

# ePlayNEWS



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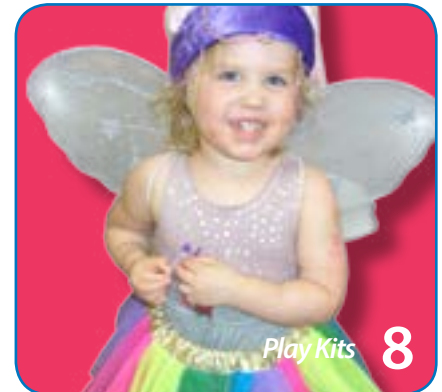
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## Music & Movement Workshop

BACK  
by  
POPULAR  
DEMAND!



Thursday 30 July  
10am - 12.30pm

*Crèche available*

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.





**Every creative journey begins with the first steps.**



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*Disney on Ice*  
**COMPETITION WINNERS**

**Congratulations to the following participants who have each won a prize pack – containing four tickets to see Disney On Ice presents Dare to Dream.**

**Zac Masters**  
Color-In Winner

**Xavier Wiskan**  
Color-In Winner

**Louisa Swalling**  
PBC Expo Winner

**Tamara Millard**  
PBC Expo Winner

**Lina Datillo**  
PBC Expo Winner

**Tickets are for the opening show on Friday 12 June · 7pm at Adelaide Entertainment Centre.**



## From the Executive Officer...

Welcome to another edition of ePlayNews. We hope all Playgroup families enjoyed their school holiday break and is now well and truly back into the fun again at Playgroup. Keep your eye out in this edition for the dates of our next Music and Movement workshop. This has proven to be very popular so far with members and fills up quick. In this edition we have some more great ideas for you to enjoy

both at Playgroup and at home.

I must extend a very big thank you to all members who have taken the time to complete the member survey. This provides Playgroup SA with valuable feedback to assist with the review and development of services. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete for those that haven't participated already and you can go in the running to win a pre-paid Visa card.

May saw recognition of volunteers through National Volunteer Week. I'd like to again thank all of the wonderful volunteers who make Playgroups so vibrant across South Australia.

I hope everyone has another great term of Playgroup!

*Carley Jones*

Executive Officer, Playgroup SA

## Complete our Annual Membership Survey and go into a random draw WIN 1 of 2 \$50 prepaid VISA cash cards...!

Playgroup SA conducts an annual survey of members, coordinators and stakeholders to gain valuable & useful feedback. We appreciate your time in providing us with this feedback - as it enables us to ensure that Playgroup SA continue to provide services that meet our member's needs.

Simply complete the Membership Survey by Friday 5 June, 2015.

If you would like to participate in this valuable survey, please click on the link below:

**[www.surveymonkey.com/s/play15](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/play15)**

*Winners selected at random and notified via phone/email.*

*Survey can be completed after 29 May, however, entries after this date are ineligible to win a prize.*

## Playgroup SA have recently visited the following Playgroups:

Adelaide Outdoor Playgroup  
in Stirling

Eden Hills Playgroup

Giggle Bugs Mount Barker

Golden Grove Kindy  
Playgroup

Goolwa

Goolwa Playgroup

Madges Mini Playgroup  
McLaren Vale

Monday Playgroup at Kalaya  
in Queenstown

Montessori Playschool Victor  
Harbor

Mount Compass Playgroup

Para Vista Preschool  
Playgroup

Roxby Downs Kindergarten  
Playgroup

St Raphael's Playgroup  
Parkside

Strathalbyn Playgroup

Two Wells Playgroup

Williamstown Playgym

Willunga Playgroup

**To arrange a visit from  
our fab Playgroup  
Support & Development  
Officers, please call us  
on 1800 171 882**



# YOGA @ Playgroup

We often hear from Playgroup Coordinator's that Group Time can be the most challenging part of playgroup. Gathering children of various ages to come and sit down to listen to a story and sing some songs can be challenging at times. Group time is a wonderful opportunity to help young children become familiar with routines. It may also be the highlight of playgroup for some children and their families. The opportunity to listen to a story, or to sing some songs, practice some dance moves or play with a parachute can create a wonderful moment or memory for your Playgroupers. If you're finding gathering your Playgroupers for group time to be a challenge, you may wish to try something different. You may wish to start your short session with some calm yoga moves. By modeling these moves you'll find the children will soon join in. Don't forget to include mums, dads and carers too.

