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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

from the staff and board at Playgroup SA Inc.

We wish you - our valued Playgroup Members and Coordinators - a SAFE, HAPPY and MEMORABLE Holiday Period.

We value your individual support, commitment and contributions in making Playgroup in SA a positive experience and we look forward to making Playgroup even bigger and better in 2014 (our 40th Birthday year)!

Playgroup SA Head Office will close on 20 December, 2013 and will re-open for business and Playgroup fun as of 20 January, 2014.





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PLAYGROUP INFORMATION, COMPETITIONS, GIVE-AWAYS AND EVENTS!



Playgroup SA's Christmas Playgroup - story time ("Six White Boomers") with Playgroup Support and Development Officer Santina and the Socca Joey's mascot.

From the Executive Officer...

I'm still struggling to believe that we have come to the end of the year and that Christmas is just around the corner! A big thank you to all the families who attended our Christmas Playgroup on the 5th of December. There were lots of excited faces walking past my office window that morning.

I hope that all members have enjoyed their time at Playgroup this year and are looking forward to returning for more fun in 2014. Affiliation Forms for 2014 have now been sent to all Coordinators. If your Playgroup hasn't yet received yours, then please call Playgroup SA. Once we have received Affiliation Forms, then the full suite of Membership Forms etc. will be sent to Playgroups. Don't forget to Affiliate and become a member before the 15th of March to go into the running for some fabulous prizes.

A big thank you to the Playgroup SA staff for their tireless dedication and commitment throughout the year. Thanks also to the Volunteer Board of Management for their time and hard work and most importantly, thank you to the hundreds of Coordinators, Committee Members, helpers, parents, carers, families, grandparents and all who attended and assist in making the Playgroup Movement in SA so vibrant and full of fantastic community spirit. I wish all of our members, friends and supporters a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for a fantastic New Year.

Carley Jones
Executive Officer, Playgroup SA



Membership & Affiliation 2014

Playgroup Affiliation

To make things simpler and easier for Coordinators, Playgroup SA has decided to conduct the affiliation process in a different manner this year... Instead of sending you a large pack with information overload, this year we simply require you to send in your completed Affiliation Form (posted to all previously Affiliated Playgroup Coordinators and available from Playgroup SA). Once the Affiliation Form is returned, Playgroup SA will send you the Affiliation Pack ready for 2014.

Early Bird Incentives



Playgroups Affiliating with Playgroup SA before 20 March, 2014, will go into the draw to win a fantastic prize pack for their Playgroup. The prize pack consists of a great range of resources for all ages, courtesy of Modern Teaching Aid.

Playgroup Membership

Once your Playgroup has Affiliated with Playgroup SA, complete your Family Membership Form (available from your Playgroup Coordinator or Playgroup SA Head Office) and return it to us to process your Membership.



Early Bird Incentives

All Members joining Playgroup SA before 20 March, 2014, will not only be eligible for the discounted price of Full Year Membership but will also be eligible to enter our special competition which will see one lucky member win a Family Holiday to Tumby Bay, courtesy of Modra's Apartments (valued at \$390). To enter this Early Bird Competition, submit the entry form featured on page 15 of this newsletter along with your Membership Form and Early Bird Payment.

MAKE YOUR OWN

REINDEER FOOD



COMBINE OATS, GLITTER AND
100'S & 1000'S (OR ALIKE PRODUCTS THAT
YOU HAVE AVAILABLE)

SPRINKLE ON THE LAWN AT NIGHT
THE MOON WILL MAKE IT SPARKLE BRIGHT
SANTA'S REINDEER FLY AND ROAM
THIS WILL GUIDE THEM TO YOUR HOME

Accredited Courses 2014

Child-Safe Environments (Mandatory Reporting)

Learn about the issues of child protection and gain your certificate in Child-Safe Environments (CSE).

When: Thursday 6 March, 2014
Thursday 19 June, 2014,
Thursday 11 September, 2014
Thursday 13 November, 2014
Time: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Cost: Playgroup SA Coordinators: FREE
Playgroup SA Members: \$25
General Public: \$75

In order to be a qualified mandated notifier within the education system in SA, teacher registration requires all persons complete Child-Safe Environments in addition to the school specific RAN-EC online training (implemented October 2013)

Accredited Senior First Aid

This nationally recognised one day practical course will provide you with everything you need to know to provide first aid response, life support and the management of casualty(s) and the incident until the arrival of medical or other assistance.

