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## ALPHINGTON

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Details	Day & Time
<a href="#">Czech &amp; Slovak Playgroup</a> \$30 per term, per family	Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington	9499 7227 <a href="mailto:coordinator@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">coordinator@ alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a>	Monday during school term 11.00am to 2.30pm
<a href="#">Community Playgroup</a> \$30 per term, per family	Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington	9499 7227 <a href="mailto:coordinator@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">coordinator@ alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a>	Tuesday during school term 10.00am to 12.00noon
<a href="#">Peer Support Playgroup</a> Free.  For anyone with young children who needs extra support. Run by a qualified social worker and childcare assistant.	Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington	9499 7227 <a href="mailto:coordinator@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">coordinator@ alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a>	Tuesday during school term 9.30am to 11.30am
<a href="#">Yarralea Bush Playgroup</a> Free.  Must have Playgroup Victoria membership.	Darebin Parklands Corner of Yarana Road & Parklands Avenue, Alphington (see the map on the Yarralea Bush Playgroup Facebook page)	Yarralea Children's Centre Facebook page	Friday during school term 9.30am to 11.00am

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[Japanese Playgroup](#)

Alphington Community Centre  
2 Kelvin Road, Alphington

Maimi  
maimiclass@gmail.com

Monday  
10.10am - 11.00am (2 -3 year olds)  
Thursday  
10.00am – 11.30am (3 - 5 year olds)

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## BUNDOORA

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
<a href="#">Darebin Chinese Playgroup</a> Free.  (Spoken language Mandarin only)	Darebin North East Community Hub (35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora)	Sayanti sbhatta@vicsegnewfutures.org.au	Friday 9.30am – 11.30am  Group currently full- contact Sayanti for waiting list information
<a href="#">Playtime in the North</a> \$45 per term	Darebin North East Community Hub (35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora)	Maria 0414 730 794 playtimeinthenorth@gmail.com	Tuesday 10.30am – 12.30pm  <b>Please call before attending the playgroup to confirm if there are spaces available</b>

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## FAIRFIELD

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
<a href="#">Fairfield Drop in Playgroup</a> Families attending this playgroup must have Playgroup Victoria Family Membership.	Fairfield Activity Room 84 Arthur Street, Fairfield	Tegan Tegan.forder@gmail.com	Thursday 9.30am – 12.00pm

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## KINGSBURY

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
<a href="#">Kingsbury Kids Playgroup</a> \$3.50 per visit (1 <sup>st</sup> visit free)	Kingsbury Primary School 1A Maryborough Avenue, Kingsbury	Jenny Watson 9462 2711	Wednesday 9.00am – 10.45am

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## NORTHCOTE

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
<a href="#">Merri Bush Playgroup</a> Free. However families must hold Playgroup Victoria family membership	Multiple venues often near Merri Creek	Sophie <a href="mailto:merribushplay@gmail.com">merribushplay@gmail.com</a>  or see the Merri Bush Playgroup Facebook page  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/MerriBushPlaygroup">https://www.facebook.com/groups/MerriBushPlaygroup</a>	Tuesday 10.00am – 12.00pm  Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm
<a href="#">Northcote Playgroup</a> \$40 per term/ per child	Northcote Baptist Church 542 High Street, Northcote	Cameron 0425 885 591 <a href="mailto:chealey@northcotebaptist.net.au">chealey@northcotebaptist.net.au</a>	Monday 9.30am – 11.00am
<a href="#">Merri Creek Anglican Playgroup</a> \$3 per week	Jika Jika Community Centre Union Street, Northcote	Beck 0409 868 465 <a href="mailto:1970beck@gmail.com">1970beck@gmail.com</a>	Monday 10.00am - 11.30am

