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ALPHINGTON

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Details	Day & Time
<p>MyTime Peer Support Playgroup</p> <p>Free.</p> <p>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 info@alphington.org.au</p>	<p>Tuesday during school terms 10.00am to 12.00pm</p>
<p>Kilin Japanese Playgroup</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 maimiclass@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thursday 10.00am – 12.30pm</p>
<p>After School Lego Club Playgroup</p> <p>Fun themed activities for toddlers and their parents/carers. \$105 per term.</p>	<p>Alphington Community Centre 2 Kelvin Road, Alphington</p>	<p>Cat 9499 7227 learnitprograms@gmail.com</p>	<p>Mondays 3.30pm – 5.00pm</p>

Playtime in the Garden
Playgroup

Alphington Community Centre
2 Kelvin Road, Alphington

9499 7227
info@alphington.org.au

Wednesday
10.00am – 12.00pm

Free

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BUNDOORA

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Darebin Chinese Playgroup Free. (Spoken language Mandarin only).	Darebin North East Community Hub (DNECH) 35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora	Magdalena mojeda@vicsegnwutures.org.au	Friday 9.30am – 11.30am
Berry Street - Music and Me Playgroup Music based facilitated playgroup which encourages parent-child attachment and play in a fun and interactive way. Free.	Darebin North East Community Hub (DNECH) 35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora	Emma edunstan@berrystreet.org.au	Wednesday 10am - 11am During school terms.
Positive Parenting Playgroup 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

Concord Playgroup	9 Cameron Parade, Bundoora	Elle enrolments@concordplaygroup.org.au	Monday – Friday during school terms
\$40 per term, \$30 for concession holders		Website www.concordplaygroup.org.au	9.00am - 11.00am or 11.00am - 1.00pm

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FAIRFIELD

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KINGSBURY

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
Kingsbury Kids Playgroup \$4 per visit	Kingsbury Primary School 1A Maryborough Avenue, Kingsbury	Sarah 0402 335 704 Kingsbury.kids.playgroup@gmail.com	Wednesday morning during school terms 9.00am – 11.00am

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NORTHCOTE

Playgroup Name & Cost	Venue	Contact Person & Details	Day & Time
Merri Bush Playgroup Free. However families must hold Playgroup Victoria family membership	Multiple venues often near Merri Creek	https://merribushplay.wixsite.com/merribushplaygroup or see the Merri Bush Playgroup Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/MerriBushPlaygroup	For up to date days and times refer to the website or Facebook page.
Merri Creek Anglican Playgroup A facilitated community playgroup for 0-5yr old's and their parents/carers.	Jika Jika Community Centre - Small Hall corner Union and Plant Streets Northcote	Jenny 0429 614 243 Jenny@merricreek.org	Monday 10.00am - 11.30am
All Ways Playgroup 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) Bernadette_t_obrien@hotmail.com	First Thursday of the month 10.00am

<p>Jika Jika Japanese playgroup \$40 per family per term. For children aged 0-5 years. Japanese culture and events through easy crafts and story time. Any nationals are welcome. Conducted only in Japanese.</p>	<p>Jika Jika Community Centre (Union Street, Northcote)</p>	<p>Tomomi thandto143@gmail.com</p>	<p>Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm</p>
<p>Jika Jika Playgroups Multiple sessions- please contact the centre for details.</p>	<p>Jika Jika Community Centre Union Street, Northcote</p>	<p>9482 5100 admin@jikajika.org.au www.jikajika.org.au</p>	<p>Includes: Darebin Single Mums playgroup, Back to nature playgroup, Northcote Mums playgroup, All Ways Parents Group (family comprises of at least one member adopted and/or in foster care). + many more playgroups.</p>
<p>Playnook Tuesday AM Playgroup For ages 0-6years, Relaxed unstructured play. Free when held at a local park in Northcote. When indoors at PlayNook 0-6mths Free, 6-12mths \$4.65 / 12mths+ \$8 per session.</p>	<p>PlayNook (play centre) 2 Arthurton Rd, Northcote</p>	<p>Join the 'PlayNook Tuesday AM Playgroup' Facebook group for details on how to join a session at https://www.facebook.com/groups/82935388127506/</p>	<p>Tuesday 10.00am-12.00pm This is a Casual/Drop-in playgroup, no commitment required. Parents can socialise, while their kids are making new friends & enjoying unstructured play.</p>

