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From the Executive Officer...

Hello and welcome to another edition of ePlay News. Everyone here at Playgroup SA is still buzzing after the excitement of our wonderful trip to Mount Gambier to launch and celebrate National Playgroup Week 2015. It was such a fantastic event, and Playgroup SA loved being a part of it. What a way to kick off National Playgroup Week. A big thank you to the City of Mount Gambier and all Playgroup SA staff involved, and more importantly, thank you to the families who made this such a great day! A shout out to HONK Pop-Up Play who made the trip with us and Fishtails Playgroup who provided some hands on Boat Making activities and water play fun.

Families have also enjoyed Easter Playgroup here at Playgroup SA this week. Phew - March is action packed. It was again fantastic to see some very smiley faces enjoying the Easter goodies and activities on offer. This month I've had the opportunity to visit and work with a number of Playgroup Committees, and I am in awe, inspired and amazed at the passion and dedication of playgroup parents. Thank you to all who continue to devote time each week to the playgroup movement.

We hope everyone has enjoyed their first term back at Playgroup. It's hard to believe the first term is already coming to a close and the school holidays are upon us. A very Happy Easter to all Playgroup families. We hope you enjoy your upcoming holidays (be sure to visit us at the PBC Expo if you're attending), we look forward to seeing you all back at Playgroup in Term 2.

Carley Jones

Executive Officer, Playgroup SA

Enter our Colouring In competition and go into the draw to WIN one of two prizes for your family to Disney On Ice

Disney On Ice presents Dare to Dream

A Celebration of Royal Proportions!

We have two prize packs to give away - each containing four tickets to see *Disney On Ice presents Dare to Dream*. Tickets are for the opening show on Friday 12 June at 7pm

Simply get your Playgrouper to colour in or decorate their entry (colouring page provided on page 11) and submit via post or email to Playgroup SA by Friday 15th May, 2015.

Playgroup SA - 91 Prospect Road, Prospect SA 5082 / competitions@playgroupsa.com.au

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Egg and spoon race

Make sure you hard boil the eggs first to avoid a mess, this is a good activity for outside if you have a good outdoor area at your Playgroup.

Stick the Egg on the Easter Bunny

Paint, draw or print a large Easter Bunny. Cut out large Easter eggs from colourful cardboard.

Have each child with eyes closed try to stick the Easter egg on the Easter Bunny. See who gets closest to the Bunny's hands.

Other kinds of Easter hunts

Check with the families at your playgroup that chocolate is ok, some other ideas instead of food include: a scavenger hunt, fill each plastic egg with a message for the finder (each message has something fun for each child to do during group time for example 'sing itzy bitzy spider', 'spin around 10 times' etc)

Introduce new Easter Traditions to your Playgroup

Ask your Playgroupers if they know of any new ways to celebrate Easter, try to add some of these ideas to your Playgroup



Easter Chicken

Using a fork and yellow paint, dip the fork in the paint and the dab and print on a piece of white paper. Using scissors cut a diamond for the beak and fold in half and cut out two legs in a fork like shape. Once the paint has dried stick on some eyes, or paint and draw eyes on the chicken.

The Bunny Pokey

to the tune of "The Hokey Pokey"

You put your right paws [right hand and foot] in,
you take your right paws out.

You put your right paws in,
and you shake them all about.

You do the Bunny Pokey,
and you hop all around.

That's what it's all about!

You put your left paws in...
You put your pink nose in...
You put your floppy ears in...
You put your cotton tail in...
You put the whole bunny in...



Salt Dough Easter Eggs

1/2 cup of salt
1/2 cup of water
1 cup of flour

Add the salt and flour to a bowl and slowly add the water. Using your hands mix the dough and knead until it forms a dough like texture. Use your hands or a rolling pin to flatten the dough, and cut egg shapes from the dough using an oval biscuit cutter. Use a match stick to poke a hole at the top of each egg. It will take several days to a week for the salt dough to dry out naturally, turn them over each day so both sides can dry out. Once the dough has dried paint each egg. When this paint dries use cotton tips and white paints to decorate and make each one unique. If you want a shiny clear finish put a layer of glue on once all the paint has dried. Add a piece of string or wall and then they're ready to hung. This could be a wonderful craft project at Playgroup over several weeks.



