

Wodonga District Baptist Church
PLAYGROUP

Newsletter 1

2011

Welcome to a new year with Playgroup! It is with great anticipation of all the fun times we are going to have, with our children and in friendship, that this newsletter is sent to you.

A special welcome also goes to those families who are joining us in Playgroup for the first time. We hope that at Playgroup you find friendship, time to relax and enjoy playing with your child, support and encouragement.

For the most part our structure and routines will not differ greatly from other years, but make sure you check your newsletters each term as this will be one of the main ways in which we communicate with you the various activities that will take place.

One change that has occurred in our leadership is Nicole Rowlings, Tuesday's group leader, joining the Coordinator's Team. She is a great asset and we look forward to having her on the team this year.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please talk to your leaders or contact the coordinators at playgroup@wodongabaptist.org.au

Have a great term 1!!

Ellen, Cathy & Nicole

 **baby news...**

Congratulations on the births of these new babies...

Emeline born to Jane and Todd (Thur grp) in Dec

Clover born to Katherine & Nathan (Thur grp) in Jan

Playgroup Library

Don't forget to make use of our well stocked Playgroup Library this year. We have a great range of books & magazines on parenting issues, as well as many other interesting reads. For details on how to borrow books just ask your leaders.



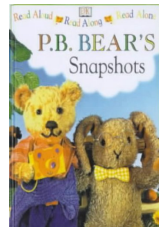
What's on in 2011?

Theme days:

This year our special theme days will be based around 4 books in the "**PB (Pyjama Bedtime) Bear**" series.



Each special theme day will include reading one of the books and doing a variety of craft and activities relating to the story. We will let you know prior, via newsletter and the roster, what the focus will be each term.



In Term 1 we will read about PB Bear and his friends in the book, 'Snap Shots'. We will have our own Teddy Bear's Picnic, take plenty of pictures, as well as teddy craft and activities to do.

We would love to decorate our playgroup room each term to support our theme and we are hoping all groups will get involved. So if you have any special posters, games or other teddy related objects, even just a good idea to contribute, please let your leaders know.

We will also continue having, each term, a **Christian Values theme day**. The children will listen to a bible story and join in a craft activity aimed at illustrating a key Christian value. Check out the "Thriving Families" magazine available from the Playgroup Library for more ways to teach Christian values to your children.

Family Fun Day:

Our Annual Family Fun Day for all groups combined is on Saturday, 2nd April, 2011 from 10am-12:30pm. This is a **free** event for the whole family. It will include a sausage sizzle, face painting, craft and more. So don't miss out!!



Be Sun Smart!



Don't forget to bring a hat and sunscreen for both you and your child when you come along to Playgroup this term. Sunscreen will also be available on the front desk to use.