

# Playgroup Newsletter



## Novemembr and December 2024

### Pop Up Playgroups and End of Year Celebration.

Join us at Ballam Park as we continue the fun we have at Pop Up Playgroup.

Water Play – please bring spare clothes just incase.

<https://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/Family-Services/Playgroups/Pop-up-Playgroup>.



### Pop up Playgroup

Parents, caregivers, grandparents are welcome to join us for a Pop up Playgroup session, explore a range of fun activities with your child. You will also have the chance to speak to the team about finding a local playgroup the Supported Playgroup Program and Kindergarten registration.

#### Lady Emily Reserve

12R Lady Emily Way, Skye.

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Term 4 dates:

Wednesday 9 October

Wednesday 16 October

Wednesday 30 October

Wednesday 6 November

#### Ballam Park

260 Cranbourne Rd, Frankston.

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Term 4 dates:

Thursday 14 November

Thursday 28 November

Thursday 5 December

#### Save the date ☺

- Children's Week Event, Wednesday 23 October at McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery. 10.00am – 1.00pm 390 McClelland Dr Langwarrin.
- End of year Playgroup Celebration, 11 December, Kananook Reserve, 4.30pm – 6.30pm Bring a picnic.

Pop up Playgroup is a free outdoor event please remember you hats, water bottles and snacks, playgroup will be cancelled if inclement weather please check the website (Pop up Playgroup) No booking required.



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### Pop-up Baby Playgroup

For babies under 12 months

Parents, caregivers, grandparents are welcome to join us for Pop-up Baby Playgroup sessions. You will also have the chance to speak to the team about finding a local Playgroup, the Supported Playgroup program and Kindergarten registration.

#### Benefits of coming to playgroup

- Meet other families
- Supportive environment
- Share ideas and information
- Have fun, relax and build friendships
- Introduce your baby to new surroundings
- Play and explore
- To find out more phone: 9293 7156 or email: Elaine.Turner@frankston.vic.gov.au

#### Lakewood Family and Children Centre

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Term 4 dates:

October: 7, 14, 28 (No session on 21)

November: 11, 18, 25 (No session on 4)

December: 2 and 9

Bookings Please book via Try bookings:

use the QR code



Pop-up Baby Playgroup is a free playgroup. Please remember your hats, drink bottles and snacks. If your baby is over 12 months please come to our Pop-up Playgroup check website for details.

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### End of Year Playgroup Celebration



Join us for a fun filled afternoon to celebrate the end of the year!

If you're part of a playgroup in the Frankston municipality, we'd love to have you join the festivities. Enjoy a delicious sausage sizzle, lively dancing, and singing with Aleesha, plus all your favourite playgroup activities!

Date: 11 December 2024

Location: Kananook Reserve Playground, Kirkwood Ave, Seaford.

Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXGLK>

RSVP for catering please.

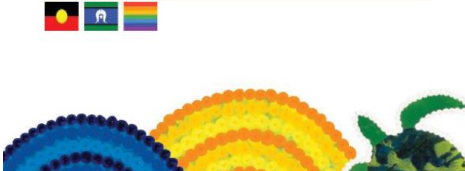
Any questions Elaine.Turner@frankston.vic.gov.au



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## Supported Playgroup

Supported Playgroups are a safe and friendly place for you and your child to have fun while receiving parenting tips and support. Sessions are run weekly during school terms by qualified early years professionals in your local community.

Supported Playgroup is a great way to meet other families in your local area and one-on-one in-home support is also optional for eligible families.

These playgroups are supported by the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing and are free to attend.