Adapting yoga moves or adopting simple yoga moves and breathing techniques for children is a great way to teach young ones how to cope with stress and build on their self-esteem. Yoga has so many benefits to all, no matter how small. Yoga has many physical benefits for improving ones strength, balance, focus, flexibility and coordination. It also assists in improving ones mental and emotional health. It is said that children who practice yoga perform better in everyday situations and also, they behave better in everyday life and have increased levels of self-control.

## Tips and Tricks for Yoga at Playgroup

- Try having a minute of rest or silence at the start and end of the yoga session. Ask playgroupers to lay down on their backs with enough space so not to bother each other. If a minute is too long, shorten the time to 30 seconds. During this time, ask the children to think about a beautiful, quiet place and see if the children can take their minds there.
- Attempt mini yoga sessions over a few minutes of your group time at the conclusion of your Playgroup Session. You may like to try yoga in order to calm the playgroupers down before reading them a story or you might like to end your session with some yoga so that the children leave feeling happy and relaxed.
- Focus on simple poses so that everyone can participate.
- Ensure you keep the poses or games short. Start with 15 second poses and softly count backwards. Each week you can extend the timeframe of particular poses if you feel that playgroupers are able and willing to keep the pose for up to 30 seconds without too much effort.
- Keep the original name for each pose or feel free to rename them to make it more fun for children. Try asking the playgroupers to come up with pose names themselves and see how creative they are.
- Ensure that between moments of focus and quiet, there are opportunities for children to move around and make noise if needed.
- Don't be alarmed if playgroupers don't warm to yoga straight away. Give it a few goes over a few sessions and see how they go. Children love routines and repetition. Once they are familiar with the process and understand the routine, they'll most likely warm to the idea of Yoga at Playgroup and thoroughly enjoy it.

Butterfly



Frog



Ragdoll



Rainbow



Tree



Mountain



Upward Dog



[www.momsteam.com/sports/yoga-kids-tips-children%E2%80%99s-yoga-practice](http://www.momsteam.com/sports/yoga-kids-tips-children%E2%80%99s-yoga-practice)

Star



Relaxation



Relaxation with Blanket





# WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

This activity provides the opportunity for the children at Playgroup to experience new smells. Talking with them about their sense of smell, and describing the smells they sense also helps in language development.

In preparing for this activity, you need a range of smelly substances that you'd often have at home, such as:

- perfume
- eucalyptus oil
- vanilla essence
- spices - eg. cloves, cinnamon, ginger, curry powder
- mint leaves or essence
- coffee
- chopped onion
- vinegar
- small piece of banana lemon juice or essence



## Instructions:

1. Collect sufficient small containers such as film canisters so that you have one for each of these substances.
2. Poke small holes in the lid of each container.
3. Place a little of each of the liquid substances onto cotton wool balls.
4. Put the scented cotton wool balls and a little of the remaining substances into individual containers.
5. Put lids on containers, securing firmly with tape around edge of lids.

You're now ready for some smelly fun! If you have babies and young toddlers at your Playgroup, all the parents/carers can sit in a circle with their children in their laps and pass the containers around smelling them and then allowing the babies and toddlers to experience the smells as well. Talk with them about their noses being used for smelling things, name the substances, and talk in simple terms about what the smell is like. Older children will enjoy smelling the containers themselves, and perhaps exchanging them with friends. They may be able to identify some of the smells, and will certainly be able to talk with others about which they like and which they don't! Encourage them to use descriptive words as they talk about the smells.

