



VIRTUTE ET LABORE

Welcome to the St Margaret's School Playgroup

Welcome to the St Margaret's School Playgroup for 2018. We hope you enjoy being a part of our school community.

What is Playgroup?

It is a time for your child to:

- learn to socialise cooperatively with other children
- learn and develop skills through play
- play with their parent/carer in a safe and happy environment

It is a time for you as a parent/carer to:

- get to know and socialise with local families
- share common experiences and concerns and support one another
- spend time with your children in a fun, inviting and stimulating environment

Sessions

Each playgroup session runs for 90min. During this time a wide variety of equipment and activities will be set up for the children to engage with. Time is set aside to eat morning tea together, followed by mat time with songs and stories.

Supervision at Playgroup

Playgroup aims to create an environment that promotes positive relationships and development.

All parents/carers are responsible for the supervision of their children at all times, particularly in the playground. It is important for you as parents to supervise your children's play, so you can offer help, guidance and encouragement.

Absences

Please do not bring sick children to playgroup, as we aim to protect the health and safety of all of the children who attend. If you know you will be absent due to sickness or holiday please e-mail Stacey: reids@stmargarets.vic.edu.au Should you not attend for a number of weeks and not provide notification your position may be offered to other waiting families.

Mat Time

We end each session at playgroup with a mat time together. Please join in when we have mat time, as your children learn better from you than anyone else. Model for your children sitting, active listening and participating. These are all important life skills.

Morning Tea

Each parent/carer is asked to bring a small snack and water bottle for their child to have during snack time. Children sit at tables while eating and drinking to avoid unintended food sharing. Once your child is finished, please pack away their morning tea.

Packing up

As our playgroup is run in one of the Early Learning Centre classrooms we ask for your help and support to tidy up and pack away the day's activities. When pack up time is announced if you could work with your child to pack/tidy up the activity that they are playing with and then help the group to generally tidy all other areas before sitting down to morning tea.

Sun Smart

Please bring your child a sunsmart hat which covers their face and neck and apply sunscreen prior to arriving at playgroup from September through to April and on any other high UV days.

If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail me, I am only part time but will try to get back to you as soon as possible,

Best wishes,

Stacey Reid

(Junior School Teacher, Early Childhood Educator, Parent)