

***WELCOME to Playgroup at McKellar Stewart Kindergarten.***

***Friday 10 to 12am -excluding the last Friday of each term.***

***We provide an exciting and safe environment for children to explore and learn and for parents to share in this learning and enjoy the company of other parents and carers.***

- Children have the opportunity to socialise and play with children of similar age.
- Share and learn to accept children of different ages in their play.
- Enjoy special play time with their parent or carer.
- Engage in new experiences and activities they may not have at home.
- Develop resilience to cope in new situations outside the home.
- Become familiar with the kindy environment.
- Parents and carers have the opportunity to share with other parents and form a social network.
- Access the support of the playgroup coordinator and director.

***We ask that you and your child respect our equipment and environment by using it as it is meant to be used and keeping it in its rightful place. This includes keeping off of our gardens and plants and looking only in the fish pond Thankyou.***

***All parents and carers are asked to contribute to packing and cleaning up the kindergarten at the end of playgroup.***

***Playgroup Contribution:*** \$5.00 per family each Friday attended.

All families welcome. No booking necessary just come along. Bring a healthy snack and water bottle for your child/ children. Coffee and tea available at no cost. Please keep hot drinks well away from children.

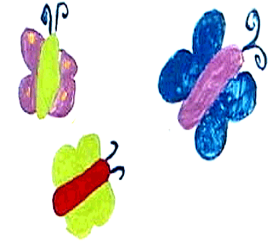
***Play Group Coordinator:*** Irene Condon also works as an ECW (Early Childhood Worker) at the kindergarten. She will be available each Friday to parents at playgroup. Irene will set up the kindergarten for playgroup, be available to parents to answer questions, take a group time of story and songs for children with parent support and coordinate pack up.

***Kindergarten Entry.*** Ask Irene if you would like to complete a Preschool Enrolment Registration form for your playgroup child. Children who turn 4yrs by the end of April are eligible to begin kindergarten in that year. We do take enrolments from further afield than our immediate catchment area. Only 1 year of kindergarten is available to every child which means that if your child is 3yrs of age starting kindy they will begin school the following year at 4yrs of age.

*(This can be very young for some children and we do always have some families who choose to start kindy a year later and allow their child to develop their social and emotional resilience and start school at 5yrs.)*

Have a chat to the Kindy Director Julie May if you would like to talk through enrolment options for your child.

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***Friday Playgroup Information  
Booklet.***