## Extension ideas...

1. Make two containers of each of the smells. Older children will enjoy finding the matching smells.
2. Cut out or draw some pictures representing the items in the containers. The children may like to match the containers with the pictures.
3. Use some of the smells in other activities, eg. mix essences or spices into playdough, or use ground ginger to make gingerbread men, and tell the story of "The Little Gingerbread Man" while they are baking.

SENSORY ACTIVITY

# OBSTACLE COURSES

It is important that children be given the opportunity to develop coordination and strength in their large muscles through physical activities such as: climbing, swinging, jumping, running, crawling, sliding, twisting, balancing, hopping and skipping.

Setting up obstacle courses at Playgroup provides a great way for children to develop their gross motor skills. They also learn about spatial concepts while maneuvering their way through, over, under in and out of elements of the obstacle course.

Design the obstacle course according to the developmental level of the children. If you have a Playgroup which includes children in all age groups from 0-5 you may wish to set up separate obstacle courses in different areas, or perhaps organize a different activity for one age group while the others go through the obstacle course - eg. an obstacle course could be set up inside for the babies while the older children play on ride on toys outside.

Suitable equipment and activities for each developmental stage include:

## Babies:

- Soft and tactile surfaces for rolling, sitting and crawling
- Tunnels for crawling through

## Toddlers:

- Different textures to walk and crawl over
- Ramps, tunnels and tyres for climbing and crawling through
- Mats for jumping and rolling
- Planks and ladders for balancing

## Preschoolers:

- Skipping ropes
- Narrow planks for balancing, walking backwards, etc.
- Tree houses
- Ladders
- Monkey Bars

If it is a fine day and your Playgroup has access to outdoor space, you may like to set up the obstacle course in a shady area outside - fixed playground equipment could also be included.

## Extension ideas...

1. Play Follow-the-Leader through the Obstacle Course with the children taking turns being the leader.
2. Design the Obstacle Course around a story with which the children are familiar. Stories including lots of spatial concepts like Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins are particularly suitable for this.
3. Involve the children in setting up the Obstacle Course and they may want to use it to dramatise a favourite story, or as part of their imaginative play.



PHYSICAL PLAY ACTIVITY

# Play Kits at Playgroup



A great, easy and affordable way to meet children's play needs at Playgroup is to offer a "Play Kit".

A Play Kit is simply a collection of theme related items that can be used to stimulate and encourage children's imaginary play.

Play Kits are an excellent resource to any early years setting, as not only do they promote learning through play but they are also inexpensive to create. This means your Playgroup can easily acquire more than one play kit with little (or no) out of pocket expenses.

## How To Create A Play Kit:

- Select a theme such as rock star, farm play, bank, Olympics, restaurant, medical, etc.
- Start collecting items from around the house that match this theme.  
For example: A restaurant kit will need suitable kitchen utensils, menus, serviettes, plastic plates & cups, table cloths, etc.
- Let your Playgroup families know that you are creating a kit and require suitable donations. Many families are happy to donate old or no longer used items from home.
- Decorate a cardboard box with bright wrapping paper to create interest.
- Place all items into the box and label.  
Picture labels are especially helpful for young children who are still learning to read.
- Introduce your first Play Kit to children by displaying what is in the box and demonstrate some ways to use these items. As the children become familiar with the activity they will not need further prompting on how to play with the kit.

Play Kits are a fun addition to any Playgroup and they can really take on the interests of the players.

Children will love to see what's hiding in the box and they will delight in the opportunity to play pretend.

"Children see magic because they look for it."

- Christopher Moore -

Laughter is timeless,  
Imagination has no age  
and Dreams are forever!

