

## Getting Involved

Please share the workload in any way you can. Things that need to be done include wiping tables and benches, washing lids and paintbrushes, packing away toys and equipment, and sweeping floors. We need each room to be ready for the next session, and the job is easy when shared!

Your ideas and help with crafts, activities are also appreciated. If you would like to help in any way with the story/singing time, speak to Sue. Your assistance will be welcome!

To help with connection and communication, we have a Berwick Church of Christ Playgroup Facebook group. Once you have joined our playgroup we strongly encourage you to ask to join this group if you use Facebook.



**Berwick Church of Christ Playgroup**



## Parking & Finding Us

There is ample parking in the main church car parks, and the playgroup rooms is at the back right hand side, behind the main church building. Please obey the ONE WAY signs in the car park. They are there to avoid accidents! Also do not park in disabled parking area. There may be elderly groups, funerals etc who need these spaces.

## Cost

Fees are payable per term, and are due at the beginning of each term. Fees are \$50 per term for one child or \$90 per term for a family, (once second child is over 18 months). If your only child is under 18 months, the fee is \$30. Families are not required to be members of Playgroup Victoria. Any problems with payment of fees should be directed to Sue. A \$10 discount applies for families with a health care card.

You can pay your fees online. You will be given our bank account details when you join playgroup.

## Dates

We follow Victorian school terms and public holidays apart from at the start and end of the year.



## Want to join?

If you are interested in joining, please email [playgroup@bcoc.com.au](mailto:playgroup@bcoc.com.au) or call Berwick Church of Christ with your details so we can find you a position or use the form on our website.

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# Playgroup

BERWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST

**FUN & CONNECTION**





# Welcome to Playgroup

Playgroup is a ministry of the Berwick Church of Christ. We are here to provide a safe and fun place for parents and young children to interact with each other and with other families.

All of our playgroups have leaders and helpers from the Christian community who endeavour to make our playgroup a caring and nurturing environment for adults and children who attend. We currently run a number of playgroup sessions throughout the week. Please see our website to express interest.

## Activities

Every week we offer a range of activities, including craft, painting, cutting and pasting, dressing up, outdoor play, play dough and music. Sometimes play is messy, so please dress your child in comfortable clothes so they can get dirty without ruining their best clothes!



## Outdoor Time

Please remember hats and sunscreen, especially during terms 1 and 4. Children need to be supervised at all times, whether inside or outside.

## Snack Time

If you wish, you may bring along a healthy snack and drink for your child, to be eaten at one of the designated tables.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS TO PLAYGROUP.

Allergies to nuts can be very severe, and we appreciate your cooperation in this.

Tea and coffee are available for parents – please help yourself – and be aware of the danger of hot drinks and small children. Feel free to provide morning tea for adults - it's always welcome!



## Mat Time

Singing and story time is great preparation for school and kinder, and also lots of fun. Little children learn best by example, so it really helps if parents join in – sitting on the mat with them if necessary. Chatting during singing time is very distracting for children and leaders, so please don't!



## Birthdays & Celebrations

We give each child a small gift and sing to celebrate their birthday. Some members of our playgroup community are Christian and we are always glad to answer questions about our faith. If you'd like to receive information about service times etc, please ask Sue or another leader. We also celebrate Easter and Christmas, and talk about the Christian message of these celebrations.

## Concerns & Respect

If you have concerns about behaviour or discipline within your group, please speak to Sue and we will attempt to resolve the situation. Although we all have different expectations of our children, we do expect courtesy and respect for others from all children and adults at playgroup.

## Extreme Heat / Fire Danger

We close playgroup on days where the forecast is 38 degrees and above, and also on days where a code red/catastrophic warning has been issued.

A number of schools/kinders in the local area are closed on these days, and we have decided that it is unsafe for our families to be attending playgroup in such conditions.

We endeavour to contact families by SMS if playgroup is closed for the day, but you are welcome to contact Sue if you are unsure.