



STEINER BUSH PLAYGROUP

Bush Playgroup is held predominantly outdoors, nurturing awareness and interaction with nature. We model ourselves on the Forest school concept popular in Europe. Children have access to the sleepy dragon sandpit, chooks and veggie patch, the sensory nature trail and our 'secret forest' at the back of the school oval. Bush playgroup is run by parent volunteers and is a great opportunity to mix with like-minded people drawing inspiration from Waldorf/Steiner education.

Who is Playgroup for?

Playgroup is for families and pre-school children of all ages looking for a morning of fun and nature play.

Fridays 9:30-12:00 noon

Sheidow Park Primary School, Adams Road

For more information, call Narrah on **0437 445 400**

2017 Term Dates

Term 1

30 Jan - 13 April

Term 2

1 May - 7 July

Term 3

24 July - 29 Sept

Term 4

16 Oct - 15 Dec

PLEASE NOTE NO SESSION ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Playgroup offers new families the first session as a try out, free of charge. If you would like to continue on, families are asked to join on a term by term basis. Fees are adjusted for mid term intake. It is also **required** that families become Playgroup SA members to comply with insurance requirements.

8 week term \$44.00

9 week term \$49.50

10 week term \$55.00

PGSA 1 year membership \$40

Fees can be paid via EFT into the following account:

BSB: 085 333

Account #: 12709 9861

Account Name: Steiner Playgroup Marion

Reference: your name

Playgroup fees and PGSA membership are to be paid after your first session.

Sessions include (weather permitting):

09:30 Sandpit/garden play

10:15 Morning tea (in garden/sandpit area)

10:30 Visit/feed chooks (morning tea scraps)

10:45 'Bush' walk

11:00 Bush play

11.30 Circle time songs and story

11:40 Lunch

12:00 Finish

The Playgroup environment

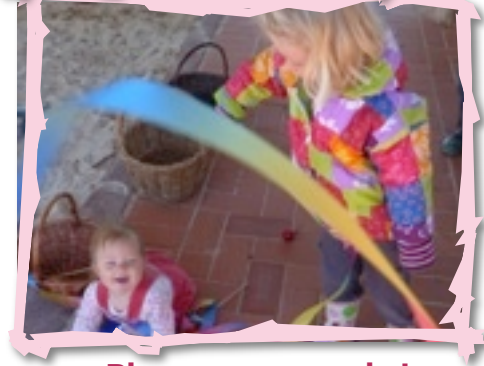
We foster a warm, friendly and supportive atmosphere for adults and children alike. Bush playgroup gives children the opportunity to discover their environment through a rich, tactile world open for exploration, imitation and observation. With approximately 10 families per session, we maintain a comfortable and intimate group.

Excursions to local bushland and play areas are scheduled for twice a term, with a mid term break at week 5.



Playthings are generally handmade and crafted from natural materials. Outdoor play involves further discovery of the natural environment through sand and water play, cubby building and hiking.

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Circle time, story and further reading

Circle time is an opportunity to sing seasonal verses, finger play and movement songs together. Our curriculum changes every 3 weeks to give children plenty of time to absorb songs and stories. We also have a small library of early childhood and Steiner related articles and books available for families to borrow.

Parent craft

Craft provides an opportunity for parents to make things for their children while also modelling attentiveness to their work, assisting children's care and attention to their play. Projects are usually for families to take home once completed.

Playgroup meal times

Morning tea and lunchtime is a quiet time spent sitting together. It begins with the rituals of washing hands and saying a verse expressing gratitude for the food and its preparation. We ask that families bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea, a healthy packed lunch and drink bottle. Warm herbal tea is provided for all.

Parent's/Carer's role

A joyful, caring and supported environment is created with the help of all adults. Families arriving on time assists with building group cohesion early in the session. Parents further assist by finding a balance between satisfying their need for socialising while remaining aware of the children. These aspects of group consciousness are important ingredients for maintaining a happy, safe place to be enjoyed by all. Parents also contribute to the running of the group by selecting a role each session on arrival (e.g. cutting fruit, making tea, helping with dishes, etc). Each week a family volunteers to take home the playgroup washing, ready for the following week. As we are child focussed please be mindful of conversation topics.

To support this environment please switch off mobile phones before arriving at playgroup.

Enrolment

Your first playgroup visit is free of charge. If you would like to attend, please fill out the enrolment form and return it via email or in person. Term fees can be paid via EFT (details on the enrolment form). Playgroup SA (PGSA) Family Membership can be accessed through their website. It provides insurance cover, a discount card and is fully transferrable to any other playgroup you attend for the remainder of the year. See:

www.playgroupsa.com.au

Parking and directions

We meet in the big sandpit next to the veggie patch at 9:30am. Parking is available along Alkira Road.

Sheidow Park Primary School
Adams Rd, Sheidow Park

Outdoor play

To support the children's play we leave children to follow their own impulses while staying nearby if needed. We give starting points for play if children require it otherwise we don't interfere with what they are doing (unless of course there is an issue of safety). *Play is the child's time for discovery.*

As outdoor play is the focus of this session, parents need to be equipped for the weather. Please come prepared wearing clothes to suit the outdoor temperature as well as rubber boots and rain gear or sun hat and cream as needed. As the saying goes, 'There is no bad weather, only bad clothing clothing.' In the event of extreme weather, we have a small playroom that we can retreat to. During summer, playgroup will be cancelled if the temperature is predicted to hit 36 degrees and above.