- Walt Disney -

## Medical Play Kit

- Stethoscope
- Cloth Bandages
- Thermometer
- White Shirts or Aprons
- Toy Medical Kit Supplies
- Head Light (head band)
- Needles
- Clip Board for Charts(Paper, crayon)
- Emergency Cross Signs
- Bed 1 & Bed 2 Bed Labels
- Cardboard Box Bed
- Stuffed Toy Patient
- Small pieces of paper for medication script
- Kidney Bowl
- Appointment Book & Telephone

## BONUS IDEA!

- Use toy animals and recreate into a vet...!  
Dog Lead / Stretcher / Cages/ Kennels (make your own out of shoe boxes) / Appointment Book & Telephone

## Teacher Play Kit

- Glasses
- Blackboard/Chalk
- Work Books
- Stickers/Stamp for Marking

## Chef Play Kit

- Pots n' Pans
- Utensils
- Mixing Bowls
- Measuring Cups
- Aprons & Tea Towels
- Oven Mitts

## Camping Play Kit

- Small Tent
- Blankets
- Cushions
- Pine Cones & Red Cellophane for Camp Fire
- Fry Pan & Spatula
- Thermos & Tin Mugs
- Large Plastic Insects
- Binoculars
- Torch
- Toy Fishing Poles
- Butterfly Nets

## Beach/Seaside Play Kit

- Towels
- Buckets & Spades
- Umbrellas
- Kick board
- Empty Sunscreen Bottles
- Sunglasses & Hats
- Hawaiian Shirts & Shorts
- Thongs
- Plastic Crabs, Fish & Shells
- Lounge Chairs
- Picnic Baskets

## Hairdresser Play Kit

- Hair Rollers
- Hair Ties/ Clips/Ribbons
- Hair Brushes
- Capes
- Shampoo/ Conditioner
- Doll Heads
- Mirrors
- Wigs, Scarves
- Old Hair Dryer (remove the electrical cord)
- Appointment Book and Telephone

## Travel Play Kit

- Passport
- Suitcase
- Bum Bag
- Plane/Bus/Train/Boat Ticket
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (Empty)
- Towel
- Book

## Rock Star Play Kit

- Instruments
- Wigs
- Hats
- Sunglasses
- Glittery Costumes
- Microphone (homemade)
- Toy Guitar (homemade)

## Builder Play Kit

- Builders Hat
- Toy Hammer, Screw Drivers, Measurer, Leveller
- Tool Belt
- Work Boots (Wellington Boots)
- Cardboard Box Bricks

## Other Play Kit ideas:

RESTAURANT/CAFÉ,  
LIBRARY, CEREMONIES,  
POST OFFICE, DRESS UPS,  
SHOP, CUBBY HOUSE,  
TRANSPORT, PAINTER,  
CHECKOUT, FIRE  
PERSON, POLICE PERSON,  
MECHANIC, FLORIST.





Slug Needs a Hug  
by Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross

This book is delightful!

When it begins to bug slug that his mummy doesn't hug him, he leaves home to find out why. Taking on all of the suggestions from his other animal friends, Slug goes home with a new look. Will his mummy hug him now?



I Wanna Be a Great Big Dinosaur by Heath McKenzie

Toooo CUTE!

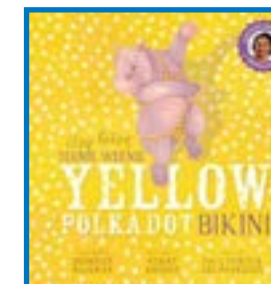
This playful story with a funny twist is about a little boy who desperately wants to become a great big dinosaur! But what will happen when a real-life dinosaur hears his wish and begins to show him what it takes?



Our Love Grows  
by Anna Pignataro

Every child has that one toy, doll or stuffed animal that gives them the heebie-jeebies... in Adam's case, Koala is terrible terrible. Will Adam ever be rid of Koala?

The expressive artwork in this book is absolutely gorgeous and it perfectly captures the humour and nuance of the text.



Never Ask a Dinosaur to Dinner by G Edwards & G Parker-Rees

This classic song is now a sing-along book, complete with CD performed by Deborah Mailman.

Hilarious illustrations that dance off of the page.

# 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](mailto:competitions@playgroupsa.com.au) by Friday 26 June, 2015 for your chance to WIN!

These books have been donated, courtesy of SCHOLASTIC



Congrats to Kate Hastwell from Goolwa Playgroup for winning the Edition #2, 2015 Book Pack!

