

# BILINGUAL EARLY LEARNING GROUP

## 2024 THOMASTOWN



Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
16th Feb	26th April	2nd August	25th October
1st March	10th May	16th August	8th November
15th March	24th May	30th August	22nd November
	7th June	13th Sept	6th December
	21st June		

### WHERE:

Carrington Children's Activity Centre  
62 Carrington Blvd  
Thomastown

### WHEN:

Fridays Fortnightly  
10-12

You will receive a reminder text prior to each group.  
Please RSVP to the text if you can or cannot join us.

At times we may be adhering to capacity limits to ensure Covid-safe groups, and will need to know how many families to expect.

You can contact us on-  
Catherine 0439 383 853

**Bilingual Playgroups  
for deaf and hard of  
hearing children**

**0-4 years**

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

Hearing siblings are always welcome.

# WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

For insurance purposes all families who come to ELG need to become members of **Playgroup Victoria**. At the moment membership is FREE for families. There are lots of additional benefits in joining PGV.

Follow the link to register and please ask if you need any help...

<https://www.playgroup.org.au/member-renew/>



## 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-** one for the adults too!



**HEALTHY snack and drink-** this could be fruit, vegetables, cheese, dry biscuits, water.

Children are free to join in snack time if they are hungry, and we ask that they **sit to eat and drink**.



**Comfy, practical clothes for play** (a change of clothing....just in case)



**Warm coat in winter-** one for the adults too!

## PROGRAM OUTLINE - 10 to 12

Our groups are flexible and respond to the needs and interests of the children:

- **PLAY-** We encourage inside and outside play (depending on the weather)
- **SNACK-** Around 11am we will come together for a snack
- **GROUP TIME-** About 15 minutes before it is time to go home (11.45am) we will have a short group time which may include singing, dancing and a story in Auslan.



Please see the “**Information for Parents**” brochure which will give you more details about what happens in ELG. Please read this and talk with your family worker so that you are familiar with the aims and expectations for children, parents and staff.

Melissa and I are looking forward to meeting new families and catching up with the old ones!  
Hope to see you there, Catherine and Melissa

Any questions can be sent to: [Catherine.stevenson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Catherine.stevenson@education.vic.gov.au) or **0439 383 853**