Easter Basket

Ask each family member to bring in a recycled bottle. Recruit a family member (mum/dad/carer) to cut each one down. Use a hole puncher to put a hole in each side and carefully weave a pipe cleaner through for the handle. Place tape around the edges to help cover any sharp edges. Now it's time to hand them over to the children. Each child can decorate their Easter basket however they like- stickers, paints etc. If you have shredded paper the children might like to line the baskets. While the children are busy decorating recruit an adult to hide a few eggs around the playgroup for an Easter egg hunt. Don't forget to ensure there are enough eggs for each child. Some handy tips: allocate 2 ore 3 eggs per child, colour code them to make it more difficult (tell each member to look for a certain colour).

*Have you tried any of these activities at your Playgroup or home?
We'd love to see! Send us pictures to publications@playgroupsa.com.au
and you never know, we might even send you a prize!*

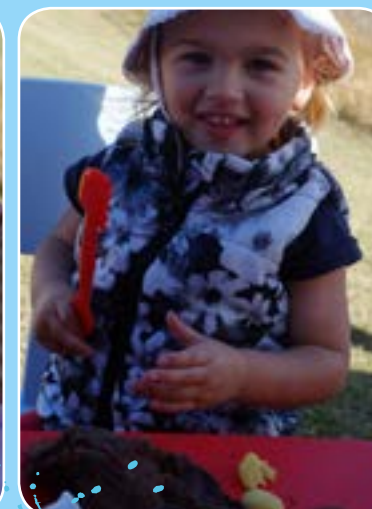


The Big Play Day Out

Playgroup SA, in partnership with the City of Mount Gambier, launched National Playgroup Week 2015 with the BIG PLAY DAY OUT - held at John Powell Reserve, Mount Gambier on Saturday 21 March.

It was fantastic to see so many hundreds of families involved in creating, making and imagining throughout the day with loads of fun activities, such as playgroup craft, boat making, pot decorating and planting, box city, African drumming, children's yoga and lantern making.

Special thanks to HONK Pop-Up Play and Fishtails Playgroup for coming along and contributing to a fabulous and fun hands-on atmosphere!



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Playgroup Mums & Grandma's

On Sunday 10th May, many will celebrate Mother's Day. It's a day we can show our appreciation for the love, care and efforts of our mothers and mother figures - including stepmothers, grandmothers, relatives, guardians, foster mothers and close family friends.

You may like to make her breakfast in bed, have a special lunch or afternoon tea and make a homemade gift and card for her to treasure...

Hair Decoration

Make her a special decoration she can put in her hair. Stick feathers to the bottom of a patty pan and then stick on the hook side of a velcro dot (this will hold the decoration in the hair). Add a smaller patty pan and a coloured paper circle to the inside of the first patty pan. You may like to add bits of ribbon, lace, felt shapes or glitter.

Ring

Cut a small strip of paper about 1cm wide and long enough to go around your finger. Wrap it loosely around your finger and fasten with stick tape. Attach a mini patty pan and decorate it however you like to make a special ring. You could use any craft bits and pieces or colour it in with textas.

Necklace Keepsake

Draw a circle onto a piece of paper or trace around a circle shape about the size of an adult's palm. Have your child draw a picture, a handprint or stick on stickers to decorate. Then cut out the circle shape, cover both sides in clear contact, punch a small hole in the top and thread it on a piece of ribbon/string to make a keepsake necklace.



I LOVE YOU to pieces collage

This is a great activity for all ages, it requires some prep work but even the young ones will enjoy the collage and create their own beautiful masterpiece for mum...

Cut squares from coloured card to make pretty mosaic pieces. On a piece of paper or cardboard draw a large heart and write above or below it 'I love you to pieces'. Using glue, have your little one glue the pieces inside the heart.

Mother's Day Song/Message

You may like to make a Mother's Day Card with the following song inside. Can be sung to the tune of Happy Birthday...

Happy Mother's Day to you,
Happy Mother's Day to you,
Happy Mother's Day to my Mummy,
Happy Mother's Day to you!

Skinamarinky Dinky Dink Song

Skinamarinky dinky dink,
Skinamarinky doo...
I love you

Skinamarinky dinky dink,
Skinamarinky doo...
I love you

I love you in the morning,
and in the afternoon

I love you in the evening,
and underneath the moon

Skinamarinky dinky dink,
Skinamarinky doo....
I love you

I love you too boo boopy doo.

