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FAMILY FUN DAY: FREE ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Looking for something fun, educational and free for children aged five to 12 over the October school holidays? The Parliament of NSW is making civics exciting for children with the 15th edition of the annual Family Fun Day.

From **9:30am until 3:00pm on Friday 10 October**, don't miss your chance to participate in a range of engaging and educational activities, from storytelling, arts and craft and films, mock election voting, exploring the historic upper and lower house chambers, and much more.

Bring a packed lunch for a family picnic in the Speaker's Garden or stop by the Long Bell Cafe for something tasty.

The Hon. Ben Franklin MLC, President of the Legislative Council, said the Family Fun Day is designed to spark imagination and curiosity about civics in our youngest citizens.

"Parliament belongs to the people and we're proud to welcome families to NSW Parliament House for a day dedicated to fun, education and making memories," he said.

"It's a joy to hear the precinct come alive with the sounds of young people, as they take part in activities that showcase our modern democracy, from mock committees and storytelling to hands-on craft and music."

"Parents and carers tell us they love Family Fun Day just as much as the kids!"

Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, The Hon. Greg Piper MP, said this open day allows children to immerse themselves in the state's heart of democracy in an engaging, safe, inclusive and accessible way.

"What's special about Family Fun Day is that children can see and participate in Parliament. This opportunity gives them a better understanding of their role in shaping the state's future."

Activities include:

- Arts and craft
- Music and drawing with Archibald prize-winning artist Blak Douglas
- Interactive storytelling led by historical political characters
- Mock committee role play
- Mock voting with the NSW Electoral Commission
- Explore the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers



- Learn about the role of Legal Aid NSW in assisting citizens

Visit the [Parliament of NSW website](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au) to reserve your free tickets and for further information.

Can't make the Family Fun Day? Join one of our free public tours, running weekdays during the school holidays at 11.30am and 1.30pm (except public holidays) – families are welcome. For more information on tours and to book, visit the [Parliament of NSW website](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au).