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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:info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a>	Monday during school terms 10.00am to 3.00pm
<a href="#">Community Playgroup</a> \$30 per term, per family	Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington	9499 7227 <a href="mailto:info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a>	Tuesday during school terms 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:info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a>	Tuesday during school terms 9.30am to 11.30am
<a href="#">Yarralea Bush Playgroup</a>  No fee however families must have insurance through Playgroup Victoria	Darebin Parklands Corner of Yarana Road & Parklands Avenue, Alphington (see the map on the Yarralea Bush Playgroup Facebook page)	Yarralea Bush Playgroup Facebook page	Thursday during school terms 9.30am- 11.00am

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### Japanese Playgroup

Combination of free play and structured time for groups aged 2-3 year olds, and 3.5-5 year olds.

Alphington Community Centre  
2 Kelvin Road, Alphington

Maimi  
maimiclass@gmail.com

Thursday  
10.00am – 1.00pm

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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> \$50 per term Focus is on 2-5 year olds. Activities include art and craft, dance and music, play, sports, storytime, incursions and excursions.	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>
<a href="#">Positive Parenting Playgroup</a> Free with morning tea provided	Darebin North East Community Hub 35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora	Leah Compagnino 9450 4700	Monday during school terms 10.00am – 12.00pm Group currently full – contact Leah for waitlist information

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## FAIRFIELD

**Playgroup Name & Cost**

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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	School Administration Officer 9462 2711 <a href="mailto:Kingsbury.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au">Kingsbury.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au</a>	Wednesday during school terms 9.00am – 10.45am

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## NORTHCOTE

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<a href="#">Merri Bush Playgroup</a> Free. However families must hold Playgroup Victoria family membership	Multiple venues often near Merri Creek	<a href="https://merribushplay.wixsite.com/merribushplaygroup">https://merribushplay.wixsite.com/merribushplaygroup</a> or see the Merri Bush Playgroup Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/MerriBushPlaygroup">https://www.facebook.com/groups/MerriBushPlaygroup</a>	For up to date days and times refer to the website or Facebook page.
<a href="#">Merri Creek Anglican Playgroup</a> \$3 per week	Jika Jika Community Centre Union Street, Northcote	Beck 0409 868 465 beck@merricreek.org	Monday 10.00am - 11.30am
<a href="#">All Ways Playgroup</a> For families formed with adoption/ permanent care and/ or long term foster care	Jika Jika Community Centre Union Street, Northcote	Bernadette 0414 295 508 (text is best) <a href="mailto:Bernadette_t_obrien@hotmail.com">Bernadette_t_obrien@hotmail.com</a>	First Thursday of the month 10.00am
<a href="#">Jika Jika Thursday PM Playgroup</a> \$3 per meeting	Jika Jika Community Centre Union Street, Northcote	Sussan <a href="mailto:sussan.doolan@gmail.com">sussan.doolan@gmail.com</a>	Thursday 3.00pm – 5.00pm

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## Jika Jika Playgroups

Jika Jika Community  
Centre  
Union Street, Northcote

9482 5100  
[admin@jikajika.org.au](mailto:admin@jikajika.org.au)  
[www.jikajika.org.au](http://www.jikajika.org.au)

Multiple sessions- please  
contact the centre for  
details.

Playgroups include:

- Darebin Single Mums  
playgroup
  - Japanese playgroup
  - Back to nature  
playgroup
  - Monday playgroup
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  - Northcote Mums  
playgroup
  - All Ways Parents Group  
(family comprises of at  
least one member  
joining via adoption and/  
or foster care)
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## PRESTON

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<p><a href="#">West Preston Playgroup Cooperative</a></p> <p>\$65 per family per half year (\$40 for health care concession card holders)</p>	<p>West Preston Baptist Church Corner of Cramer Street &amp; Gilbert Road, Preston</p>	<p>Tony 0419 178 039 tonyeliz@optusnet.com.au</p>	<p>Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am</p>
<p><a href="#">Melbourne Polytechnic Playgroup</a></p> <p>Free</p>	<p>Melbourne Polytechnic 77 St Georges Road, Preston</p>	<p>Melissa Smith 9269 1516 <a href="mailto:Melissasmith@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au">Melissasmith@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au</a> Karen Paterson 9269 8343 <a href="mailto:Karenpaterson@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au">Karenpaterson@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au</a></p>	<p>Wednesday during school terms 9.30am to 11.30am Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am</p>
<p><a href="#">St John's College Rostered Playgroup</a></p> <p>\$150 per term. Run by a qualified teacher. Children will need to have turned 3 by the 30<sup>th</sup> April for the year they enrol.</p>	<p>St John's College 21 Railway Place, Preston West</p>	<p>Sally 9480 5300</p>	<p>Tuesday during school terms 8.45am – 11.45am  (Parents will be rostered on to support the supervising teacher for a maximum of 2 sessions per term).</p>

