

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO AT SCHOOL?

By becoming involved we can understand schools better, and find new ways for our children to learn.

- Talk to the teacher about helping your child learn
- Talk to other parents about how to help your child
- Help with reading programs at school (many schools have them - ask if yours does).
- Attend parents' meetings at the school
- Visit the school library

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

To obtain more information on how to help your child learn, ring:

FREECALL 1800 183 066...



*Become
involved*

Further information is available from:

Australian Council of State School Organisations (ACSSO)

ACSSO is the national parent organisation representing the interests of over 2 million children enrolled in government schools throughout Australia.

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Australian Parents Council (APC)

APC is a federation of 11 state-wide organisations of non-government school parent associations in every state and territory of Australia.

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**Parents
make the
world of difference**



WE ARE OUR CHILDREN'S FIRST TEACHERS

Your child first learns how to speak and use words at home. Families answer children's important questions about what things look like, what things are used for and when you use them. All the basic things you teach them give them a good start at school and stay with them.

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO LEARN CAN BE SIMPLE

Here's how:

- read to them
- let them read to you
- encourage them to tell you the same story in their words
- ask them to talk about what they have learnt today at school
- ask them to talk about something that interests them (sport, music, a TV program, a drawing)
- talk about community activities
- talk about religious festivals and their meaning.

REMEMBER: WE CAN HELP CHILDREN LEARN ALMOST ANY WAY WHICH SUITS US...

Many of the every day things we do at home help our children learn.

Encourage your child to learn by:

- writing a shopping list together
- cooking and following a recipe together
- getting a book out of the school or local library
- planning a birthday party and writing invitations together
- drawing a picture and writing on it, and sending it to relatives
- reading comics, magazines and newspapers
- making a book with pictures and words
- reading to your child in your first language
- getting your child to teach you about using a computer!

ALL PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE IMPORTANT

Everyone has knowledge to share. Everyone has a story to tell. You don't have to be a teacher or pass exams to help your son or daughter learn. You are vital in helping your child make sense of the world. Remember you are your children's first and most important teacher.



LEARNING TOGETHER IS FUN

Sometimes it seems as though the way your child is taught at school is very different from your own school days. You may feel as though you can't help - but you can! What children need most to help them learn is encouragement from their family - from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends.

Giving support and encouragement to your child to learn is the most important way you, as a parent, can help them succeed.

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