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ALPHINGTON

| Playgroup Name & Cost | Venue | Contact Details | Day & Time |
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| Czech & Slovak Playgroup \$30 per term, per family | Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington | 9499 7227 coordinator@ alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au | Monday during school term 11.00am to 2.30pm |
| Community Playgroup \$30 per term, per family | Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington | 9499 7227 coordinator@ alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au | Tuesday during school term 10.00am to 12.00noon |
| Peer Support Playgroup 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 coordinator@ alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au | Tuesday during school term 9.30am to 11.30am |
| Yarralea Bush Playgroup 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 |

[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

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| Darebin Chinese Playgroup 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 |
| Playtime in the North \$50 per term | Darebin North East Community Hub (35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora) | Maria 0414 730 794 playtimeinthenorth@gmail.com | Tuesday 10.30am – 12.30pm Please call before attending the playgroup to confirm if there are spaces available |

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FAIRFIELD

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| Fairfield Drop in Playgroup 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 – 11.00am |

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KINGSBURY

| Playgroup Name & Cost | Venue | Contact Person & Details | Day & Time |
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| Kingsbury Kids Playgroup \$3.50 per visit (1 st visit free) | Kingsbury Primary School 1A Maryborough Avenue, Kingsbury | Jenny Watson 9462 2711 | Wednesday 9.00am – 10.45am |

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NORTHCOTE

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

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PRESTON

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| West Preston Playgroup 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 |
| Melbourne Polytechnic Playgroup Free | Melbourne Polytechnic 77 St Georges Road, Preston | Melissa Smith 9269 1516 Melissasmith@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au Karen Paterson 9269 8343 Karenpaterson@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au | Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am During school terms |
| Little Learners Playgroup Free | Newlands Primary School 2 – 26 Murphy Street, Preston | Newlands Primary School front office 9354 2928 Newlands.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au www.newlandsp.vic.edu.au | Friday 9.00am – 10.30am During school term |

**St John's College
Rostered Playgroup**

St John's College
21 Railway Place, Preston
West

Sally
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 30th 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

| Playgroup Name & Cost | Venue | Contact Person & Details | Day & Time |
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| St Joseph The Worker Playgroup \$2 per meeting | St Joseph The Worker Primary School School Hall, 79 Wilson Boulevard, Reservoir North | Marisa 0413 210 136 frendomarisa@gmail.com | Monday 9.00am to 11.00am |
| Ichigo Japanese Playgroup \$20 per term | Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir | Miyuki ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com | Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00pm This group is currently full- please contact the playgroup for waiting list enquiries. |
| Merri Steiner Playgroup \$200 per term (facilitated by a Steiner teacher) | Reservoir Baptist Church 157 Purinuan Road, Reservoir | Jane merristeinerplaygroup@hotmail.com | Various sessions available, email Merri Steiner play group for further details. 9.30am to 11.30am |
| Keon Park Japanese Playgroup 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 Harataka719@gmail.com | Friday 12.15pm – 2.15pm |

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

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| St Gabriel's Primary School Playgroup \$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 |
| St Mark's Playgroup \$20 per term | St Mark's Anglican Church 21 Beatty Street, Reservoir | Karen 0481 194 123 Hill135@optusnet.com.au | Thursday 9.30am – 11.00am |
| St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Playgroup \$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 Suzy.vines@icloud.com | Tuesday 9.30am – 11.00am |

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| <p>NIMBA Playgroup \$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>Koorie Kids Playgroup 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>Spanish Speaking Playgroup \$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>Friday Morning Playgroup \$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> |

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| <p>Croxton Uniting Church Playgroup</p> <p>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>Monday Raleigh St Playgroup</p> <p>\$20 contribution every 8 weeks Families attending this playgroup must have Playgroup Victoria Family Membership.</p> <p>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>Thursday 1.00pm – 3.00pm</p> |
| <p>Oral Language Playgroup</p> <p>Targeted at children aged 2-3 years and demonstrate language delays. These children may not necessarily be diagnosed or receiving treatment.</p> <p>\$40 per term, to be paid at the beginning of the term.</p> | <p>Dee Wardrop Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy</p> <p>352 St Georges Road, Thornbury</p> | <p>Erin erinyuill@gmail.com</p> | <p>Thursday 9.30am – 11.00am</p> |
| <p>French Playgroup</p> <p>For Francophone & 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> |

[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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| <p>Koorie Kids Playgroup</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>Darebin Chinese Playgroup</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>Czech & Slovak Playgroup</p> <p>\$30 per term, per family</p> | <p>Alphington Community Centre</p> <p>2 Kelvin Road, Alphington</p> | <p>9499 7227</p> <p>coordinator@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</p> | <p>Mondays during school term</p> <p>11.30am - 2.30pm</p> |
| <p>Geckos German Community School Playgroup</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> |

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| <p>Japanese Playgroup</p> | <p>Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington</p> | <p>Maimi maimiclass@gmail.com</p> | <p>Monday 10.10am - 11.00am (2 -3 year olds)</p> <p>Thursday 10.00am – 11.30am (3 - 5 year olds)</p> |

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