

## Playgroups in Schools!

## An avenue for accessing the school community.

Playgroups in schools address many components of transition faced by both the child and their family. Positive transitions to school increase children's social and academic outcomes. Playgroup is the universal service that supports parents as their child's first teacher.

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Playgroups in schools have benefits above and beyond playgroups held in other venues. (SPiNS)

> Schools provide a hub of consistent attachment for families over many years (FaHCSIA 2008)

Relationships built up during interactions on playgroup days seem to last into children's schooling. (Dockett et al., 2007)

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More children that attend playgroup are developmentally on-track at school entry. (AEDC, Gregory et al., 2016)