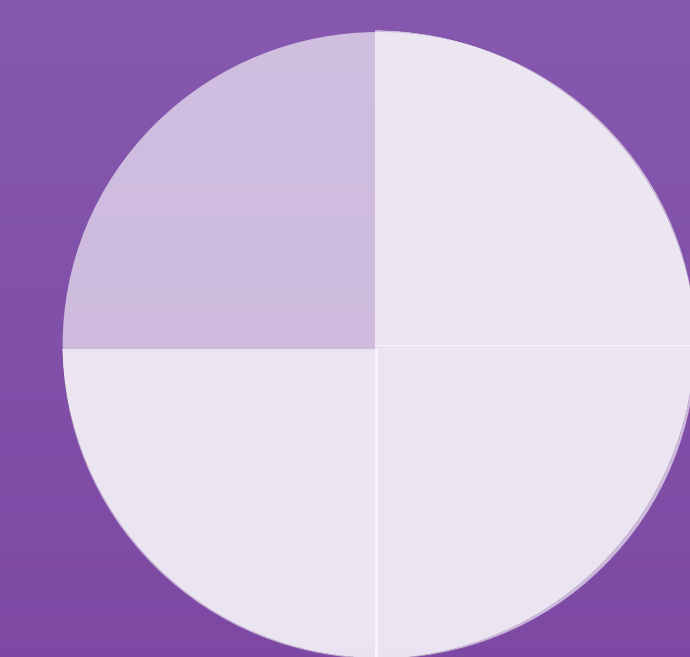




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Q3 2018

President's Report

Term 3 already!

Term 3 already. As a friend of mine said to me once "the days drag but the years fly" when you have kids, and I have to say I have felt that a lot over the years. I can barely believe that my eldest is now 7 and my youngest is 3 years old! But looking back I have very fond memories of times with my girls at Playgroup and doing other things together. The time we spend with our loved ones is so precious.

I recently called Joyce's husband, Peter and he was very touched and thrilled that we had created a book of the 2 songs that Joyce use to sing to her groups. I have offered him 2 copies of the book so that he can give one to each of their grandchildren as a nice keepsake of their grandmother. Thanks to Leisel for her hard work in collating and creating this book. We have had some members ask if they could get a copy. If you would like a copy then please speak to your attendant to help you get your order organised.

This term we have many fun things planned. We are having a Special person day where we can bring someone special with us to Playgroup, also we have footy dress up day, Father's Day craft, Zumba as well as the exciting moment of when the Art on a Plate arrives; and more things too. As a committee we are starting to prepare for the AGM, other fundraisers, running a working bee as well as spending some grant money on a new awning and mats for the floors.

Our committee is a small one of wonderful and fun people. I have truly loved getting to know each of the members on the committee over the years and have made some great friends with people I probably never would have met had I not joined the committee. Our committee has had some changes over the year. We wish Fiona and her family the very best of luck with their new baby on its way soon. As well as this we have 2 committee members who are no longer attending but are still willing to fulfil their roles even though they have left Playgroup for their own reasons. I am asking all of our current members to consider taking on a committee role. This may mean taking over from someone or volunteering at the AGM in October. Our Playgroup relies solely on the generosity of those who are willing to dedicate some time to being on the committee. Putting it simply, if we don't have a committee the Playgroup shuts down, and I value Playgroup too much for that to happen.