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## PRESTON

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<a href="#">West Preston Playgroup</a> Cooperative \$65 per family per half year (\$40 for health care/concession card holders)	West Preston Baptist Church 108 Cramer Street, Preston (Corner Cramer St & Gilbert Rd)	Tony tonyeliz@optusnet.com.au	Multiple sessions – contact Tony for details
<a href="#">Melbourne Polytechnic            Playgroup</a>  Free	Melbourne Polytechnic 77 St Georges Road, Preston	Melissa Smith 9269 1516 <a href="mailto:Melissasmith@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au">Melissasmith@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au</a>  Karen Paterson 9269 8343 Karenpaterson@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au	Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am  Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am  During school terms
<a href="#">Little Learners Playgroup</a>  Free	Newlands Primary School 2 – 26 Murphy Street, Preston	Newlands Primary School front office 9354 2928  <a href="mailto:Newlands.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au">Newlands.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>  <a href="http://www.newlandsp.vic.edu.au">www.newlandsp.vic.edu.au</a>	Friday 9.00am – 10.30am During school term



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**St John's College  
Rostered Playgroup**

St John's College  
21 Railway Place, Preston  
West

Sally  
[Sally.woodhouse@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au](mailto:Sally.woodhouse@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au)

Tuesday during school term  
8.45am – 11.45am

\$150 per term

Playgroup is run by a qualified teacher. Children will need to have turned 3 by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April for the year they enrol.

Parents will be rostered on to support the supervising teacher for a maximum of 2 sessions per term.

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## RESERVOIR

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<a href="#">St Joseph The Worker Playgroup</a> \$2 per meeting	St Joseph The Worker Primary School School Hall, 79 Wilson Boulevard, Reservoir North	Marisa 0413 210 136 <a href="mailto:frendomarisa@gmail.com">frendomarisa@gmail.com</a>	Monday 9.00am to 11.00am
<a href="#">Ichigo Japanese Playgroup</a> \$20 per term	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Miyuki <a href="mailto:ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com">ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com</a>	Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00pm This group is currently full- please contact the playgroup for waiting list enquiries.
<a href="#">Merri Steiner Playgroup</a> \$200 per term (facilitated by a Steiner teacher)	Reservoir Baptist Church 157 Purinuan Road, Reservoir	Jane <a href="mailto:merristeinerplaygroup@hotmail.com">merristeinerplaygroup@hotmail.com</a>	Various sessions available, email Merri Steiner play group for further details. 9.30am to 11.30am
<a href="#">Keon Park Japanese Playgroup</a> For children aged 2 - 4 years \$5 - \$7 per week, per person depending on numbers	Keon Park Children's Hub 1 – 7 Dole Avenue, Reservoir	Takako <a href="mailto:Harataka719@gmail.com">Harataka719@gmail.com</a>	Friday 12.15pm – 2.15pm

<a href="#">Open Playgroup</a> Gold coin donation per visit  Contact Reservoir Neighbourhood House for availability	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Reservoir Neighbourhood House Lia 9462 4611 admin@reservoirnh.org.au	<b>Monday</b> 10:00am to 12:00noon  <b>Thursday</b> 1.30pm to 3.30pm  During school terms
<a href="#">Geckos German Community School Playgroup</a> \$100 per term Spoken language is German- families interested in bilingual education welcome to attend	3a Carrington Road, Reservoir (Reservoir West Primary School)	Eva 0432 304 268 Principal@geckos.org.au	<b>Saturday</b> 10.00am to 11.30am
<a href="#">Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) Playgroup</a> Families must hold ABA membership to attend	Reservoir Neighbourhood House  2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Reservoir Neighbourhood House Front office  9462 4611	<b>Tuesday</b> 10.00am – 12.00pm
<a href="#">St Stephen's Playgroup</a> Gold coin per meeting	St Stephen's Catholic Primary School 71 Whitelaw Street, Reservoir	Christine 0449 161 221 Christine_Roberts_1974@hotmail.com	<b>Tuesday</b> 9.00am – 11.00am during school term
<a href="#">African Australian Playgroup</a> Free	Blake Street Kindergarten 109 Blake Street, Reservoir	Fowzia 0432 119 430 Fowzia.Issa@darebin.vic.gov.au	<b>Monday</b> 10.00am – 12.00pm

