A play based learning program for pre-school aged children

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What is Little Owls Playgroup?

Little Owls Playgroup provides an opportunity for parents and their pre-school aged children to come together in the school setting. The playgroup offers stimulating and fun activities for children and social support for parents, whilst creating a positive approach to learning. During the sessions parents engage in play based, home-like activities or art and craft while their children help them or play nearby. Children play with simple natural toys and materials and are guided through the session which includes creative play, mat time, fruit break and story time facilitated by a teacher and Education Support Staff member.

The program also offers parents the opportunity to discuss child development and parenting issues in a relaxed, friendly setting.

Day and Time

Little Owls Playgroup sessions are held every Thursday during the school term from 8:45am – 10:15am.

Enrolment Process and Fees

Little Owls Playgroup is offered to any child within the Hampton Park community who is of pre-school age. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school website or obtained from the school office.

Your role as a parent

During free play we encourage the adults to ensure their children are settled and engaged in an activity once they arrive. Older children are more likely to play independently and enjoy the company of their peers. Younger children or those not so confident in a social setting may need to be supported by an adult. Our primary objective is encourage good quality children’s play experiences.

Duty of Care

Supervision of the children is the responsibility of the parents. There is a teacher and an assistant present to help the group move through the rhythm of the session. They will guide the children’s engagement in play and help parents with art and craft, however, ultimately your child’s behaviour, safety and well-being are your own responsibility.

Encourage Play

Sometimes children may need assistance with beginning to play in the room. We encourage the adults to start their child in a game or activity, and then withdraw, leaving them to continue playing and interacting with friends, although keeping your attention on their play. Older children should be encouraged to play independently and imaginatively, and not rely on adults to continue playing with them.

What you and your child need to bring to Little Owls:

- Comfortable play clothes
- Warm clothes in cooler weather
- Closed toe shoes
- A piece of fruit to share at story time
- No toys from home
- A water bottle