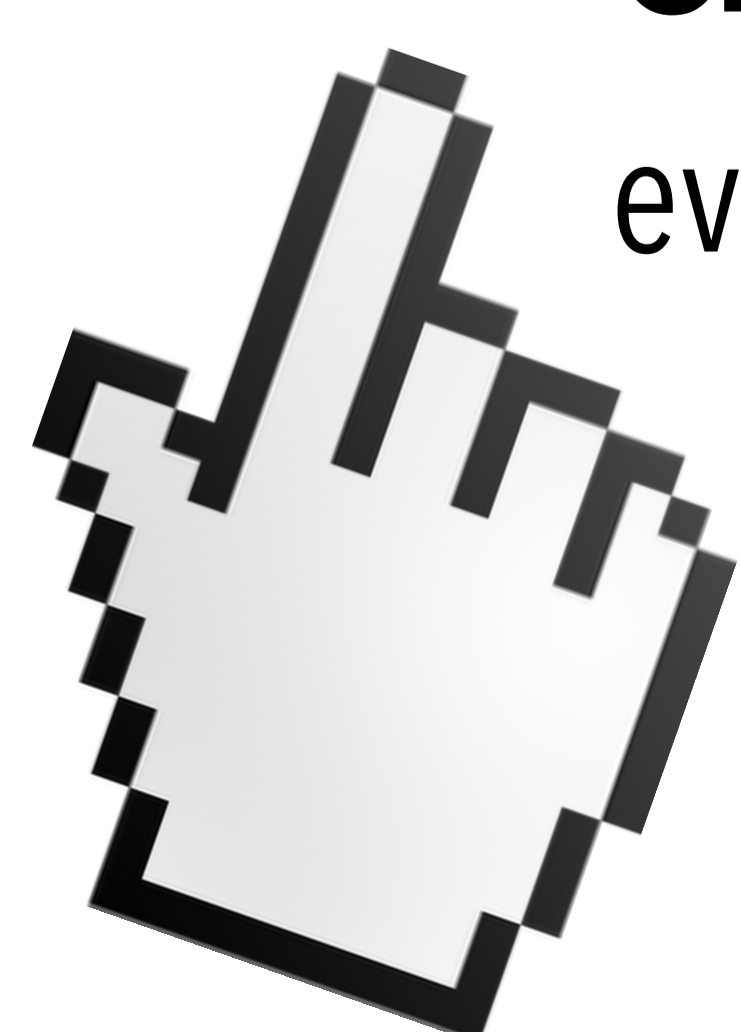
Thanks to everyone, whether you are on the committee, have supported us in our fundraising or just did a nice thing for the Playgroup over the year. Especially those who helped with our Bunnings sausage sizzle. The day went so well, especially considering we were at a smaller Bunnings. Having the volunteers turn up and help out was a huge relief to me, so thank you to those who came. If you have anything you would like to discuss with me then please don't hesitate to contact me on 0439 721 029.

Have a wonderful Term 3!

Siobhan Merritt (President for 2018)

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Check out our website to keep up-to-date with events, term dates, and all things North Ringwood Playgroup



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North Ringwood Playgroup



2018 Term Dates

Term 3:

16 Jul - 21 Sep

Term 4:

8 Oct - 14 Dec

Fundraising

Kiddy Kutter

TBA

Zumba Night

TBA

Cards in Mullum

Term 3

Special Events

AGM

22nd October

Working bee

5th August

Special Visitor

Week

3rd - 7th September

Footy week

17th - 21st Septem



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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up and we would love for you to attend! It is an essential meeting that must occur each year for our playgroup to remain an incorporated association. The formalities are quick, with brief reports from the current executive committee, an election and vote for the following year's committee positions. In recognition of their volunteer work committee members will receive up to a 25% fee discount.

Remember

It's your first chance to enrol for next year and guarantee your preferred day

Door Prizes

Receive your raffle tickets and take a seat to possibly win a free \$100 term membership!!

If any families have a business or know someone who would like to donate items for door prizes, please let the committee know.

Please make every effort to attend the night!

Monday October 22nd

Working Bee

**Sunday
5th August
9am-12pm**

More busy bee time. Focusing on toys and crafts. Would be great to have your help!



Enrolments

Please **pay your invoice** for this term.

Please **pay your annual Playgroup Victoria** membership.

Having a baby?
Congratulations! Please inform us so we can monitor session numbers

Under the age of 6months: FREE!

