

# Playcentre Information Sheet!



## Welcome!

Welcome to Playcentre! We're really pleased that you've joined us and we hope that your time at the Playcentre is a happy time each week for you and your child or children. Please read on to find out more about the Playcentre. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a ring.

Playcentre is run by Macquarie Anglican Church and will include some bible stories/songs and crafts. The leaders of these groups will be members of Macquarie Anglican so feel free to ask them more about the church or Christianity. Check out Macquarie Anglican's Website for more information, programs or service times at: <http://www.macquarieanglican.org>

## Coordinator

The coordinator is there to keep the morning running smoothly and safely so it is a happy time for all.

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## When we meet

**Where:** Macquarie Anglican  
St George's Church Hall  
100 Balaclava Road  
Eastwood

**When:** Tuesdays during school terms

**Time:** 10 am – 12 noon

<b>Cost:</b>	Term Fees	\$25.00	1 child
		\$30.00	Family (Second child exempt from family fees till 9 months of age)



**What to bring:** A piece of fruit for the children to share at morning tea.  
A drink bottle for your child  
**Please note we are nut free.**  
(Morning tea for parents is provided.)

## How it works

The Playcentre is a cooperative venture in which parents and young children organise their own activities. Parents attending with their children are responsible for the supervision and welfare of their own children. The coordinator organises the program and facilitates activities but does not become responsible for the children. For this reason each parent or guardian may only bring a maximum of four children and must remain at Playcentre with their children at all times.

## What to expect each week

Each week there will be plenty of opportunity for your children to have free play, craft, morning tea and song / bible story.  
And for the parents! A chance to join a supportive community, build friendships and also have fun.

## **We need your help!**

At the beginning of each term, parents are asked to volunteer for jobs that need to be done such as morning tea, craft and playdough to help share the burden. All of the craft materials and instructions are supplied - all you need to do is supervise, help children as needed and clean up afterwards.

It is important that lots of parents take a turn so that the same few parents are not volunteering all the time ... so please be enthusiastic about volunteering - many hands make light work!

## **Safety**

To help keep everybody safe, please:

- Do not allow children to run around in the hall. They could fall and be injured or knock over a smaller child.
- Do not allow children inside the kitchen.
- Do not leave any hot drinks, teapots, etc unattended on the adults' morning tea table.
- Keep the main door and kitchen child gates closed all times. Balaclava Road carries a lot of fast-moving traffic and we need to be able to keep track of our kids at all times.
- Please do not drive into the church driveway .

Unfortunately accidents do and can happen! Parents or guardians are totally responsible at all times for the children they bring to the Playcentre.

For accident and emergency Procedures talk to your coordinator and read posters placed on the hall walls.

## **Parking**

Please do not park on the church property or driveway. The limited parking spaces are reserved for Preschool staff and access for emergency or funeral vehicles.

We suggest parking around the corner in Lincoln Street or Raymond Street.

## **Good health statement**

In the interests of all who attend our Playcentre the following rules need to be followed:

- If your child is sick or off-colour the night before or morning of Playcentre please keep the child at home. No child should be brought to Playcentre if he/she has had a temperature, diarrhoea or vomiting within 15 hours prior to coming.
- If your child has a cold, yellow or green runny nose or a cough, please keep the child at home.
- If your child has an infectious disease such as gastric illness, chicken pox, measles, conjunctivitis, impetigo etc please keep the child at home for the appropriate exclusion period. We have newborn babies and pregnant mothers at Playcentre. Parents are asked to notify their Playcentre coordinator.
- If your child is being toilet trained please put the child in a nappy, plastic pants or pull-ups for Playcentre. Children with wet pants are a health hazard in the sand pit and on the slippery dip.
- Playdough will be replaced every 2 weeks.