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PRESTON

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Melbourne Polytechnic Playgroup Free	Melbourne Polytechnic 77 St Georges Road, Preston (Building F Room F136)	Karen Karenpaterson@melbournepolytechnic.edu.au	Wednesday during school terms 9.30am to 11.30am
Preston Mosque Playgroup Free.	Preston Mosque 90 Cramer Street, Preston	Rukaya (Islamic Society of Victoria) Rukaya.taleb@isv.org.au	Thursday 10.00am – 12.00pm
J S Grey Kindergarten Playgroup \$120 per term. Playgroup is run by an early childhood educator.	J S Grey Kindergarten 524 Gilbert Road, Preston	Marisa i.s.grey.cm@kindergarten.vic.gov.au Currently not running, however planning to restart in Term 4, 2021. Email Marisa to express your interest.	Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Bell Street Community Play Group Free. Facilitated playgroup for new mothers in the Preston area.	Bell Street Early Learning & Kinder – 573 Bell Street Preston	Gwen 9480 5272 director@bellstreetelc.com.au	Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 11.00am

Preston Playgroup

\$7.50 per family per session. Messy and sensory play. Also provides craft activities and quiet areas. Suitable for children aged 0-6 years.

East Preston Senior
Citizens Hall

14/12 Donald Street,
Preston

Megan
0423 855 525
megandelaney22@hotmail.com

Tuesday during school terms
10.00am – 11.30am

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RESERVOIR

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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	Jizelle 0434 371 656 Crellin.jizelle@gmail.com	Monday during school terms 9.00am to 11.00am
Ichigo Japanese Playgroup \$25 per term	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Shinano ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com	Wednesday during school terms 10.00am to 12.00pm
Merri Steiner Playgroup (Facilitated by a Steiner teacher) \$200 per term	Reservoir Baptist Church 157 Purinuan Road, Reservoir	Manjari – Enrolment Officer merristeinerplaygroup@hotmail.com	Wednesday and Friday 9.30am - 11.30am (please note days may change over term depending on level of interest)
Open Playgroup Gold coin donation per visit	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Reservoir Neighbourhood House Front Office 9462 4611 admin@reservoirnh.org.au Facebook https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/	Thursday during school terms 10:00am to 12:00pm

<p>Geckos German Community School Playgroup</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>Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) Playgroup</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 admin@reservoirnh.org.au https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/</p>	<p>Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month during school terms 10.00am – 12.00pm</p>
<p>St Stephen's Playgroup</p>	<p>St Stephen's Catholic Primary School 71 Whitelaw Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Laura 9460 3566 office@ssreservoireast.catholic.edu.au</p>	<p>Fridays during school terms 8.45am – 10.00am</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>
<p>St Mark's Playgroup \$20 per term</p>	<p>St Mark's Anglican Church 21 Beatty Street, Reservoir</p>	<p>Karen 0481 194 123 Hill135@optusnet.com.au</p>	<p>Thursday 9.30am – 11.00am</p>

Reservoir Presbyterian Church Playgroup \$20 per term	St Andrew's Presbyterian Church 81 Edwardes Street, Reservoir	Suzy 0403 316 977 Suzy.vines@icloud.com	Tuesday 9.30am – 11.00am
Reservoir Playgroup \$7.50 per family per session. Messy and sensory play. Also provides craft activities and quiet areas. Suitable for children aged 0-6 years.	Wright Street Senior Citizens Hall 2 Wright Street, Reservoir	Megan 0423 855 525 megandelaney22@hotmail.com	Wednesday during school terms 10.00am – 11.30am
St Gabriel's Playgroup For children aged 1-5 years. Free	St Gabriel's Primary School 237 Spring Street, Reservoir	Laura 9469 3513 office@sgreservoir.catholic.edu.au	Thursday 2.30pm-3.15pm

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THORNBURY

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NIMBA Playgroup \$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 playgroup@nimba.amba.org.au	Friday, fortnightly during school terms 9.30am to 11.30am
VACCA Koorie Kids Playgroup Free. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families	Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury	Tori 0409 641 571 torib@VACCA.ORG	Tuesdays during school terms 12.00 to 2.00pm
Spanish Speaking Playgroup \$2 per meeting	Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury	Danilo 0450 991 661 guerrerodd@gmx.com	Monday 9.00am to 11.00am
Friday Morning Playgroup \$1 per family, per meeting	Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury	Dan dantatton@hotmail.com	Friday 9.30am to 11.30am
Croxton Uniting Church Playgroup Gold coin donation / per week	Croxton Uniting Church 326 St Georges Road, Thornbury	Leonie 9471 3265 dnwuniting@gmail.com	Wednesday 10.30am to 12.00noon