## Make your Own Musical Instruments



### Guitar

Using a shallow box (tuna boxes work well and can often be found for free at your local supermarket). Decorate using a few stickers. Stick on a large popsicle stick for a handle and add a few rubber bands (make sure you tape the rubber bands on for safety).

### Tapping Sticks

Cut dowelling rods into approximately 15-20cm lengths. You can decorate the ends with streamers. You could also use jumbo paddle pop sticks.



### Shakers / Maracas

Add some dried rice/pasta etc to empty drink containers, add glitter, pom-poms and sequins for added visual effect. Try to avoid items that could cause choking if the lid is removed. Remember to secure the lids with glue and tape, to avoid choking.

### Drums

Ice cream containers make great drums. You can simply keep the lids on and use hands to tap them. Formula tins also work well.

Decorate your drums and make some noise!



# PLAYGROUP Workshops 2015

## 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



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*



## Child Safe Environments (Mandatory Reporting Training)

Explore the issues of child protection, gain an understanding of child abuse and neglect, learn about your responsibility to report concerns about children at risk and receive your certificate in Child-Safe Environments (CSE).

*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)*

**FREE for Playgroup Coordinators**  
*Enquire with Playgroup SA for further details*

**Thursday 18 June**  
**9.30am - 4pm**  
*NO Crèche available*

**Thursday 10 September**  
**9.30am - 4pm**  
*NO Crèche available*

## 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.

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

**Thursday 12 November**  
**6pm - 8pm**  
*NO 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 30 July**  
**10am - 12.30pm**  
*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*



## Prevention Tips

Make simple changes around the home and teach your young child about unsafe areas and items and provide them with safe alternatives to risky behaviour. Take these steps to help keep your young child and your family safe.

### Burns can be reduced in the kitchen by . . . .

- keeping cups of hot drinks out of reach of children
- installing a barrier to the kitchen to keep pets and toddlers away from cooking areas
- placing appliance and saucepan handles towards the back of benches, tables and stoves
- spending time with your child teaching them basic kitchen safety
- purchasing and using oven mitts
- keeping a fire blanket and fire extinguisher nearby and easily accessible

### Burns can be reduced in the bathroom by . . . .

- Lower the delivery temperature of hot water to 50°C – hot water from the tap at 60°C can burn a young child in less than a second!
- always supervising children when they are in the bath or shower
- turning the cold water tap on first and off last
- checking bath water before placing a child in the water
- unplug and store hair dryers, straighteners and curlers in a secure cupboard

### Burns can be reduced around the home by . . . .

- ensuring children's nightwear is labeled as 'Low Fire Danger'
- never drinking a hot drink while holding a baby or young child
- blocking power points with safety plugs
- keeping matches and lighters in secure cupboards and out of reach of children
- using fire guards to shield young children from falling against combustion heaters or fires
- keeping young children away from treadmills
- securing and storing all chemicals in original containers and out of reach of children
- encouraging children to play in shade and to wear hats and suitable clothing

## Burns First Aid

Remove all jewellery from around the burn area. Remove any clothing and nappies around the burn area unless it is stuck to the skin.

Cool the burn under cool running water for 20 minutes.

DO NOT use ice or creams as this can further damage the skin.

Cover the burn loosely with cling wrap or a clean, damp lint-free cloth.

Seek immediate medical advice if the burn is:

- larger than a 20 cent coin
- on the face, hands, groin or feet
- deep or infected
- caused by chemicals, electricity or if signs of inhalation injury (blackening around mouth or nostrils, swelling of airways) are evident

For further medical information contact your local Burns Unit or Hospital.

## Burns Safety in the Home

Severe burn injury can be life threatening, and even small burns can be dangerous for young children. All are painful and can drastically affect your life.

The majority of burns are PREVENTABLE. Approximately two thirds of severe burn injuries happen in the home and by being aware and making small behavioural or environmental changes, you can help to keep you and your family safe!

## Causes

The most common type of burn injury for children aged 0–5 years is scalds.

