

ePlayNEWS

Practical Playgroup Support & Information...

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you're invited to **TWILIGHT PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup SA is celebrating

40

years
in 2014

Come along and
join the festivities...

Friday 28 March, 2014 · 5pm - 7pm

Playgroup SA's Play Room

91 Prospect Road, Prospect SA

Join us for a family playgroup session &
sausage sizzle to celebrate our birthday!

RSVP by 20 March to
Playgroup SA - 1800 171 882

spaces are limited



PLAYGROUP SA
Playing, learning, supporting families

THE BIG 40 COMPETITION... GET CREATIVE @ PLAYGROUP

Create/decorate/collage the numbers 4 and 0, then
submit to Playgroup SA via email, post or in person
to win a prize for your playgroup!

Competition to be drawn at Playgroup @ the Zoo
on 7 November, 2014. Entries due 1 October, 2014.

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FREE TICKETS for Playgroup SA Members!

Adelaide Showground, Wayville
Friday 21 - Sunday 23 March, 2014

Call us to have tickets mailed to you at
Playgroup on 1800 171 882.

Alternatively, get your free tickets online [HERE](#)



From the **Executive Officer...**

A very big welcome to all of our 2014 Playgroup SA members and coordinators. This is an exciting year for Playgroup SA, as it is the year that we turn 40! It's truly amazing to think about how this wonderful Playgroup movement has been supported by families across our great state for 40 strong years. To kick off our year of celebration, we will be holding a Twilight Birthday Playgroup - see invitation to the left < Playgroup SA encourages all Playgroups to become involved throughout the year and we will end it with a big bang at Playgroup @ the Zoo on November 7.

A big thank you to the many Playgroups who have promptly completed the Playgroup Affiliation process... Your packs should now be in the mail (if you haven't already received them). A reminder to all other

Playgroups to Affiliate in order to be in the running for the affiliation prizes and enjoy the many benefits of being a Playgroup SA affiliated Playgroup. For our members, don't forget to complete your Membership Form and send it in with your competition entry to be eligible to win a great holiday at Tumby Bay, courtesy of Modra's Apartments. Membership and Affiliation info on page 4, competition entry on page 5.

Don't forget that Playgroup SA staff are here to assist you with any Playgroup matter. Our number is toll free - 1800 171 882, so give us a call. We hope you are looking forward to a wonderful year of fun and play at Playgroup!

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.



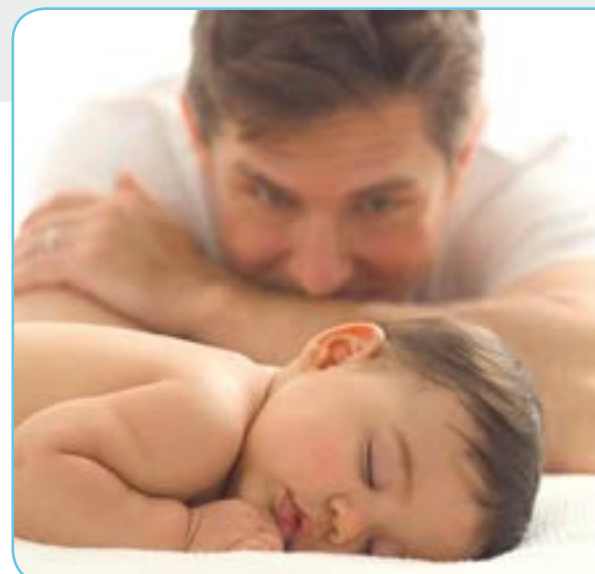
Early Bird Incentives

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.

SLEEP & SETTLING SURVEY

If you're a parent of a 6-18 month old child and are currently living in Australia please take the time to complete this Sleep & Settling Survey (we'll post a summary of the results upon the conclusion of Survey). Also, enter the draw to win 1 of 6 gift packs valued at \$50 each for your participation:

Click here to go to participate in survey at humansleepresearch.qualtrics.com



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:

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!

Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14. Traditionally it is a day to tell someone that you love them... why not incorporate craft to create a gift from Playgroup to loved one or vice versa, a keepsake for the future. There are loads of great ideas online, Valentine's Day does not have to be about spending money or buying gifts. Check out some of our favourite ideas...





A Song for Lorkie
by Dean Bowen &
Jennifer Castles

This book has a more traditional style and the illustrations are delightful. Children of all ages will enjoy this...

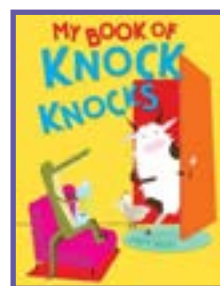
Lorkie is one of several birds that make their home in the Valley of Roofs. He has a friend Brian. They've been best friends since they were eggs. Life is good on the rooftops, but Lorkie has a secret! This is part sweet love story and part about being true to oneself.



My Book of Knock Knocks
Illustrated by Christina
Bollenbach

Especially created as a fun first knock knock book for children just coming to grips with telling jokes.

Each joke is playfully illustrated with funny animal characters - a laugh out loud collection of classic knock knocks for the whole family to enjoy.



Princess and Fairy
Fairytale Parade
by Anna Pignataro

Princess and Fairy have been invited to lead the Fairytale Parade at twilight. Will they be able to find everything on their list of magical things in time? Join Princess and Fairy for another glittering adventure; a beautiful rhyming book with all things pretty.



Buzz Lightyear Foam Gliders
by Klutz/Disney

Easy to punch out pieces to make five different foam gliders/flyers with simple steps for preschool aged Toy Story fans.

From Woody's Roundup Rider to Hamm's Hammer, every glider is custom designed for specific members of the Toy Story crew. Young pilots can decorate the flyers with the included stickers and can let their imaginations soar to infinity and beyond.



GREAT START WEBSITE

www.greatstart.sa.edu.au

An exciting new GreatStart parent website has been developed as part of the Department for Education and Child Development Numeracy and Literacy Strategy to provide ideas and activities for parents to develop their children's early numeracy and literacy skills. It is framed from a family perspective around everyday events Play, Food, Out and about, Growing, Getting ready and Celebrations. For each activity, information is provided on why it matters and what it leads to in terms of numeracy or literacy development, with examples of the language parents could use when they engage in the activity with their child. Activities are searchable by age, materials and the skills developed.

Parents and families of young children, birth to five years of age are encouraged to view and utilise the website to give their children the best possible start to their education.



GreatStart
Everyday ideas for learning

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!

These books have been donated,
courtesy of SCHOLASTIC



EASY FUNDRAISING...!

\$10 from each book sold stays with
your Playgroup or organisation.

Providing SA families over \$5,000 in savings
from local family-friendly businesses and
heaps of useful information such as listings
for local parks, libraries, parenting rooms and
markets as well as recipes, articles, helpful
tips, advice and ideas.

Copies for sale from Playgroup SA
on 1800 171 882

Or visit www.kidsaroundtown.com.au
to start fundraising with Kids Around Town
for your Playgroup

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
GST



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

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my first Crayola Jumbo Crayons
my first Crayola Washable Colored Pencils

Crayola.com



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.

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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