No Obligation Trial

Know anyone interested in joining our little community, positions are available throughout the year.

Are welcome to a

Contact our enrolments officer for more details:

Michelle Freeman
enquiries@northringwoodplaygroup.com.au
0422 671 812



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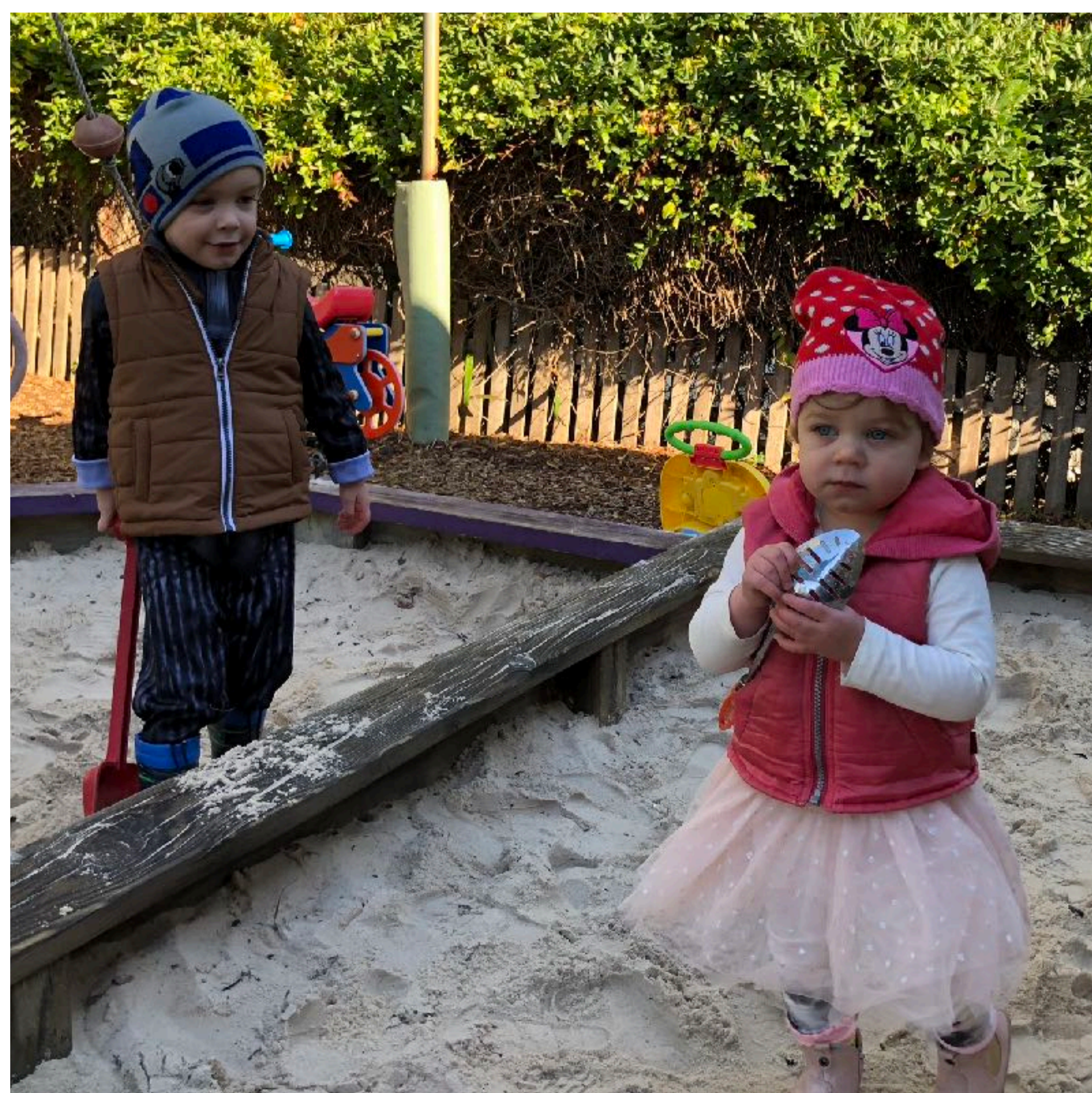