Most scald burns in this age group are due to young children mimicking adult behaviour.

This frequently results in burn injuries caused by pulling down hot drinks off tables, reaching up to grab handles of saucepans or by playing with the taps in the bath.

Data Source:  
Burns Registry of Australia and New Zealand, 2012/2013

### Julian Burton Burns Trust

The Julian Burton Burns Trust is Australia's leading non-profit organisation dedicated to burn injury. We are committed to influencing social change to reduce the incidence and impact of burn injury.

The Julian Burton Burns Trust is committed to:

- Implementing school, community and Aboriginal burn prevention and first aid programs
- Advancing world class care through professional development & education for burn professionals
- Facilitating and enabling support programs for burn survivors and their families
- Establish and nurture mutually rewarding partnerships to deliver a sustainable community organisation committed to the prevention, care and support associated with burn injury

To find out more about the Julian Burton Burns Trust, or to donate, visit us at [www.burnstrust.com.au](http://www.burnstrust.com.au)





## 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 \$ .....  
Course 3 Name .....  
Course Date .....  
# of children in crèche? ..... Fee \$ .....  
Total Fee \$ .....

### Payment details

- ☐ Member Price \$15.00 per workshop  
☐ Non-Member Price \$40.00 per workshop  
☐ Group Booking 4 + people @ \$10 each - to be submitted together

I have made an EFT for the sum of \$ ..... to:  
Playgroup SA · BSB 105 022 · Account No 1092 59640

Or, please charge this fee to my credit card:

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

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Name on card .....

Expiry date ..... / .....

Cardholders signature .....

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Playgroup SA Inc. 91 Prospect Road, Prospect SA 5082  
info@playgroupsa.com.au / 1800 171 882



**To attend a Playgroup SA Workshop featured on the previous pages, complete the above form and submit to Playgroup SA along with payment.**

**Is it too hard for you to attend a Workshop at Prospect...?**

**Call Playgroup SA on free call 1800 171 882 and discuss the possibility of us running a course at YOUR Playgroup with one of our friendly Playgroup Support & Development Officers..**



## Find Your Local Playgroup

Please call Playgroup SA on free call 1800 171 882 or email [info@playgroupsa.com.au](mailto:info@playgroupsa.com.au) and we'll send you a detailed list of Playgroups in your local area (including days, cost, times, coordinators contact details, etc). We have over 300 Playgroups in South Australia and if you're a Playgroup SA Member for 2015, you're entitled to regularly attend as many of Playgroups as you'd like/is possible!

## Playgroup SA Membership:

Membership is compulsory for all families attending a Playgroup SA Affiliated Playgroup and is available for a calendar year, half year or on a term basis. If you are attending Playgroup and you are struggling to pay your membership fees, please give us a call. We are here to help.

Your Playgroup SA family membership entitles you to numerous benefits - as well as being allowed to attend as many Affiliated Playgroups as you wish and comprehensive public liability & personal accident insurance whilst attending Playgroup.

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.

## Playgroup SA Affiliation:

Playgroup Affiliation is by calendar year. By Affiliating your Playgroup, you are registering your Playgroup on the Playgroup SA database (which ensures your Playgroup receives family referrals, allows support for the Playgroup Coordinator and enables attendees of your Playgroup to become members of Playgroup SA) in addition to numerous other Playgroup SA Benefits, including the provision of Insurance for not only Playgroup contents and public liability, but for individual families who attend your playgroup.

The Affiliation Form was sent to previously Affiliated Playgroups in November 2014 and is to be completed by the Coordinator of the Playgroup. Affiliating your Playgroup is one of the most important things to do. If you are a Playgroup Coordinator and your groups Affiliation Form has not been submitted to Playgroup SA for the year of 2015, please contact Playgroup SA as soon as possible.

## Police Clearances

There have been recent changes that have occurred to the National History Screening process, applicable to some Playgroup Coordinators. If you are a Playgroup Coordinator and you have not yet received a letter outlining these changes, please contact Playgroup SA for more information.