



Friday Playgroup

We meet each Friday morning
(during school terms,
not on public holidays)
from 10:00am to 11:30am

There is free carparking
available in the Church carpark,
just in front of the Hall
where we meet

For more information
please contact:
Playgroup Coordinators

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Esther Kerr
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Friday Playgroup resumes
each year on the last
Friday in February.
You are invited
to join us with your
0-5 year old children

Our program includes
weekly themes, free play,
art & craft, playdough, music,
singing, cooking, stories
(including Bible stories) & more

You will need to bring a drink
and snack for your child and
\$2 each week per family
to help cover costs

Morning Tea is
provided for the adults

Come along
and share in the fun!

* A non-refundable 'donation' of \$25 per
family is requested at the start of each year
to assist with new equipment,
craft supplies, toys, books etc.
(\$15 for Health Care Card holders)

Expression of Interest

Yes, we are interested in coming to
Friday Playgroup. Please contact us
with more information

Surname.....

First name.....

Address.....

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Phone

Email.....

Child's name(s) and age(s)

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Please return this slip to
Bendigo Presbyterian Church
35-41 Forest Street
Bendigo VIC 3550
or bring it with you to Playgroup

PLEASE NOTE:

A family enrolment form will need to be completed when you begin at Friday Playgroup each year. They are available next to the SIGN IN sheets as you enter the Hall.

Once you have completed the form and paid for the year, you will not 'lose' your place if you are unable to attend every week. Your place will be kept until you inform us that it is no longer required. (Of course, we'd love to see you as often as you are able to come!)



Playgroup Program

(subject to variation)

10:00am

Arrive

'Activity Time'

Free play/ art / craft etc.

10:45am

'Mat Time'

Story and singing

11:00am

'Snack Time'

(children)

'Chat Time'

and morning tea
(adults)

11:30am

'Home Time'

Bendigo Presbyterian Church



Friday Playgroup

Held at the Hall
(rear of St John's)
35-41 Forest Street
Bendigo



Bendigo Presbyterian (St John's)

Friday Playgroup

Term 1 & 2

2025

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28 th Feb	Water-sand-shell play, Painting with WATER
7 th March	Water-sand-shell play, SHARK IN THE PARK
14 th March	Water-sand-shell play, Let's make SEA CREATURES
21 st March	Water-sand-shell play, SO MANY FISH!
28 th March	Water-sand-shell play, Let's make BOATS!
4 th April	So, what is Easter all about? Eggs and Buns?
THREE WEEK BREAK	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS and ANZAC DAY
	  
2 nd May	Let's learn about our SENSES – what are they?
9 th May	SIGHT (Mother's Day Craft 2 nd and 9 th)
16 th May	SIGHT – Amazing eyes and what we can see
23 rd May	TOUCH – Autumn Leaves (textures: soft/shiny/hard/rough)
30 th May	TOUCH – Slime and shaving cream (textures: slimy, fluffy)
6 th June	HEARING – Let's make some noisy shakers!
13 th June	HEARING – Let's make some other instruments!
20 th June	SMELL – good, bad, nice, horrible? Favourite smell?
27 th June	TASTE – What food do you like to eat? Let's cut and paste some of our favourites onto a paper plate!
4 th July	TASTE – Let's make SCONES! Yummy!
Final Session	Bring and Share Lunch together today
TWO WEEK BREAK	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Keep safe – See you in Term 3! 25th July – 19th September



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Term 3 & 4 **2025**

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25 th July	The Amazing World God Made: DAY & NIGHT
1 st August	SKY
8 th August	LAND & SEA, PLANTS & TREES
15 th August	NO PLAYGROUP TODAY
22 nd August	SUN, MOON & STARS
29 th August	LET'S EXPLORE OUTER SPACE (and Father's Day craft)
5 th September	SEA-LIFE & BIRDS (and Father's Day craft)
12 th September	ANIMALS & PEOPLE
19 th September	REST! Wear your Pj's or extra comfy clothes to Playgroup today. Bring some food to share for our End of Term Breakup Lunch
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (and extra week off!)
17 th October	Amazing animals – iguana & chameleon gecko
24 th October	Amazing animals – koala & kangaroo
31 st October	Amazing animals – echidna & platypus
7 th November	Amazing animals – monkey
14 th November	The First Christmas & Christmas crafts
21 st November	Christmas and Christmas crafts
23 rd November SAVE THE DATE	OUR END OF YEAR COMBINED FRIDAY PLAYGROUP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE and BOOK PRESENTATION at St John's 10.30am followed by a shared lunch in the Hall. MORE DETAILS TO COME CLOSER TO THE DATE!
28 th November	Our final Friday Playgroup Session for 2025!

Welcome to Friday Playgroup,



It is hard to believe (and accept) that we are already more than half way through the 2025 – but the calendar tells us it's. Those minutes, hours, single days, weeks and months are flying by.

During term three and four at Playgroup we are going to be thinking about the wonderful, amazing world we live in. The beauty of the plants and trees, the majesty of the mountains and seas, the intricate design of animals and people, the wonder of space and the incredible blessing of rest. It will be lots of fun as we sing songs, read stories and have craft based around our theme. To finish up the year we will be learning about the First Christmas and making some Christmas crafts together.

The program may need to change from time to time, but you will get a text message or email if big changes or cancellations have to happen.

Thank you for being willing to skip a week of Playgroup if you or your children are unwell – much as we love sharing, we don't like giving each other 'bugs' and making each other sick.

Please remember to bring \$2 per family each week and a snack and drink for your child/ren. We will provide Morning Tea and a cuppa for the adults to enjoy. If you haven't already contributed your one-off yearly donation (\$25 or \$15 Health Care Card holders), it would be appreciated if you could do so asap, thank you (\$25, \$15 Health Care Card holders/halve the amount if you have joined in the second half of the year).

If you have any questions – please ask us! If you have a friend who would like to join us at Playgroup – we do have room for a few more families.

**The heavens declare the glory of God and the sky above
proclaims His handiwork. The Bible, Psalm 19 verse 1**

Songs for Term Three and Four

All night, all Day

Who Made the World (God did, God did)

(God made the sky, God made the seas,

God made the plants and God made the seas.

God made the animals, big and small,

The giant hippo and giraffe so tall

Get up, out of bed

Animal Alphabet

Twinkle, twinkle GREAT BIG STAR

Mary had a baby boy...angels, shepherds, wise men