Nature Play Learning Bush Playgroups	Theobald St entrance to Darebin Creek bushland area (Fez's Wetland)	Victoria n8tureplaylearning@gmail.com	Monday 9.30am – 11.30am Tuesday 9.30am – 11.30am Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am Friday 9.30am – 11.30am
\$160 a term			
Darebin & Friends Rainbow Playgroup	Thornbury Early Years Centre 2A Raleigh St Thornbury	Cathleen cathleen.zahra@outlook.com	Friday 12.30 to 3.00pm
Darebin & Friends Rainbow Playgroup is a safe space for LGBTIQ+ and gender diverse families only, with children aged 0-5, to play, make friends and support one another.			

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Neighbouring Playgroups (Brunswick East)

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<p>CERES Nature Playgroup</p> <p>\$200 for 8 weeks, \$160 concession. Our Early Years Educators will connect your children with nature, allow them to explore & discover the wonders of the natural world.</p>	<p>CERES Environment Park</p> <p>Corner Roberts & Stewart Streets, Brunswick East</p>	<p>Lauren/Deanne</p> <p>studentprograms@ceres.org.au</p>	<p>Monday 10.00am – 12pm</p> <p>Tuesday 10.00am – 12pm</p>
<p>Berry Street – Play and Learn Supported Playgroup</p> <p>A free facilitated playgroup, for children 0-5 years and their parents/carers. Our playgroup encourages early childhood development and child-parent attachment through a range of activities.</p>	<p>Berry Street Northern</p> <p>677 The Boulevard, Eaglemont</p>	<p>Emma</p> <p>edunstan@berrystreet.org.au</p>	<p>Monday 10am - 11:30am</p> <p>During school terms</p>

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VACCA Koorie Kids Supported Playgroup Free. For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families	Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury	Tori 0409 641 571 torib@VACCA.ORG	Tuesdays during school terms 12.00noon to 2.00pm
Darebin Chinese Playgroup Free. (Spoken language Mandarin only)	Darebin North East Community Hub (35 Copernicus Crescent, Bundoora)	Magdalena mojeda@vicsegnewfutures.org.au	Friday 9.30am – 11.30am
Geckos German Community School Playgroup \$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	Saturday 10.00am to 11.30am
Ichigo Japanese Playgroup \$25 per term	Reservoir Neighbourhood House 2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir	Shinano ichigoplaygroup@hotmail.com	Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00pm During school terms.

<p>Spanish Speaking Playgroup</p> <p>\$2 per meeting</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre 2a Raleigh Street, Thornbury</p>	<p>Danilo 0450 991 661 guerrerodd@gmx.com</p>	<p>Monday 9.00am – 11.00am</p>
<p>NIMBA Playgroup</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 playgroup@nimba.amba.org.au</p>	<p>Friday, fortnightly during school terms 9.30am – 11.30am</p>
<p>MyTime Peer Support Playgroup</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 info@alphington.org.au</p>	<p>Tuesday 10.00am – 12.00pm</p>
<p>Kilin Japanese Playgroup</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 maimiclass@gmail.com</p>	<p>Thursday 10.00am – 12.30pm</p>
<p>African Australian Playgroup</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>Australian Breastfeeding Association (ABA) Playgroup</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</p> <p>2B Cuthbert Road, Reservoir</p>	<p>Reservoir Neighbourhood House Front office 9462 4611 admin@reservoirnh.org.au https://www.facebook.com/Reservoir-Neighbourhood-House-456169914403744/</p>	<p>Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month during school terms</p> <p>10.00am – 12.00pm</p>
<p>Jika Jika Japanese playgroup</p> <p>\$40 per family per term. For children aged 0-5 years. Japanese culture and events through easy crafts and story time. Any nationals are welcome. Conducted only in Japanese.</p>	<p>Jika Jika Community Centre (Union Street, Northcote)</p>	<p>Tomomi thandto143@gmail.com</p>	<p>Monday 11.00am – 1.00pm</p>
<p>Darebin & Friends Rainbow Playgroup</p> <p>Darebin & Friends Rainbow Playgroup is a safe space for LGBTIQ+ and gender diverse families only, with children aged 0-5, to play, make friends and support one another.</p>	<p>Thornbury Early Years Centre 2A Raleigh St Thornbury</p>	<p>Cathleen cathleen.zahra@outlook.com</p>	<p>Friday 12.30 to 3.00pm</p>

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