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<a href="#">Preston Mosque Playgroup</a>  Free.	Preston Mosque  87 Cramer Street, Preston	Rukaya Taled (Islamic Society of Victoria) 0420 970 566 <a href="mailto:Rukaya.project@isv.org.au">Rukaya.project@isv.org.au</a>	Tuesday 10.00am – 12.00pm
<a href="#">J S Grey Kindergarten Playgroup</a>  \$120 per term, 8 sessions each term (starting 2nd or 3rd week of each term).  Playgroup is run by an early childhood educator.	J S Grey Kindergarten  524 Gilbert Road, Preston	Marisa <a href="mailto:j.s.grey.cm@kindergarten.vic.gov.au">j.s.grey.cm@kindergarten.vic.gov.au</a>	Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm

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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 during school terms 9.00am to 11.00am
<a href="#">Ichigo Japanese Playgroup</a> \$20 per term	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Yuka 0413 747 809 <a href="mailto:ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com">ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com</a>	Wednesday during school terms 10.00am to 12.00pm
<a href="#">Merri Steiner Playgroup</a> (Facilitated by a Steiner teacher) \$200 per term	Reservoir Baptist Church 157 Purinuan Road, Reservoir	Manjari – Enrolment Officer <a href="mailto:merristeinerplaygroup@hotmail.com">merristeinerplaygroup@hotmail.com</a>	Wednesday and Friday 9.30am - 11.30am (please note days may change over term depending on level of interest)
<a href="#">Open Playgroup</a> Gold coin donation per visit	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Reservoir Neighbourhood House Front Office 9462 4611 <a href="mailto:admin@reservoirnh.org.au">admin@reservoirnh.org.au</a>  Facebook <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/">https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/</a>	Monday during school terms 10:00am to 12:00pm

<p><b>Geckos German Community School Playgroup</b></p> <p>\$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><b>Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) Playgroup</b></p> <p>Breast feeding support and play for all ages. Toddlers and siblings welcome. 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 <a href="mailto:admin@reservoirnh.org.au">admin@reservoirnh.org.au</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/">https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/</a></p>	<p>Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month during school terms 10.00am – 12.00pm</p>
<p><b>St Stephen's Playgroup</b></p> <p>Gold coin per meeting</p>	<p>St Stephen's Catholic Primary School 71 Whitelaw Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Christine 0449 161 221 <a href="mailto:Christine_Roberts_1974@hotmail.com">Christine_Roberts_1974@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p>Wednesday during school terms 9.00am – 11.00am</p>
<p><b>African Australian Playgroup</b></p> <p>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>
<p><b>St Gabriel's Primary School Playgroup</b></p> <p>\$1 per child, per visit</p>	<p>St Gabriel's Primary School 237 Spring Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Nivedita 0433 213 380 9469 3513 (school office number) <a href="mailto:Nivedita_bhambri@yahoo.co.in">Nivedita_bhambri@yahoo.co.in</a></p>	<p>Tuesday 9.00am – 11.00am</p>

<a href="#">St Mark's Playgroup</a> \$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
<a href="#">Reservoir Presbyterian Church Playgroup</a> \$20 per term	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
<a href="#">MyTime</a> Free. For parents and carers of a child with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition	Keon Park Children's Hub 1 – 7 Dole Avenue, Reservoir	Kelly 9486 9600 <a href="mailto:mytimereservoir@gmail.com">mytimereservoir@gmail.com</a>	Every second Tuesday 10.00am – 12.00pm

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<a href="#">NIMBA Playgroup</a> \$2 per meeting. For families with 'multiple' births (e.g. Twins, triplets). Must be a NIMBA member, however non- members are welcome to come for a trial.	Clyde Street Community Hall 64 Clyde St, Thornbury	Kelly <a href="mailto:playgroup@nimba.amba.org.au">playgroup@nimba.amba.org.au</a>	Friday, fortnightly during school terms 9.30am to 11.30am
<a href="#">Koorie Kids Playgroup</a> Free. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families	Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury	Tiani Dudley 9287 8800 0409 641 571 <a href="mailto:tianid@VACCA.ORG">tianid@VACCA.ORG</a>	Tuesdays during school terms 12.00noon to 2.30pm
<a href="#">Spanish Speaking Playgroup</a> \$2 per meeting	Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury	Jess 0466 988 941 <a href="mailto:Jess.fritze@gmail.com">Jess.fritze@gmail.com</a>	Monday 9.00am to 11.00am
<a href="#">Friday Morning Playgroup</a> \$1 per family, per meeting	Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury	Sondra 0435 506 689 <a href="mailto:sndrdvrn@gmail.com">sndrdvrn@gmail.com</a>	Friday 9.00am to 11.00am
<a href="#">Croxton Uniting Church Playgroup</a> Gold coin donation / per week	Croxton Uniting Church 326 St Georges Road, Thornbury	Leonie 9471 3265 <a href="mailto:dnwuniting@gmail.com">dnwuniting@gmail.com</a>	Wednesday 10.30am to 12.00noon