In preparation of the one day course, you will be required to complete an on-line workbook*. Once you have completed this, you will need to provide your certificate of completion at the practical day.

When: Thursday, 27 March, 2014
Thursday, 18 September 2014
Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm
Cost: Playgroup SA Members: \$100
Non Members: \$131

*Options available for those with no internet access

Performing CPR

A three hour practical course that will teach you everything you need to know to perform CPR.

When: AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
Cost: Playgroup SA members: \$40
Non-members: \$61

Enrolments / Enquiries:
Playgroup SA 1800 171 882

* Bookings essential to secure your place. Registrations 15 minutes prior to course commencement time

all costs
include
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playgroup Workshops 2014

Coordinators Workshop

Are you a new coordinator, or thinking about starting a Playgroup? Then this course will provide you with all the info you need. Including tips on how to effectively run a Playgroup, play ideas and the value and benefits of play. This is a perfect opportunity to start building Playgroup support network with both Playgroup SA staff and other coordinators attending the workshop.

10am - 12:30pm
Tues 18 February | Thurs 15 May | Wed 13 August | Thurs 16 October

Messy Play Workshop

Find out the value and benefits of messy (sensory) play, gain age appropriate play ideas that will assist with children's development and overall, have fun.

10am – 12:30pm
Thursday 3 April | Thursday 7 August, 2014

Make & Play Workshop

Find out the value and benefits of messy (sensory) play, gain age appropriate play ideas that will assist with children's development and overall, have fun.

10am – 12:30pm
Thursday 13 March, 2014 | Thursday 4 September, 2014

Preschoolers Workshop

Due to popular demand, we've tailored a workshop around Playgroup activities with your preschooler. Perfect for Playgroup children of who are no longer babies or toddlers and require more stimulating types of play and craft that encourage learning and increased skills.

10am – 12:30pm, Thursday 8 May, 2014

Christmas Craft Workshops

Find out the value and benefits of messy (sensory) play, gain age appropriate play ideas that will assist with children's development and overall, have fun.

10am – 12:30pm
Thursday 6 November, 2014

**Playgroup Members
& Coordinators**
\$10 inc GST

Non Playgroup SA Members
\$35 inc GST

Crèche
Available

Enrolments / Enquiries:
Playgroup SA 1800 171 882

* Bookings essential to secure your place. Registrations 15 minutes prior to course commencement time



WIN
WIN
WIN

a copy
of each book
reviewed here...

HOW...?
Email your
NAME +
PLAYGROUP +
CONTACT DETAILS
and the word
'BOOK PACK' to
competitions@playgroupsa.com.au
by Friday 25 January, 2014
for your chance to WIN!

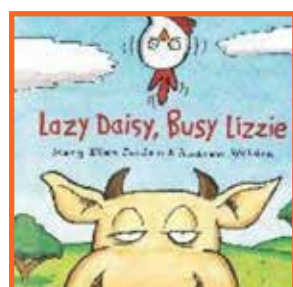


Lazy Daisy, Busy Lizzie
by Mary Ellen Jordan &
Andrew Weldon

This book is wonderful - so good,
in fact, I read it to the office. It
is silly but fun and good for all
Playgroup ages.

The illustrations alternate
between large, bold drawings
introducing each character and
scenes filled with lots of detail.

A charming book that would be
great for Playgroup story time!



Sun
by Natalie Jane Prior & Anna
Pignaaro

An interesting water coloured
picture book that would be suited
to children aged 3 years onwards.
This book is about animals
waking up with the sun and how
bright and energetic we should
feel in waking up.

I think this would be a good book
for Playgroup Story Time with
actions.



Big Red Tractor
by Melissa Firth &
Cheryl Orsini

Big Red Tractor is a bright
coloured rhyming book with fun
noises the reader can make for
their audience.

This book would be great for
animal or farm themed Playgroup
sessions.

Big Red Tractor is aimed at
children from the age of 2+ years.



Meet Snugglepoot and
Cuddlepie
by May Gibbs

I can remember reading these
books when I was a child and I still
enjoy them.

The mix of Australian bush culture
and fairy tale dreaming is a really
nice mix.

A lovely story for kids 2+ years
who will hopefully share this story
with their own children one day!