North Ringwood! Who donated

sliced bread for our Bunnings Sausage sizzle fundraiser

Dress up Day

What a wonderful day the kids had. Running around imagining themselves and others as princesses, batman, dinosaurs, Emma the yellow wiggle, bunny rabbits and a host of others :)



Parking

Please reverse park and keep speed to a walking pace

Morning Tea

Please add your name to the morning tea roster on the kitchen bench to bring a plate for the adults to enjoy

Allergies

To protect our children, no food or products containing eggs or nuts should be put into children's morning tea



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Community Benefits Cards

It's easy to support NRPG

1. Grab a card at your session
2. Follow the 4 written instructions to sign up
 - CB: 94754
 - Nominate: North Ringwood Playgroup
3. Return to Ritchies or to your attendant who will pass it on to the committee to submit



Scan your card each time you shop and 0.5% of what you spent is allocated to NRPG, as long as we achieve the minimum \$2000 a month.

We earned \$12.02 for March and \$10.10 for April!

Thank you *Brumby's* North Ringwood for the donation of sliced bread for our Bunnings Sausage sizzle fundraiser



Karina Graham (mother of Thomas and Graham, Wednesday AM session) will be promoting her business Cards in Mullum, by selling beautiful cards for all occasions at the playgroup and on the AGM.

10% of all proceeds will go towards NRPG!

Karina is an independent partner for Flamingo Paperie (formerly Phoenix Trading). **All cards are made using recycled paper and vegetable ink dyes and support individual artists artwork.**

Parents are welcome to purchase and take home their chosen cards. Just fill out the purchase form provided, pay direct deposit via bank account.

\$4.50/card or 5 for \$20



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Grant Outcome

Money went towards the restoration of the retaining wall. As well as the purchase of garden beds. We hope you enjoy!



Help Wanted!

Any participation that you could do in our fundraising efforts would be much appreciated by the committee members, as it ensures the future for our wonderful playgroup.

There are lots of easy ways you can help to make Playgroup great:

- **Like us on Facebook.** You might even like to post photos on our wall of your child having fun at Playgroup (please take care not to include other children in the picture without their parent's consent).
- **Volunteer at our next fundraising event.** Mums, Dads, grandparents, carers – all are welcome.
- **Make a donation.** Don't have the time to volunteer? That's ok – how about a donation instead! Either cash or grocery items, just ask a committee member if you're not sure what we need.
- **Tell people about us.** Never underestimate the value of word-of-mouth. If you and your kids love playgroup, sing it from the rooftops! Invite friends and family to like us on Facebook and pass on our details to any prospective new members you meet.





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Department of Health Grant Success!

Our past grants officer Andrew, secured the Department of Health grant for our playgroup!!! The money will be going towards installing a new awning over the sand-pit to keep the children sun safe in the summer.

Thank you MasterFoods for the generous donation of tomato sauce, bbq sauce and mustard for our Bunnings Sausage sizzle fundraiser



TOYS!

From toys purchased through the catalogues last year, the playgroup earned **\$264.75!!!** This was put towards obtaining 12 various coloured 2 litre paint bottles and coloured A4 paper. All the better to do crafts with our little ones. LOOK FOR THESE CATALOGUES next term, great for Christmas presents



Footy Week!

During the 17th - 21st September, come along dressed in your team colours. Don't have a favourite team? Come as any teams colours, have some fun!





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Thank you volunteers!

You made this day a success! Shifts were fun, ran smoothly, and the committee really appreciate your offer to help. We raised around **\$650** for the Playgroup!



