

# Moerlina School Playgroup

## Welcome to Moerlina Playgroup

Moerlina Playgroup provides a beautiful, caring, inspiring environment in which families can come together to explore in a rich world of play and discovery.

The wonder of childhood is nurtured and cherished through exploration of indoor and outdoor spaces, movement and craft activities, cooking and play.

Playgroup sessions are structured to meet the children's need for rhythm and repetition, which helps provide a sense of familiarity and security. This is combined with time for unimpeded, creative, imaginative play, which we see as the "work" of the young child.

A strong imagination developed through creative play and activities provides a foundation for problem solving and socialisation skills. You will see the strong influence of philosophies such as Reggio Emilia and Steiner in the materials and activities made available to the children.

Activities such as baking, weaving and drawing help develop fine motor skills, while climbing, digging and exploring our beautiful garden and wild spaces helps to develop gross motor skills, coordination and a sense of balance.

This year two families will share the role of leading the playgroup activities each week. They have been inspired by our experienced nature-focused coordinator from last year, and will continue many of the practices they were introduced to and enjoyed with their own children.

Fundamental to the success of the morning is to generate an atmosphere of trust and comfort where we can share the adventure that will guide our children through their first years.

*"We will create a space where parents can be fully involved and connected with their children and where we can be spontaneous in our capacity to wonder and be amazed through games and interaction with nature."*

(G & M, Playgroup Coordinators)

Moerlina Playgroup is open to all parents and carers with pre-school aged children.

We are fortunate this year to have one of our families who are coordinating playgroup having originated from Chile. They would be very happy to welcome other Spanish speaking families.

We are an associate member of Playgroup WA.

### Fees

\$5 per child per week

Insurance cover included

### Where to find us

The Early Learning Centre at Moerlina School, 16 Brockway Road, Mt Claremont, WA, 6010

FREE parking onsite

## Friday Session Times

9:30am – 11:30am      0 – 4 years old

Playgroup runs during the Moerlina School terms and is closed during school holidays.

The Moerlina School Term dates for 2021 are:

Term 1 Monday 19 February to Thursday 1 April

Term 2 Wednesday 20 April to Friday 2 July

Term 3 Tuesday 27 July to Friday 24 September

Term 4 Tuesday 12 October to Thursday 9 December

## Session Structure

There will be regular activities each week that create the routine and familiarity of the morning, supporting the children in developing a sense of belonging.

However, the structure of the session will be flexible to allow for spontaneity in responding to children's interests, the seasons and the many incidental opportunities that arise throughout a day.

**9:30am Meet & greet** – Welcome to the morning

**Cooking** – Most weeks we will prepare bread dough for our fresh rolls for morning tea and our shared fruit platter. Sometimes we may vary what we cook to include other healthy treats the children will enjoy. We invite families to bring along a piece of fruit to contribute to the shared morning tea plate each week.

**Inside play** – Together we will explore games utilising sounds, body movements and our imaginations. We will sometimes set up indoor craft or table play activities.

**Outside play** – A time for parents and children to connect with nature and together explore the playground and wild spaces. We will sometimes set up outside craft or play activities.

**Morning tea** – The ritual of coming together to share the food that we have prepared and the company of each other is valued.

**Outside play continues** – The school welcomes us to explore freely in the grounds, discovering the many fruit trees and the Frog Bog on the wild side of the oval, or the Secret Garden behind our playgroup building.

**11:30am Farewell**

We understand that at times your child may not be ready to sit at the table for morning tea or happily join in with an activity. At these times please feel free to enjoy some time outside together.

## Enquiries

For more information contact us at [playgroup@moerlina.wa.edu.au](mailto:playgroup@moerlina.wa.edu.au) or visit our Playgroup page at [www.moerlina.wa.edu.au/our-learning/playgroup/](http://www.moerlina.wa.edu.au/our-learning/playgroup/)

