

ACTive Play Digest



Welcome to your ACTive Play Digest. This hard copy update with the latest news and links to articles is sent out to Playgroup Contacts with playgroup profiles early each month. News articles are now regularly posted on our website and on Facebook. We are hoping this will allow for families and playgroups to better access up-to-date stories, information and resources. All feedback is appreciated and welcome.

Best wishes from your ACT Playgroups Team



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Articles on our website this month

Don't forget to keep checking our new website and Facebook page for news and updates. Check out the following articles:

- Discover Autumn in Canberra for your playgroup
- Donate your nappies
- Tried and True Recipes For Playgroup
- Enriching your time at playgroup
- Learning two languages: It's child's play
- Wild Imagination
- What has ACT Playgroups been doing to help you?

All of the above articles can found at this link:

www.playgroupact.org.au/information-latest-news/latest-news-and-media-alerts/

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for these articles:

- Thinking and Knowing and the Importance of Mothers
- Mothers Day activities and ideas for playgroups and families in Canberra
- May is Hats off time for Canberra Kids
- Celebrate Autumn at Playgroup
- Every child is an artist
- Natural Playgrounds - Creating a Dry Creek Bed
- Grandparent playgroups
- Preschool Enrollment Time
- Fire Safety at Playgroup

Articles go up weekly so keep checking to read all our news. The latest news articles can be found at the link mentioned above.

If you have any suggestions for topics to be covered or would like to submit an article, please feel free to contact us!

Welcoming New Playgroups

We'd like to welcome the following new playgroups:

- St Michaels SPICE, Kaleen, Wednesday am, 0-5 years *
- Kambah Koalas, Kambah, Thursday pm, 0-1 years *
- WCPA Monday am, Chapman, 0-1 years

*indicates group has vacancies.

If you would like more information about these or any playgroups, please contact ACT Playgroups' office.

Welcome back to all playgroups for term two. We hope all our special playgroup mums have a happy Mothers Day. It is now autumn, a beautiful season in Canberra. The colours of the leaves, the smell of fresh rain and the light and clear sky make it a perfect time to get out and explore our wonderful city.

This month, why not celebrate your playgroup by organising an activity to help people share what is special about playgroup. Some suggestions include:

- Organise an excursion
- Invite grandparents, a friend or other family members to a special playgroup day
- Do a special craft or themed activity
- Have a "share a culture day"
- Invite the Fire Brigade to visit, go on a "bus wash" or have a teddy bears picnic.

Let us showcase your playgroup

We love to include playgroup stories in our publication.

Does your playgroup have a special theme?

Have you gone on an excursion lately?

Have the kids enjoyed an exciting craft activity or learnt a new skill?

If so we would love to hear from you.

Please email Fiona at

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Position Vacant: Playgroup Administration Worker

ACT Playgroups is looking for an experienced and motivated person to help provide administration support to the office for our range of community and facilitated playgroup programs.

This job requires an understanding of the importance of community playgroups, experience in relating to children and parents/carers, as well as the ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

This role will require working in our office in Cook with our administration team to help families connect with local playgroups as well as supporting the general office administrative functions and pitching in at major events and advocacy opportunities.

The job is family friendly and will be five mornings per week (between 9.30am and 12.30pm) during school terms (with flexible hours in school breaks). We are a small and welcoming team of dedicated staff who are committed to helping ACT families connect and share the experience of raising young children.

The position will be at SCHaDSI (SACS) Level 3 (part -time for 15 hours per week) available until the end of 2017, with a possibility of extension and increased hours in 2018 (depending on funding).

For more information and selection criteria, or to apply, please email the office at play@playgroupact.org.au on phone on 1800 171 882. Applications should be directed to our Executive Officer and be a maximum of three pages, include a CV and two referees and must be received by COB Friday 27 May 2017.

Facebook

Check out our Facebook page for stories, information and photos. This month we have photos from our World's Biggest Playgroup in March and also our Playdates in

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