<p><a href="#">Thursday Raleigh Street Playgroup</a></p> <p>Predominately consists of children born in early 2018.</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre, 2A Raleigh Street, Thornbury</p>	<p>Daniella 0417 510 059 <a href="mailto:daniellalarosa@gmail.com">daniellalarosa@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am</p>
<p><a href="#">Darebin Creek Bush Playgroup</a></p> <p>\$124 a term including insurance.</p> <p>Families attending must have a Playgroup Victoria family membership (\$40 per year, \$30 concession)</p>	<p>Theobald St entrance to Darebin Creek bushland area (Fez's Wetland)</p>	<p>Victoria <a href="mailto:n8tureplaylearning@gmail.com">n8tureplaylearning@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am 2.30pm – 4.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am</p>

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<p><a href="#">Koorie Kids Playgroup</a> Free</p> <p>For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families</p>	Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury	<p>Tiani Dudley 9287 8800 0409 641 571 <a href="mailto:tianid@VACCA.ORG">tianid@VACCA.ORG</a></p>	Tuesday during school terms 12.00noon to 2.30pm
<p><a href="#">Darebin Chinese Playgroup</a> (spoken language Mandarin only) Free of charge</p>	Darebin North East Community Hub (35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora)	<p>Sayanti <a href="mailto:sbhatta@vicsegnewfutures.org.au">sbhatta@vicsegnewfutures.org.au</a></p>	<p>Friday 9.30am – 11.30am</p> <p>Group currently full- contact Sayanti for waiting list information</p>
<p><a href="#">Czech &amp; Slovak Playgroup</a> \$30 per term, per family</p>	Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington	<p>9499 7227 <a href="mailto:info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a></p>	Monday during school terms 10.00am to 3.00pm
<p><a href="#">Geckos German Community School Playgroup</a> \$100 per term</p> <p>Spoken language is German- families interested in bilingual education welcome to attend</p>	3a Carrington Road, Reservoir (Reservoir West Primary School)	<p>Eva 0432 304 268 <a href="mailto:Principal@geckos.org.au">Principal@geckos.org.au</a></p>	Saturday 10.00am to 11.30am



<p><a href="#">Ichigo Japanese Playgroup</a></p> <p>\$20 per term</p>	<p>Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir</p>	<p>Yuka 0413 747 809 <a href="mailto:ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com">ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p>Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00pm During school terms.</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). Must be a NIMBA member, however non- members are welcome to come for a trial.</p>	<p>Clyde Street Community Hall 64 Clyde St, Thornbury</p>	<p>Kelly <a href="mailto:playgroup@nimba.amba.org.au">playgroup@nimba.amba.org.au</a></p>	<p>Friday, fortnightly during school terms 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:info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au">info@alphingtoncommunitycentre.org.au</a></p>	<p>Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am</p>
<p><a href="#">Japanese Playgroup</a></p> <p>Combination of free play and structured time for groups aged 2-3 year olds, and 3.5- 5 year olds.</p>	<p>Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington</p>	<p>Maimi <a href="mailto:maimiclass@gmail.com">maimiclass@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Thursday 10.00am – 1.00pm</p>

<a href="#">African Australian Playgroup</a> Free	Blake Street Kindergarten 109 Blake Street, Reservoir	Fowzia 0432 119 430 <a href="mailto:Fowzia.Issa@darebin.vic.gov.au">Fowzia.Issa@darebin.vic.gov.au</a>	Monday 10.00am – 12.00pm
<a href="#">Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) Playgroup</a> Breast feeding support and play for all ages. Toddlers and siblings welcome. Families must hold ABA membership to attend.	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Reservoir Neighbourhood House Front office 9462 4611 <a href="mailto:admin@reservoirnh.org.au">admin@reservoirnh.org.au</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/">https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/</a>	Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month during school terms 10.00am – 12.00pm
<a href="#">MyTime</a> Free. For parents and carers of a child with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition	Keon Park Children's Hub 1 – 7 Dole Avenue, Reservoir	Kelly 9486 9600 <a href="mailto:mytimereservoir@gmail.com">mytimereservoir@gmail.com</a>	Every second Tuesday 10.00am – 12.00pm

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