

Information Sheet No.4

Know Your School—Help Your Child*

Notes, newsletter, the calendar, and the school's website all are good ways to know your school.

Get help from friends and older children to read the information from the school.

Go to school meetings, open nights or days, starting school assemblies, Meet the Teachers nights, P&C meetings, Learning Journeys.

Go to parent teacher nights:

- take a list of questions or problems in English for teachers;
- ask a friend or student to go with you if English is a problem;
- Teachers are happy to help with problems.

If you have a problem?

- First talk to front office at school: ring up, write a letter or email the school;
- Get help from friend or student, if English is a problem;
- You may then be referred to a year coordinator, senior teacher, Deputy Principal or the School Principal;
- *Next step may be a counsellor or classroom teacher.*

Join the P&C (Parents and Citizens Association) at your school.

Attend P&C meetings: go with a friend, if English is a problem.

Help with P&C activities such as the canteen, school fete, car boot sale, quiz night, and working bee at the school.

Parents help at schools, for example in the library, on excursions and in art and craft.

For help with homework

- Talk or email your child's teacher (ESL teacher if available), look at *MyClasses* on the Internet for high school and college students;
- Contact the Migrant Resource Centre, Homework Program;
- Try to read to your child.

Remember in ACT Preschool is free for all 4 year olds; migrant children can often start at 3 years old.

Fathers and mothers are both welcomed at schools.

IF THERE IS A PROBLEM, ASK FOR HELP. TEACHERS WANT TO HELP

**This information was provided by Viv Pearce, P&C Council delegate, for use by migrant parents to assist them with their children's schooling.*