

Welcome to North Ingle Playgroup

WHERE

North Ingle School (Preschool area)
7 Rothwell Avenue, Ingle Farm



WHEN

Friday during school terms
9:00am – 11:00am
Donation per session - \$2 a child or \$3 a family

MEMBERSHIP

Your family **MUST** become a member of Playgroup SA Inc. to attend playgroup. This ensures that our playgroup is appropriately insured against any accidents or injuries that may occur. As a member of Playgroup SA, you are able to attend any playgroup in South Australia. You will also receive an Australian Baby Card which entitles you to an extensive range of discounts and special offers.

2017 Playgroup SA membership costs:

Full Year early bird: \$35.00 per family
Full Year: \$40.00 per family
Half Year \$25.00 per family
Concession: \$30.00 per family
Per Term: \$18.00 per family (no ABC card with this option)



NB: to be eligible for the full year early bird rate, payment must be received by 16/3/17. If you are a family day care provider, add \$5 to the above options (no concessions available).

A Playgroup SA membership form will be given to you on or before your first visit to our playgroup. The form (and payment) must be returned before your third visit to be eligible to continue attending playgroup.

A voluntary gold coin donation is appreciated each playgroup session you attend. This contributes to the purchase of quality craft and play resources. It will also allow us to purchase a small gift for each child on special occasions such as Christmas and birthdays.

ABOUT OUR PLAYGROUP

At North Ingle Playgroup we offer craft, painting, play dough, puzzles, indoor sandpit, outdoor activities, singing, story time, music, shared fruit time and more. Parents/grandparents/carers stay to interact with other adults & to play with and supervise the children.

We hope to also organise some incursions and excursions this year.

No child is too young for playgroup. Children from 0-5 years love new experiences and benefit from developing sensory, social and communication skills through the varied activities offered at playgroup. We have toys for babies and a playpen for safe playtime.

For parents with more than one child attending playgroup together, please feel free to ask another parent to keep an eye on your older child or cuddle your baby if you need to give special attention to your other child.

North Ingle Playgroup is run by parents who attend the playgroup. Playgroup runs most smoothly when everyone lends a hand to do the small jobs that need to be done each session (e.g. Cutting fruit; washing dishes, packing up toys, wiping tables, leading story/song time etc). This ensures that no one person is busy with these jobs all session and missing out on spending quality time with their child/ren. Many hands make light work!



North Ingle School staff are very supportive of our playgroup. The school principal, Dina Zunis, has offered to take playgroup families on a tour of the school. She is happy for us visit the school library for our story time and is also happy to negotiate for some of the school children to come into the playgroup to interact with the kids and perhaps lead some craft activities or read stories to the children if this is something we would like to happen.

Many of the children who attend Playgroup also continue on to North Ingle Preschool and School. They have the opportunity to become familiar with the preschool environment and routines with the security of their parents/carers close by before they are required to start preschool on their own. This can make the transition a lot easier and less overwhelming for children and set them off to a positive start for their many years of formal education to come.

BEHAVIOUR

Playgroup aged children are in the midst of a rapid cycle of learning about their world. All children learn at different paces, have different personalities and different skills and interests.

Social development is a huge area of growth for children 0-5 years of age. Children aren't born knowing how to share or use their manners or "play nicely" with other children. It is something they learn through consistent and respectful guidance from parents and other adults as well as from good role modelling from the adults and older children in their lives. Please don't be embarrassed if your child has difficulty sharing or

refuses to play with another child. Likewise please don't judge other parents or carers if their child/ren demonstrate these behaviours. Let's work together to provide our children with that consistent and respectful guidance to learn how to interact appropriately with others which will set them up nicely for becoming a member of a pre/school class in the near future.

PLAYGROUP SCHEDULE

We understand that families are not always able to arrive at playgroup at 9am and sometimes have to leave early. We aim to be flexible with our schedule and have most playgroup activities available throughout the 2 hour period for all families to enjoy. If your child/ren chooses not to join in with the shared activities (fruit time and story/songs), that's fine but we do suggest some initial gentle encouragement to join in. The following is a loose schedule that we follow each session:



9am Playgroup Open
Craft activity set up on kitchen tables
Indoor and outdoor play
Sandpit open

10.15am Shared fruit time

10.45am Pack up indoor/outdoor activities

10.50am Shared story and song time

11am Goodbye Song
Playgroup finished

FRUIT TIME

Parents/carers are asked to bring a piece of fruit or vegetable (per child) to share at fruit time. Please let the playgroup coordinator know of any allergies that your child has so we can avoid those foods. Hard fruits/veg like apples and carrots will be finely diced or grated to minimise the risk of choking.



A fully functional kitchen is available.

At times we may use the oven or other kitchen equipment for cooking activities with the children. Tea, coffee & milo are available free for adults - please help yourself! With many young children around it is imperative that you keep hot drinks out of the children's reach and restrict them to the kitchen area.

OUTSIDE PLAY

North Ingle School's Sun Safe Policy requires all (pre)school students to wear hats while playing outside during Terms 1, 3 & 4. At playgroup, we also encourage hats to be worn during outside play to start practising



this good habit and developing an awareness of sun safety.

TOILETTING

A change table, child sized toilets and an adult toilet are available for use. The school has asked that nappies are not left on school premises. Please bag and take used nappies home with you for disposal.



DONATIONS

If you have any toys, books, sporting equipment etc. for the 0-5 age a group in reasonable condition that you no longer need, we would love you to pass it on to us for use at playgroup. We are a not for profit organisation and so primarily rely on donations and fundraising to expand and update our craft, play and learning resources.

Where possible, we like to recycle household items for use in craft and play. We would appreciate it if you could set aside your empty egg cartons, plastic bottle lids, paper towel rolls etc. and bring them into playgroup when you can.



We want playgroup to be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for both you and your child/ren. We want you to look forward to Friday mornings each week! Please let us know of any particular interests or abilities your child(ren) has and we will try to set up some craft/play/story experiences to match these. If you'd like to contribute ideas to the running of the playgroup or have any ideas about craft activities, incursions/excursions or fundraising please let us know. Please also feel free to let us know (in a respectful manner!) of any complaints you may have or changes you would like made.

This term there are renovations to our normal preschool/playgroup area so we are not in our usual room. At present we do not have access to our full kitchen facilities but will hopefully be back there next term.

Welcome to North Ingle Playgroup! We hope to see you on Friday morning.

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