BUNNINGS warehouse

Sausage Sizzle

Art on a plate

Whether you took your template home or did a handprint at playgroup, it was such a fun activity! Thanks so much to Michelle, Andrea and Mari for making sure this ran smoothly. We will receive our plates just before fathers day. What an awesome present for dad!



Kiddy Kutter Fundraiser

Want to let the kids safely cut food in the kitchen? Look out for this fundraiser term 3. We will offer peelers and knives which can't cut little fingers



Decorating your own Cookies

Ready for some finger licking fun!! Time to let little hands get into icing their own 'Mari' biscuit. We will have icing in bottles to squirt, with bowls and spoons containing hundreds and thousands and sprinkles. YUM!



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Don't forget to renew your Playgroup Victoria membership.

- Family membership includes playgroup insurance protection.
- Membership provides benefits and discounts.

This year there has been an a fantastic introduction/reboot of a monthly newsletter emailed out to members. It provides information such current research, expert advice, what's happening at other playgroups, member events, and activity kits (creative play, nursery rhymes and music)

[Click here to log in and download your activity kit.](#)

Toilet Training

1. Look for signs: showing interest, can follow simple instructions
2. Get ready: let them sit on the potty, sing a 'potty song'
3. Start: sit them on the potty 30min after a meal or when they ask.
No more than 3-5min at a time. Encourage and remind your child.
4. Once you start it can take days, weeks or months. Stop if your child doesn't cooperate or you become stressed. Dry days happen before dry nights



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Tactile kitchen and messy play

Thanks for the fun Andrea and Mari





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Term 3 Craft Program Schedule

Week	Dates	Activity 1	Activity 2	Notes
1	16 July - 20 July	Golf Ball Painting	Snow Flakes Icicles	Reminder: Term 3 Fees are now due
2	23 July - 27 July	Chalk Boards	Caterpillars	
3	30 Aug - 3 Aug	Easel Painting	Bush Animals	
4	6 Aug - 10 Aug	Collage	Pebble Pet Rocks	
5	13 Aug - 17 Aug	Cookie Decorating	Snowman	
6	20 Aug - 24 Aug	Stamp Printing	Baa Baa Black Sheep	
7	27 Aug - 31 Aug	Make a card/picture for Dad/Grandad	Something for Dad/Grandad	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Sept 2nd
8	3 Sept - 7 Sept	Pictures for Visitors	Spring Blossoms	Special Visitors Week
9	10 Sept - 14 Sept	Cotton Tip Painting	Sea Animals	
10	17 Sept - 21 Sept	Colouring footy/ jumper	Streamers	Footy Week

Get ready to Zumba... again!

All funds raised go to the playgroup

\$5
Entry

Special Visitor Week!

During the **3rd - 7th September**, bring along that special someone to you and your child. It can be grandparents, uncles, aunties a close friend etc



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Your Committee

Siobhan Merritt

President

Leisel Carmichael

Secretary

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Grants Officer

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Sub-committee

Andrea Todd-Degering

Attendant

Michelle Freeman

Vice President

Michelle Freeman

Enrolment Officer

Guilia Guiliard

Purchasing officer

Leisel Carmichael

Website Officer

Marianela Romito

Attendant

Angela Jones

Treasurer

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Fees Officer

...

Fundraising Officer

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Maintenance

Merwin Rangasa-Partow

Back up Attendant

Call for Committee

Interested in becoming a part of our committee? Without our (100% volunteer) Committee, there would be no playgroup! You will be fully supported by other passionate members. Plus you receive 25% off term fees. Please contact Siobhan (President) 0439 721 029, talk to your attendant or a committee member.

Caring
for Kids

2018 Raffle

Thank you for your support! We raised \$108, with **\$54** going towards NRPG

Committee Meetings

The Committee meets every 6 weeks to discuss issues around the management of the playgroup. Members are invited to contact Siobhan (President) if they have any issues they would like raised at the meeting.