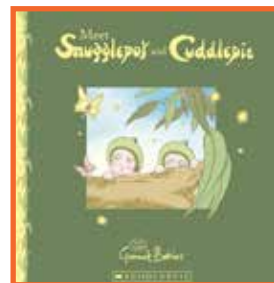


PHOTO GALLERY

TWILIGHT PLAYGROUP

in celebration of Children's Week 2013



Marshmallow Trees

Recipe courtesy of Super Food Ideas - December 2005, Page 49 - by Tracy Rutherford



Equipment

You will need 8 paddle-pop sticks

Ingredients

24 mega marshmallows (see note)
3/4 cup desiccated coconut
10 to 20 drops green food colouring
1 1/2 cups white choc melts

Method

Step 1

Line a large, flat baking tray with baking paper. Thread 3 marshmallows, pointed side up, onto each paddle-pop stick. Press last marshmallow on to cover top of stick.

Step 2

Place coconut in a plastic bag. Add 10 drops food colouring. Rub coconut (through outside of bag) to mix colouring evenly. Add more colouring if desired. Spread coconut over a small plate.

Step 3

Place choc melts in a heatproof, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave, uncovered, on MEDIUM (50%) for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring every minute with a metal spoon, or until melted and smooth, but not hot.

Step 4

Using a pastry brush, brush chocolate over marshmallows (hold sticks over bowl to catch drips). Don't make it too thick or the chocolate will run. Roll marshmallows in coconut, sprinkling to coat. Carefully lay marshmallow trees on prepared tray. Allow to set. Gift wrap or serve.

Christmas Craft: Reindeer Plastic Cup

This craft is suitable for children in playgroups right up to primary school aged children. I've detailed the instructions below. Courtesy of www.beafunmum.com



Materials

Plastic cup
Green cardboard
Pencil
Ribbon
Sticky tape
Craft glue
Pom Pom for nose
Google eyes
(or draw your own eyes)

Tips

- Fill with lollies or good quality, individually wrapped chocolates
- Fill with notes of appreciation from the child (eg. thank you for doing art with me)
- Fill with potpourri
- Include a handkerchief or washer

Directions

Step 1

Trace and cut around hands to create the reindeer antlers. Glue one clear plastic cup on the other as shown (1).

Step 1

Stuff the head sections with your choice of gift (egg cup, washer), paper or cellophane. Just keep the head section light so it doesn't topple over.

Step 1

Fill the body cup section with lollies or individually wrapped chocolates.

Step 1

Using the cup as a template, cut a cardboard circle and seal the end of both cups with tape. Address the gift on the base of the cup.

Step 1

Decorate with eyes, pom pom for nose and ribbon around the neck.



Dads Read

Be their reading legend
10 minutes a day
makes a difference

"It's never too early to start reading"

Reading Legends: Channel 7 sport presenter and reporter Mark Soderstrom and Author Phil Cummings reading to Mark's son

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Government of South Australia
 Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Dads Read developed by State Library of Queensland
dadsread.org.au



Thank you

to the Woodworkers Shed Northern Districts

Each year, the Woodworkers Shed, Northern Districts Inc. kindly donates a large number of wooden toys and children's furniture to a number of organisations, including Playgroup SA.

Each and every year I am amazed by the sheer number of fantastic resources that this dedicated group of volunteers manages to create, build and donate. Toys such as doll cradles, highchairs, large wooden trains, racing cars and fire engines are all well loved by the children who receive these goods at their Playgroup.

The donation is such a wonderful gift for Playgroup SA as it enables us to provide resources to Community Playgroups and help get new playgroups established quicker with furniture, toys etc. It's such a joy to know that we can pass these donations onto our members across South Australia.

From all of us at Playgroup SA, I would like to express our deepest thanks to all involved at the Woodworkers Shed for their continued donations.



Outdoor Playgroup PHOTO GALLERY



Jo from Bunnings - decorating pots and planting herbs



Outdoor Playgroup set up with Ready Steady Go Kids sports

Outdoor Playgroup was proudly supported by Madhatterz Parties, Ready Steady Go Kids (Marion Region), Bunnings Warehouse (Prospect), SAPOL and Educational Experience!



Craft Activities supplied by Educational Experience



visit www.madhatterzparties.com to book a party - they always do the best facepainting at Playgroup events!

Sargeant Tamara from SA Police was a big hit with the Outdoor Playgroupers... Thanks for showing us your Police Car Tamara!