A BIG HUG for You

Print cute little hand prints of your little one/s. Once they've dried, cut around them and glue them on a card. Add a small piece of wool or string and write up the top "a big hug for you". Or "I love you this much".

This is a great one for all ages, and who doesn't want a hug this Mother's Day?



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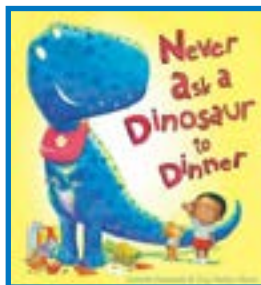
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Cost per Playgroup Workshop (inc GST)

Playgroup SA Members	\$15
Playgroup SA Coordinators	\$15
Playgroup Group Booking (minimum of 4 people)	\$10 per person
Non-Members of Playgroup SA	\$40



Enrolments / Enquiries

Playgroup SA 1800 171 882 or through submitting a 'Workshop Enrolment Form'.

Bookings are essential to secure your place and payment is due strictly FIVE business days prior to the Playgroup Workshop.

No REFUNDS or CREDITS will be given without a minimum of five business days notice.

Crèche

A crèche service is available on-site when stated. This service is included in the Workshop Cost.

Location

Playgroup SA Head Office
91 Prospect Road, Prospect SA



CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENTS Training available 18 June / 10 September
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Coordinators Workshop

Are you thinking about starting a Playgroup?
Are you a new Playgroup Coordinator?
Are you interested in assisting with the running of your Playgroup?

The Coordinators Workshop will provide you with all the information that you need to assist in these roles!

This workshop includes invaluable tips on how to effectively run a Playgroup, as well as creative play ideas and useful information on the value and benefits of play. This is also a great opportunity to connect and brainstorm with other Playgroup Coordinators and Playgroup SA staff in developing your own Playgroup support network.

Saturday 2 May
10am - 12:30pm
NO Crèche available

Thursday 20 August
10am - 12:30pm
Crèche available

Thursday 12 November
6pm - 8pm
NO Crèche available

This workshop is centred around age appropriate play ideas and activities for pre-school age children.

A change in the process of school intake has prompted a demand for stimulating ideas and activities for 4-5 year old Playgroupers, prior to school entry.

Pre-schoolers need and respond well to structure. They are more capable of managing intense emotions and they require routine to avoid feeling overwhelmed. Pre-school age children start to display more curious and questioning behaviours... they are more prone to pushing the boundaries and they often love to experiment with exploration and risk taking.

pre-Schoolers at Play

Wednesday 4 November
6pm - 8pm
NO Crèche available



Make & Play

Tuesday 12 May
6pm - 8pm
NO Crèche available

An opportunity for fun to MAKE and PLAY, create and share ideas and activities using homemade, recycled and inexpensive materials - for the Playgroup and the home. This workshop will explore the developmental process of creating your own play resources and will feature discussions about the types and categories of play, tips on how to create interactive play environments and hands on fun making toys!

Messy Play

Explore the value and benefits of messy play and gain age appropriate play ideas - but most of all, be engaged and have fun!

Messy Play makes an enormous contribution to your child's early language and literacy development. It is a vital component to children's cognitive processes and developing creativity, and benefits all children's learning!

Thursday 19 March
10am - 12pm
Crèche available

Music & Movement

Learn about the importance of music in early childhood. Discover how to run your own interactive Music & Movement session at Playgroup and gain fabulous ideas to get your playgroup families moving and singing. Includes actions and dances, props, musical instruments, parachute songs, songs that encourage movement and music for babies

Thursday 14 May
10am - 12pm
NO Crèche available

Christmas Craft

Come along and celebrate the festive season with this fabulous hands-on art and craft workshop that will provide you with inspiring ideas to share with your children! A fun and interactive Christmas themed session that will explore a variety of art materials, techniques and ideas to use with young children in the lead up to Christmas.

Thursday 22 October
10am - 12pm
Crèche available



Playgroup Workshop Enrolment

All courses will be held at Playgroup SA Head Office
91 Prospect Road, Prospect SA

Personal details

Surname
First name
Email
Playgroup SA Member #(if applicable)
Preferred telephone.....

Course details

Crèche is available for specified courses only and is included in the course cost.

Course 1 Name
Course Date
of children in crèche? Fee \$
Course 2 Name
Course Date
of children in crèche? Fee \$

Payment details

- ☐ Member Price \$15.00 per workshop
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