

National PLAYGROUP Week

18th - 24th March 2024

National Playgroup Week provides us with a great opportunity to come together, share our stories, have fun, revel in the wonder of childhood and commemorate our 50-year milestone. Playgroup has been a part of so many of our lives. It weaves together fragments of our early years, development, history, culture and identity. Spanning generations, we look forward to hearing your recollections of playgroup, right up to the present generation leading the way with enthusiasm and delight.



Five decades have passed since playgroup as we know it began in Victoria. While the world and its workings has changed in a multitude of distinctive and diverse ways during this time, much of what makes playgroup **playgroup** has not. It is still a place for kids to be kids, for parents and carers to share and gather support.

Playgroup still holds an important place in our communities and in building our future societies. The old proverb, *It Takes a Village to Raise a Child*, is ever more pertinent in the modern world as family dynamics change and technology advances. We believe in real life engagement at playgroup, in having the freedom to play, for everyone to have access to participate, to connect with local services and enjoy shared experiences. We believe in finding a sense of belonging at playgroup.

The fundamentals of who we are as a peoples remains the same, deep down in our bones. The core things that children need are unchanged: love, affection, kindness, laughter, compassion, understanding, challenges, nature, a safe and warm home, fun and play. These core things are needed by adults too and that is why playgroup has the power to create such profound meaning in our lives during the early years and beyond.



Playgroup magazine, 1999



Kew Playgroup, 2018



Playgroup in the park, 1986



Remember When... this is how so many good stories begin. We thought it apt to begin our 50-year celebration sharing our favourite playgroup memories.

From small rural playgroups to large city groups, we welcome your stories. You may have met your friend 20 years ago at playgroup. Your children may have grown up together. Playgroup may have been a saviour for you in a challenging time. You may have watched your child achieve a huge developmental milestone while at playgroup. You may have watched your child explore more, laugh more and bond with others. You may have experienced simple joy or profound change- playgroup holds all of those things and more. We cannot wait to walk down memory lane with you all.

Belgrave Lake Park Cottage Playgroup, 1982



Waterfall Gully Playgroup, 1994



Fam Love Jam Band Playgroup, 2017



We have delved into the playgroup archives, uncovering many moments in time. It will be a real joy to reminisce and inspire more playgroup days that will have us gladly beginning another story with, *'Remember When...'*

Join Playgroup and Start Making Memories Today

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Arnolds Creek Playgroup, 2023



Hogans Corner Playgroup, 1972