<b>St Gabriel's Primary School Playgroup</b> \$1 per child, per visit	St Gabriel's Primary School 237 Spring Street, Reservoir	Priyanka 0450 332 022 9469 3513 (school office number) p.bhatia16@gmail.com	Tuesday 9.00am – 11.00am
<b>St Mark's Playgroup</b> \$20 per term	St Mark's Anglican Church 21 Beatty Street, Reservoir	Karen 0481 194 123 <a href="mailto:Hill135@optusnet.com.au">Hill135@optusnet.com.au</a>	Thursday 9.30am – 11.00am
<b>St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Playgroup</b>  \$2 per meeting or \$10 per term  Playgroup is run by volunteers from Reservoir Presbyterian Church, and welcomes all people from any language or cultural background. The playgroup upholds Christian values.	St Andrew's Presbyterian Church  81 Edwardes Street, Reservoir	Suzy 0403 316 977 <a href="mailto:Suzy.vines@icloud.com">Suzy.vines@icloud.com</a>	Tuesday 9.30am – 11.00am

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<p><a href="#">NIMBA Playgroup</a> \$2 per meeting</p> <p>For families with 'multiple' births (e.g. Twins, triplets)</p>	<p>Clyde Street Community Hall 64 Clyde St, Thornbury</p>	<p>Kelly playgroup@nimba.amb.org.au</p>	<p>Friday, fortnightly during school term</p> <p>9.30am to 11.30am</p>
<p><a href="#">Koorie Kids Playgroup</a> Free</p> <p>For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury</p>	<p>Anita 9287 8800 / 0409 641 571 anitan@VACCA.org</p>	<p>Tuesdays during school terms 12.00noon to 2.00pm</p>
<p><a href="#">Spanish Speaking Playgroup</a> \$2 per meeting</p> <p>Families attending this playgroup must have a Playgroup Victoria Family membership.</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury</p>	<p>Jess 0466 988 941 Jess.fritze@gmail.com</p>	<p>Monday 9.00am to 11.00am</p>
<p><a href="#">Friday Morning Playgroup</a> \$2 per family, per meeting</p> <p>Families attending this playgroup must have a Playgroup Victoria Family membership.</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury</p>	<p>Sondra 0435 506 689 sndrdvrn@gmail.com</p>	<p>Friday 9.00am to 11.00am</p>

<p><a href="#">Croxton Uniting Church Playgroup</a> Gold coin donation / per week</p>	<p>Croxton Uniting Church 326 St Georges Road, Thornbury</p>	<p>Leonie 9471 3265 dnwuniting@gmail.com</p>	<p>Wednesday 10.30am to 12.00noon</p>
<p><a href="#">Monday Raleigh St Playgroup</a> \$20 contribution every 8 weeks Families attending this playgroup must have Playgroup Victoria Family Membership.  Playgroup consists of babies born in February/March 2018 as at June 2018</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre 2A Raleigh Street, Thornbury</p>	<p>Daniella daniellalarosa@gmail.com</p>	<p>Monday 12.30pm – 2.30pm</p>
<p><a href="#">Oral Language Playgroup</a> Targeted at children aged 2-3 years and demonstrate language delays. These children may not necessarily be diagnosed or receiving treatment.  \$40 per term, to be paid at the beginning of the term.</p>	<p>Dee Wardrop Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy  352 St Georges Road, Thornbury</p>	<p>Erin erinyuill@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thursday 9.30am – 11.00am</p>
<p><a href="#">French Playgroup</a> For Francophone &amp; Francophile families. \$10 per meeting.</p>	<p>TEYC 2A Raleigh St, Thornbury</p>	<p>Natacha frenchplaygroupmelbourne@gmail.com</p>	<p>Friday 11.00am – 1.00pm</p>

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[Darebin Creek Bush Playgroup](#)

\$50 per term.

Families attending must have a Playgroup Victoria family membership (\$40 per year, \$30 concession)

Darebin Creek bushland area (Fez's Wetland)

Theobald Street Thornbury entrance.

