



Yarra Playgroup News

February 2018

We hope 2018 has started well for all of your playgroups. At last count there were 82 playgroups happening across Yarra, with over 585 families getting together regularly to share the joys and challenges of raising young children.

You can find a playgroup on our website

<https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/services/family-and-children/playgroups>

Please get in touch with us if you would like any information about running a playgroup – we can come out and visit anytime.

Have a great year,

Jacinta, Ruth, Shantra & Emily

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Dads of Yarra



Where: Playgroup Room 1, Level 1
Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy
Library
182 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy

When: Tuesdays from 11a.m. – 1p.m.

Check out the facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/142986682982995/>

Playgroup Victoria News: Great Start Grants

Great Start grants – open until May 15th 2018

It's time to consider which new playgroups could benefit from a Great Start grant in 2018. The \$50,000 Great Start Community Playgroup Fund is provided by Minister for Early Childhood Education, The Honorable Jenny Mikakos.

50 grants to the value of \$1000.00 each will help new community playgroups get off to a great start.

Benefits include: A \$650 voucher for toys or outdoor equipment & mentoring from Playgroup Victoria to help get your playgroup up and running

Eligibility for the grants are:

Community playgroups operating for less than 1 year at the time of application (note: supported playgroups are not eligible to apply)

To view the application guidelines and apply online, click [here](#)

Play ideas for playgroup & home

Visit [Playmap](#) to browse through play ideas for young children with developmental benefits highlighted.

Here are some great activities that have been happening in our playgroups lately:



A child's periods of spontaneous play with other children, which may leave no visible product, will probably have resulted in the most significant learning from the whole day's activities.

Rosemary Milne, 1989



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