



# Little Treasures @ Holy Trinity

Community playgroup, Fridays 9:30 – 11:00am

## INFORMATION SHEET

### ***Welcome to Little Treasures @ Holy Trinity.***

*Our playgroup welcomes children from birth to five years old, accompanied by their parent or carer.*

*We hope you and your children will feel welcomed, loved and supported during your time with us.*

**Our Vision:** To build authentic and inclusive relationships between parents and children sharing the love of God.

**We are a Faith-based playgroup:** As we are run by volunteers from Holy Trinity Anglican Church, our program will include some Christian content. We sing a short song before our morning tea to thank God for our food, we will celebrate the Biblical meaning of Christmas and Easter and may include Bible Stories and songs about God/Jesus from time to time throughout the term. The leaders pray together before each session begins so if you ever need prayer for anything at all, please let us know.

**Health:** It is so very important that you and your child stay home if you or they are feeling unwell. If you or they are showing any of the following symptoms – fever, runny nose, sore throat or a cough please stay at home until all your symptoms have passed. If your child has vomited, we ask that you keep them home for 48 hours after their last vomiting episode.

**Behaviour Policy:** The supervision and discipline of the child is the responsibility of the parent. To make our playgroup a safe and secure place, please encourage children to look after toys and equipment. If your child hurts another child, please intervene and assist in a positive manner. Please encourage your child to remain seated during morning tea time and keep food and drinks in the morning tea area.

**What to bring:** A **nut free** morning tea & drink bottle for your child/ren. A sunhat is essential in Terms 1 & 4. We love to serve you, so please enjoy a hot drink served by one of our lovely helpers during the session.

**Morning Tea Help:** If you would like to have a turn at providing morning tea once a term for the adults please pop your name down on the roster provided at the sign in table. You can bring sweet or savoury food. This can be bought or home made.

**Term Fees:** Term fees are \$50 per family and must be paid at the beginning of each new term (cash or direct deposit to Holy Trinity Anglican Church BSB: 633 000 Acc: 137 904 702, please use the reference: 'PG: your surname'. If you have a single child under the age of 18 months, fees are \$20 per term. Fees assist with utility & cleaning costs, materials, craft, equipment, and other costs that are associated with providing a fun, safe and educational environment for your children.

**Attendance:** Please record your time of arrival & exit on our attendance sheet, located near the door.

**Nappy Changing:** We have a change table available in the unisex toilet in the hallway to the Op Shop. Feel free to use our nappies, wipes and nappy bags. Please take your nappies home with you for disposal. Please wipe down the nappy change area with wipes when you have finished.

**Birthdays:** Each child will receive a card & small gift from playgroup in the week their birthday falls and they get to wear the Birthday Hat while we sing to them. You are most welcome to bring a Cake/cupcakes (baked at home or store bought) or something else to share with the children (eg. Freddo Frog / Tiny Teddies) on this day.

**Group Time:** At the end of our session, we strongly encourage every parent and child to join in Group Time - a time of songs and stories. This time builds confidence in children as they perform songs in front of everyone and helps them learn to sit and listen, important skills for kinder readiness. Please sit your child and participate along with them during Group Time. Chatting to other parents is distracting for the children and makes it harder for the adult who is leading the group.

We understand that not all children will want to participate, in these instances we ask you to please take them outside to the 'Sit-A-While Garden' area rather than letting them play inside as this distracts those children who are wanting to participate.

**Program:** A typical Playgroup session goes as follows:

9.30am – Arrival, Sign in, Free Play in the Hall.

10.15am – Morning tea will mostly be held indoors (there are two highchairs available indoors). We say thanks to God for our food before the children start eating. If there's any announcements to be made then leaders will use this time to share them with you. If there are any birthdays they will be celebrated at Morning Tea.

10.30am – Free Play in the Hall.

10.45am – Pack up time. Please help and encourage the children to help pack away the toys into their containers.

10.50am – Group Time. Songs & Stories.

11.00am – Time to say goodbye with a sticker.

**Special Theme Days:** Throughout the year we will organise special dress-up theme days including Easter, Mother's Day, PJ Day, Footy Colours Day, Noah's Ark Day, Teddy Bears Picnic, Christmas & other special events. You will be notified when these are happening each term. We often provide a special morning tea for all on these days.

**Mum's Nights Out:** We hope to have these once per term. Mostly these are dinners at a local restaurant, but we sometimes plan other events such as movie & dessert nights and games nights. These are a great chance to get to know the other mums without the distraction of little people!

### **Private Facebook Page**

Little Treasures @ Holy Trinity has its own private Facebook group which you are most welcome to join. This is where we post photos taken at playgroup, make announcements and keep you updated on what's happening at playgroup. If you would like to join this group head to the [Holy Trinity Lara with Christ Church Little River Facebook Page](#), find the GROUPS heading and ask to join the playgroup. This is not compulsory and those who aren't in the group will still be contacted via text with photos of their child & other important info.

**Playgroup Term Dates:** *Term 4: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.*

*Term 1 2024: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.*

*Term 2 2024: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024.*

*Term 3 2024: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024.*

*Term 4 2024: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.*

We look forward to meeting you and your child/ren and hope you build good friendships and memories with our Little Treasures @ Holy Trinity. If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to call or text me.

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