

# THOMASTOWN

Welcome to our Bilingual Early Learning Group Program



These groups are a wonderful opportunity for parents, carers and children to get together, learn through play, practise Auslan and have fun !



**WHERE:**  
16 Spring St  
Thomastown

**WHEN: Fridays**  
Fortnightly  
10-12

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
19 February	30 April	23 July	15 October
5 March	14 May	6 August	29 October
19 March	28 May	20 August	12 November
	11 June	3 September	26 November
	25 June	17 September	10 December

You will receive a reminder text prior to each group. Please RSVP to the text if you can or cannot join us. With current Covid-safe groups there are capacity limits for venues, and we need to know how many families to expect. You can always contact us on our work mobiles- Linda 0448 909 313 or Jina (SMS only) on 0439 007 297

# WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW???

For insurance purposes all families who come to ELG will become members of Playgroup Victoria. If you already have membership please let me know your number so I can make sure we don't make payment twice. We also need your Health Care Card number to have the concession rate. There are lots of additional benefits in joining PGV.

Things to remember each session .....

## Photos and videos

Please be mindful when taking photos and videos of your child at ELG that you ask parents for their permission if other children are in the shot, particularly if you may use these on social media. It's important that we respect everyone's privacy.

## Sunhat and sunscreen

HEALTHY snack– this could be fruit, vegetables, cheese, dry biscuits

Drink

Comfy practical clothes for play (maybe a change of clothing....just in case !)

## For new families, this is what happens at Early Learning Group ....

The children are free to choose to play inside or out (depending on the weather of course).

About 10-15 minutes before we have a snack (10.45) we will have a short story time and activity. Everyone is encouraged to join in.

After that we will have an informal snack time. Again children are free to join in when they feel hungry and thirsty but we ask that they please **SIT DOWN TO EAT AND DRINK !!!!!**

Then about 15 minutes before it is time to go home (11.45) we will have another short group time which may include some singing, dancing and the story again in Auslan.

The "Information for Parents" brochure I have included will give you more details about what happens in ELG. Please read this and talk with your family workers so that you are familiar with the aims and expectations for children, parents and staff.

Please phone me if you have any questions.

Jina and I are looking forward to meeting new families and catching up with the old ones !

Hope to see you there!

Linda and Jina

(PS REMEMBER YOUR SUNHAT in summer and a coat in winter – one for Mum or Dad too !)