



Playgroup at Edens Landing State School

Do you have children under 5?

Then discover playgroup: fun and learning!



What is Playgroup?

Playgroup is a group of caregivers who meet together each week with their toddlers for interaction and fun. Parent and caregivers work together to provide their young children with opportunities to learn through play.

Why go to Playgroup?

Children under five are going through a stage of rapid brain development and your young child needs a stimulating environment to play and learn. Playgroups offer young children a wide variety of early learning experiences. It's a great way for your child to learn about the world, make friends and develop social skills. Playgroup also gives mums, dads, grandparents and caregivers a chance to meet to share ideas and experiences. Many long-term friendships begin at Playgroup.

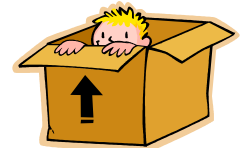
At Playgroup your child will:

- Have fun
- Learn how to share through play
- Discover how to get along with other children
- Learn and develop new skills
- Listen to music and stories
- Improve their abilities to solve problems
- Explore by playing with water and sand, by painting and trying other kinds of art and craft

At Playgroup you will:

- Engage in various fun activities with your child
- Get out of the house
- Make new friends
- Share experiences
- Learn fun activities you can use at home

Are you interested?



When: Every Tuesday during the school term, 9.00 – 11.00am

Where: Edens Landing School big multipurpose hall

Cost: \$2 per child per week for children aged 1 year and over or \$5 for 3 or more young children. This covers group membership costs for Playgroup Queensland

Come and join us. Our program is exciting, with lots of different activities: focus on singing and movement, sensory and craft activities, story time. Bring a piece of fruit to share, your own water bottles and a hat. This year we are fortunate to have a Mum who is an Early Childhood Teacher designing a wonderful array of weekly activities. Tea and coffee is provided for adults.

Want to know more: send an email to Karen Stoyko, Deputy Principal: kstoy1@eq.edu.au
or **Group Co-Ordinator:** Katrina Giebels



At **Edens Landing State School** we run a supportive playgroup, which may be different to other playgroups. Our supportive Playgroup was first established in May 2011 with the school paying for a group organisation membership, creating the opportunity for EVERYONE to come along, allowing for those who may not otherwise be able to pay for Playgroup Queensland membership, to have the opportunity for their families' participation.

Playgroup is an opportunity for you to have fun with your child and engage in learning experiences.

- **LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT:** Always talk to your child, name items, describe what is happening, ask questions, expect they answer you. Model full sentences, correct their word pronunciation and grammar. **EXPAND VOCABULARY**
- **MATHS DEVELOPMENT:** more language opportunities: compare sizes, name colours, count, talk about shapes, use positional language and direction
- **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT:** how to get on with other children: sharing, turn-taking, risk-taking with unfamiliar activities; interacting with other adults

Please Note:

- **SETTING UP, PACKING-UP, CLEANING, RUNNING ACTIVITIES IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.** Please don't leave early regularly leaving this job to only a small group of people.
- Sign in everyday – playgroup membership recording sheet.
- Ensure that you have completed a Playgroup membership form. The school will cover membership.
- \$2 contribution per week, per child aged over 12months: This pays for group membership and money is used to purchase items for playgroup ie storage containers; tools such as scissors, staplers; consumables for craft activities; tea/coffee/milk etc
- Ensure you have read the school's Emergency Evacuation Procedures and Risk assessment.
- Watch your own child or children closely, but ensure safety of everyone.
- Children are not to be in the kitchen area.
- No children are to be outside on courts without an adult supervising.
- Bring a hat and own water bottle for each child; healthy snacks only
- At all times, keep outside door to toilets closed. Supervise your child going to the toilets.
- When packing-up toys, place items together ensuring full sets ie: stacking cups; blocks
- All puzzle pieces are completed before packing away, all balls are in ball bag
- Use ties to tie-up each individual tunnel for ease of storage
- Learn where all items go, so that when packing up, everything gets put away in correct place.
- Stay, join in, have fun and help each other out!

Edens Landing State School values your contribution, establishing positive community relationships.