development.

People from different local organisations, like Wanslea, Peel Language School, Relationships Australia, and Playgroup WA, will be there to answer any questions.





Going to the Children's Week event at Caterpillar Park might be fun.



Children's Week is proudly supported by the Mandurah early Years Action Group, a collaborative network of local services dedicated to supporting families.

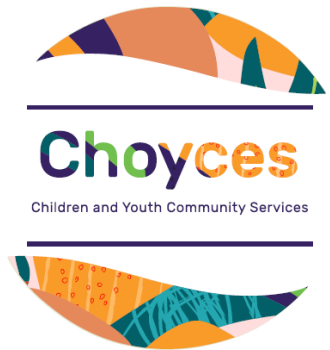
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