

# WELCOME TO PLAYTIME

## Playtime Groups are organised as part of the community care function of the Stafford Heights Baptist Church

Groups meet on Thursday mornings each week except during school holidays and public holidays

### AIM OF PLAYTIME

To provide an opportunity for parents/carers and children from birth to school age to meet together in a safe, supportive environment for their mutual benefit

Children are offered a program of activities to enhance their physical, intellectual, social and emotional development. This helps, in a small way, to develop self-confidence and social skills and helps prepare them for kindergarten and/or 'big school'

## GUIDELINES FOR A HAPPY MORNING

- ◆ Dress in **play clothes** - we love messy activities
- ◆ Please wear **name tags**—adults and children - each day throughout the year. This demonstrates an aspect of literacy to the children as well as jogging our memories.
- ◆ We encourage you to play with your children and assist by **supervising** them throughout the morning.
- ◆ **No smoking** is permitted on the grounds for the health and safety of you and your children.
- ◆ Children with **contagious illnesses** e.g. COVID-19, gastro-enteritis, conjunctivitis, bad colds, flu etc must not be brought to Playtime.
- ◆ Children are not allowed in the kitchen unless supervised by their carer.
- ◆ If you have any suggestions we would be delighted to hear from you.

## Contact

### Co-ordinator

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- ▶ Any announcements pertaining to the whole group are made during morning tea, and we also pause for a moment to share an encouraging “**Thought for Today**”
- ▶ Each week tick your name on the attendance sheet to indicate you are present. Please also write the amount of fees being paid on that day, and place fees in the jar provided.  
**Please note: fees are payable for days when you are absent.**
- ▶ Please note: **disposable nappies** are not to be left on the premises.
- ▶ **No party plan selling or fundraising activities are permitted** at Playtime to save any embarrassment. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## SOME OF THE BENEFITS TO EXPECT FROM PLAYTIME

- ▶ Provision for children to play in a stimulating, creative and secure environment
- ▶ Encouragement for children in coping with the demands of co-operating, sharing and playing with others
- ▶ Help for the children in building self-confidence and valuing themselves as individuals
- ▶ Opportunities for parents and children to have fun together in a situation where they can relax and the child’s natural curiosity is encouraged
- ▶ While it is nice for the child to have something to take home that actually looks like something, this isn’t totally necessary for learning to be taking place. Children of this age are exploring art and craft materials, finding out what things do, and what they can do with them. Appreciate their efforts remembering the process can be more important than the product
- ▶ Opportunities for parents to make contacts and friends outside their homes and at the same time gain more pleasure, confidence and skills in their role as parents
- ▶ Opportunities for parents to understand their own child and his/her needs and to give them insight into typical behaviour and development

**Parents can become involved in the smooth running of the Playtime Group by being responsible for supervising their children during the various activities of the morning**

## OPERATION

**PLACE** **Playtime area entry Tasman Street**  
Stafford Heights Baptist Church  
(268 Appleby Road, Stafford Hts)

**TIME** **9am to 11am** Thursdays  
No Playtime during school/public holidays

**FEES** **\$4.00 per family per day**  
**There are no extra charges for insurance etc, therefore it is important that fees are paid each week including when you are absent.**

**NOTE: The first Playtime session a family attends is FREE.**

### MORNING TEA

*Children:* Please bring food and drinks for your children.

*Adults:* Tea & coffee are provided.

**ENROLMENTS** To allow the children room and time to participate in activities of their choosing from the activities offered each week, **it is necessary to limit numbers to the vicinity of 20 per group** depending on the ages of the children.

### PROGRAM

9am to 10am - Children can choose indoor and outdoor activities e.g. painting, pasting, playdough, puzzles, sandpit, swings, ride-ons, climbing.  
Tidy up indoors.

10.10am - Snack time. Resume outdoor play

10.45am - Group time - music and story

10.55am - Tidy up and our goodbye song

11am - Finish time