Victoria

victoriamilne@yahoo.com.au

Thursday

9.30am – 11.30am

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## Language Specific and Speciality Playgroups

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<p><a href="#">Koorie Kids Playgroup</a></p> <p>Free of charge- for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre</p> <p>2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury</p>	<p>Anita</p> <p>9287 8800 / 0409 641 571</p> <p>anitan@VACCA.ORG</p>	<p>Tuesdays during school term</p> <p>12.00pm- 2.00pm</p>
<p><a href="#">Darebin Chinese Playgroup</a></p> <p>(spoken language Mandarin only)</p> <p>Free of charge</p>	<p>Darebin North East Community Hub (35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora)</p>	<p>Sayanti</p> <p>sbhatta@vicsegnewfutures.org.au</p>	<p>Friday</p> <p>9.30am – 11.30am</p> <p>Group currently full- contact Sayanti for waiting list information</p>
<p><a href="#">Czech &amp; Slovak Playgroup</a></p> <p>\$30 per term, per family</p>	<p>Alphington Community Centre</p> <p>2 Kelvin Road, Alphington</p>	<p>9499 7227</p> <p><a href="mailto:coordinator@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">coordinator@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a></p>	<p>Mondays during school term</p> <p>11.30am - 2.30pm</p>
<p><a href="#">Geckos German Community School Playgroup</a></p> <p>\$100 per term</p> <p>Spoken language is German- families interested in bilingual education welcome to attend</p>	<p>3a Carrington Road, Reservoir (Reservoir West Primary School)</p>	<p>Eva</p> <p>0432 304 268</p> <p>Principal@geckos.org.au</p>	<p>Saturday</p> <p>10.00am to 11.30am</p>



<p><a href="#">Ichigo Japanese Playgroup</a></p> <p>\$20 per term</p>	<p>Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir</p>	<p>Miyuki <a href="mailto:ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com">ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p>Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00pm This group is currently full- please contact the playgroup for waiting list enquiries.</p>
<p><a href="#">Spanish Speaking Playgroup</a></p> <p>\$2 per meeting</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury</p>	<p>Jess 0466 988 941 <a href="mailto:Jess.fritze@gmail.com">Jess.fritze@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Monday 9.00am – 11.00am</p>
<p><a href="#">NIMBA Playgroup</a></p> <p>\$2 per meeting</p> <p>For families with ‘multiple’ births (e.g. Twins, triplets)</p>	<p>Clyde Street Community Hall 64 Clyde St, Thornbury</p>	<p>Kelly <a href="mailto:playgroup@nimba.amb.org.au">playgroup@nimba.amb.org.au</a></p>	<p>Friday, fortnightly during school term 9.30am – 11.30am</p>
<p><a href="#">Peer Support Playgroup</a></p> <p>Free. For anyone with young children who needs extra support. Run by a qualified social worker and childcare assistant.</p>	<p>Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington</p>	<p>9499 7227 <a href="mailto:coordinator@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">coordinator@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a></p>	<p>Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am</p>
<p><a href="#">Japanese Playgroup</a></p>	<p>Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington</p>	<p>Maimi <a href="mailto:maimiclass@gmail.com">maimiclass@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Monday 10.10am - 11.00am (2 -3 year olds)</p> <p>Thursday 10.00am – 11.30am (3 - 5 year olds)</p>

<p><a href="#">Keon Park Japanese Playgroup</a></p> <p>For children aged 2 - 4 years \$5 - \$7 per week, per person depending on numbers</p>	<p>Keon Park Children's Hub 1 – 7 Dole Avenue, Reservoir</p>	<p>Takako Harataka719@gmail.com</p>	<p>Friday 12.15pm – 2.15pm</p>
<p><a href="#">African Australian Playgroup</a></p> <p>Free</p>	<p>Blake Street Kindergarten 109 Blake Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Fowzia 0432 119 430 <a href="mailto:Fowzia.Issa@darebin.vic.gov.au">Fowzia.Issa@darebin.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p>Monday 10.00am – 12.00pm</p>
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<p><a href="#">French Playgroup</a></p> <p>For Francophone &amp; Francophile families.</p> <p>\$10 per meeting.</p>	<p>TEYC 2A Raleigh St, Thornbury</p>	<p>Natacha frenchplaygroupmelbourne@gmail.com</p>	<p>Friday 11.00am – 1.00pm</p>

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