Celebrating Children - 23 October, 2013



Support

Access to Playgroup SA's Support and Development Officers in person, via email and/or telephone. These workers can provide you with useful resources and materials, Playgroup activities, ideas and more.

Publications



Four editions per year of our state based publication, the 2-in-1 *State of Play / SA Kids Magazine*. Includes practical, local information about raising children, as well as original articles by experienced journalists, childhood professionals and parents. This mag covers all stages from pregnancy to the teenage years and *State of Play* is specifically targeted to families with 0-5 year olds.

ePlayNEWS

Subscription to *ePlayNEWS*, Playgroup SA's state based membership newsletter (if an email address is provided) which is distributed six times per year.

Insurance

Comprehensive public liability & personal accident insurance whilst you and your children are attending an Affiliated Playgroup or Playgroup activity anywhere in rural or metro South Australia.

Events

Discounted entry into Playgroup SA events including Playgroup @ the Zoo and free special event Playgroups such as Easter, Christmas and Book Week Playgroups.

FREE tickets to the Pregnancy, Baby & Children's Expo (distributed via playgroups).

ABC Card

A Playgroup Membership Card that is also the Australian Baby Card (valued at \$30) offering you hundreds of discounts online and from numerous South Australian based businesses.



Playgroup SA Member Benefits

Along with 4,000 other South Australian family members, enjoy these Playgroup SA Membership benefits!

Training

Discounted Playgroup SA workshops including, Messy Play, Physical Play, Christmas craft and more.

Discounted prices on Accredited Training Courses including Senior First Aid and Child Safe Environments.

Membership

FREE upgrade to Full Association Membership; This level of membership entitles you to voting rights at Playgroup SA's Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings and to stand for election on the Board of Management.

AND the right to attend as many Affiliated Playgroups as you wish!



WIN a Family Holiday to Tumby Bay



In becoming a Playgroup SA Full Year Family Member before 15 March 2014, you can go into the draw to win a family holiday to Tumby Bay, Eyre Peninsula, simply by attaching your completed Entry Form (below) to your Membership Form...



www.modrasapartments.com.au



Prize includes:

3 nights accommodation in a 2 bedroom Modra's Apartment, suitable for up to 6 people, **valued at \$390**. Plus vouchers from local businesses and attractions with savings of up to \$285!

To be eligible to go into the draw, all Membership Forms must be received by Playgroup SA by 4pm on Friday 15 March 2014. The winner will be drawn on Friday 28 March 2014 at Playgroup SA's 40th Birthday Event.



Competition Entry

Full Name:Playgroup Name:

Phone:Email:

Playgroup SA PLAYROOM

The Playroom is available for hire to Affiliated Playgroups during the school terms, between 9am and 4pm weekdays, excluding Thursdays. If you are interested in discussing session time availability please contact Playgroup SA on 1800 171 882.

The playroom is equipped with facilities such as outdoor play area including a sandpit, a well resourced carpeted indoor play area, physical play equipment, kitchen, wet area, baby feeding area, reading corner, home corner, craft supplies, air conditioning, parent toilet and baby change facilities, wheelchair and pram access. Playgroup SA is committed to introducing new toys/ equipment to the playroom.



An advertisement for Crayola's 'My First Creative Tools for Little Hands'. The background is a vibrant yellow and red. On the left, there's a large 'my first Crayola' logo. To the right, the text 'Creative Tools for Little Hands™' is prominently displayed. A circular badge in the top right corner states 'NONTOXIC 24+ months FOR LITTLE HANDS'. Below the main text, several product boxes are shown, including 'Musical Rub-Art Station', 'Color & Erase Activity Set', 'Washable Markers', 'Jumbo Crayons', 'Safety Scissors', and 'Junior Colored Pencils'. A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a white shirt with the 'my first Crayola' logo, is smiling and holding a purple crayon. At the bottom, the website 'Crayola.com' is listed.

Playgroup SA Membership:

Membership is compulsory under the terms of affiliation for all Playgroups.

Please note that if there are families attending your group that are not current Playgroup SA members, your Playgroup is at risk. If an incident or accident occurs at your Playgroup, an insurance claim may be considered void for your entire group. Our friendly staff are happy to answer any questions regarding your Playgroups membership status or the membership process.

Call us on Free Call 1800 171 882 for more information or check out our website www.playgroupaustralia.com.au/sa



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