We currently have spaces at our Kannanok Supported Playgroup

### Who is eligible to attend?

Supported Playgroups are available to:

- families with a Commonwealth Health Care Card (or visa equivalent for refugees and migrants)
- children aged from birth up to school age.
- families where a family member who has identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander;
- families who are looking after children in kinship care (out of home care);
- families referred by Child FIRST
- families referred from or receiving Enhanced Maternal and Child Health services

### Supported Playgroups are currently located in the following venues:

- Aldercourt Primary School - Frankston North
- Young Parents at Aldercourt – Frankston North
- Frankston North Community Centre - Frankston North
- Lakewood Child & Family Centre – Frankston
- Orwill Street Community House – Frankston
- Learn Engage Connect – Frankston
- Karingal Heights Primary School - Karingal

### More Information

To find out more about our Supported Playgroup sessions please call Council's Playgroup Development Officer on 9293 7156 or email [playgroups@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:playgroups@frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Whats On



<https://library.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats-On/Frankston%E2%80%99s-Christmas-Festival-2024>

Join us for 4 very special Storytimes at 4:30, 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30pm. No need to book, just come along! Suitable for kids of all ages.

Visit the Frankston Library Giving Tree, write and post a letter to Santa, or spend some time with Fairy Emma's face-painting friends in the library forecourt. You can also take some Christmas selfies in the foyer with fun props and our Aussie Xmas theme.

Kick-start the festive season at Frankston's Christmas Festival on Saturday November 30.

Around Frankston:

There will be something for everyone this year, including a new European Christmas Village, Christmas markets, delicious treats, rides and entertainment, free activities for the kids and of course, Santa!

In Playne Street, Always Live is presenting End of the Line Frankston from 2pm. Grab your mates and get ready for an afternoon of guitar-driven goodness thanks to Melbourne heroes, Cash Savage & The Last Drinks.

Make sure you catch the fireworks and tree lighting at 9.15pm to close the night.

Frankston's Christmas Festival is on Saturday November 30 from 4.30 to 9.30pm. Proudly presented by Frankston City Council make sure you visit [frankstonchristmasfestival.com.au](http://frankstonchristmasfestival.com.au) and follow FrankstonChristmasFestival on Facebook and Instagram for more information about the event.



## Starting a playgroup

Are you interested in starting a playgroup in your area?  
Step by step guide to starting a Playgroup.

- Find a suitable venue to run the playgroup.
- Find a friend to run with you (always good to have a buddy that can look after everything if you are sick or on holiday).
- Register with Playgroup Victoria \$50 for 12 Month includes your Public Liability Membership - Playgroup Victoria
- Create a Playgroup email address or use your personal one if you are happy to share.
- Create a flyer advertising your group- day, time, cost etc.
- If doing a termly fee organise payment etc. Cash, bank deposit receipts work out how much you need to raise to cover cost of hire, resources, events etc.
- How will the session run? Weekly, fortnightly? Do you want to do anything particular during the session – craft, music singing
- Covid Safe practices.
- How will you get parents involved in helping with set up and clean up at the end- everybody does a little something this helps you all to go home around the same time. You don't want to end up doing everything yourselves.
- Consider setting up a closed Facebook group or Whatsapp to share information and pictures.
- Register with Frankston Council Playgroup Development Officer

If you would like to chat further send me an email on [Elaine.Turner@frankston.vic.gov.au](mailto:Elaine.Turner@frankston.vic.gov.au)

## Upcoming information session



### Supporting Children with Early Learning and School Transitions

Communities For Children Frankston Community Workshop Series is designed for local parents/carers, volunteers and staff working or living with children, who are seeking information and practical strategies.

Facilitated by Dr Kathryn Hopps

This empowering workshop for families and professionals supporting families, will outline many of the things we know from research and practice are helpful in assisting children and young people, and their families, experience positive early learning and school transitions.

The free, online workshop will cover:

- Things to consider when supporting children with school transitions, for example transition to primary school, moving schools, transition to a new class or to high school etc.
- Strategies to support children to have more positive school transitions.
- The importance of communication and relationships during transitions.

DATE: Thursday 21st November 2024  
TIME: 7.00-8.30pm  
WHERE: Online event via Zoom webinar

SCAN TO REGISTER:



For questions contact Emma Rafferty at [cfc\\_southern@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:cfc_southern@anglicarevic.org.au)



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