

WHAT HAPPENS

We follow a flexible timetable:

09:00 Set Up

09:30 Free play and craft and art activities

10:15 Mat time followed by a social time with morning tea

10:45 Free play

11:10 Help pack up

11:30 Close

We will provide a variety of different areas for freeplay. Based on the philosophy that children are learning when they play and play facilitates learning.

Family and dramatic play: Dress-ups, family corner, kitchen, dolls, pushchairs, cots etc. Build your own family in the dolls house.

Creative play: (set up in Activity Room)

Painting, collage, play-dough, cutting, gluing, natural resources, gifts and crafts. Different activities planned weekly.

Books, Language and Music:

Enjoy the musical instruments. Read books from the library. Join in at mat-times with singing, dancing, rhymes and counting etc.

Physically active play:

Large outdoor area. Have a play on our playground, swing on the swings or climb over our climbing boxes. Ride, push or pull on our large range of bikes, trolleys and scooters etc.

Constructive play:

Build with our blocks, cars and train set. Have fun in the sandpit.

Exploratory play:

Water play mainly in summer. Come on our trips to parks, farms and other interesting places. Watch our plants grow, caterpillars change to butterflies, tadpoles change to frogs.

Manipulative play:

Puzzles for all ages and stages. Nesting and stacking toys. Various sorting and matching equipment.



Part of the Manukau Baptist Community Trust

CONNECT PLAYGROUP

WHEN:
Wednesday 9:00 to 11:30am
During School Term Times

WHERE:
Connect Preschool located
behind Connect Baptist Church
75 Everglade Drive,
Manukau

KOHA:
\$3 per child
\$5 per family
Under 1 year free



CONNECT WHO ARE WE? PLAYGROUP

Connect Playgroup's aim is to provide a place for parents, caregivers and their children to meet on a weekly basis in a friendly and fun Christian environment. We have been running since 1985 and are part of Manukau Baptist Community Trust.

Our programme seeks to provide a mixture of learning and play opportunities aimed at fostering our children's social and developmental skills in a positive environment of love and acceptance.

Coupled with this, Connect Playgroup is a supportive environment for parents and caregivers as they take time out to relax and connect with other parents and caregivers.

CONNECT PLAYGROUP GUIDELINES

- Connect Playgroup is run co-operatively and each parent or caregiver is responsible for the children they bring
- Your input with the children is valuable. Children learn best when adults take an interest and play. We are happy to listen and share ideas
- Dress the children in practical play clothes
- Remember sunhats and sunscreen
- Positive behavior techniques should be used:
 - Praise good behaviour
 - No smacking is allowed
 - Help children resolve conflict positively
 - Redirect to a more acceptable activity if necessary
 - Help children to express their feelings verbally
 - No Smoking/Drugs/Alcohol or inappropriate Material is permitted
 - Supervise children and be ready to step in before problems arise



PARENT HELP

Morning Tea for children is supplied. Tea and coffee is supplied for adults. We do ask if once a term you can put your name on the morning tea roster. This involves bringing a plate to share for the adults, one piece of fruit for the children and being a parent help in the kitchen on that morning.

CLEAN UP

Tidying up is a team effort. Job cards are handed out just after morning tea. Tidying up shouldn't start till 11.10 at the earliest. Many hands make light work.

COMMITTEE

The playgroup committee consist of the Playgroup co-ordinator, member/s of the Trust and parent volunteers who meet regularly to plan activities and talk about changes or improvements that can be made. We welcome any input you may have, so please consider joining the committee. A list of the present committee members and minutes are kept on the parent's notice board.

PARENT NOTICE BOARD AND FACEBOOK

Don't forget to check our notice board regularly. We also have a private Facebook group and a public Facebook Page. A copy of the latest newsletter is kept on the notice board and posted to the Facebook group if you have misplaced yours. It often has other helpful information that is sent to us to share with you.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information please contact:

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