



Perth Waldorf School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for expressing your interest in Perth Waldorf's Playgroup. The playgroup is designed to introduce both parents and children to Waldorf Education, which is based on the philosophy of Rudolf Steiner. Subject to availability of places, children are eligible to attend playgroup once they turn 2 years of age.

Up to the age of four, the child is not yet separate from the mother. Waldorf Playgroups allow children to become engaged in worthwhile play and quiet activity with other children without losing the security of their parent or guardian.

The atmosphere of Waldorf Playgroups is warm, gentle and enfolding. The children are surrounded by calming pastel colours and natural materials (such as handmade dolls, wooden toys and blocks, silk scarves, gumnuts and shells). This encourages creative and imaginative play and develops a sensitivity to and respect for nature.

Other activities further enhance this, such as cooking, gardening, and painting. Nothing is taken for granted; for example, at morning tea we form a circle and give thanks to the earth and sun for our fruit and water.

Fairy tales and nature stories told by candlelight, music, song and the celebration of the seasons and festivals bring the children and parents together to share folk wisdom and experience the rhythms of the year.

Playgroup fees are currently \$280.00 per term (*incl GST*). There are 4 terms in a year.

To place your child's name on our waiting list you will need to complete the attached Playgroup application form and return it to the school together with the \$12.00 non-refundable administration fee. As we usually have fairly long waiting lists it is recommended you do this as early as possible.

Please also find attached a list of Additional Information designed to encourage you and your family to become part of the Perth Waldorf Community.

Please note: A place in playgroup, does not automatically guarantee a place in kindergarten. It is essential that all parents seeking a place in the Kindergarten also submit the Kindergarten/School application form. Again, it is recommended that this is done as early as possible to give you the best possible chance of a placement.

If you have any queries about Playgroup please contact me on 9417 3638.

Kind Regards,

Diane Smith
Enrolments *Officer*

Additional Information for Playgroup Parents

The Perth Waldorf School encourages all parents and children wanting to join the Family Playgroup to become involved in the greater school community and as such we recommend the following:

- ❖ Every week, during school terms, the school produces a newsletter called the “Pabulum”. All the latest information about school activities and programs can be found in this valuable document. It contains a variety of articles and news that make it essential reading for the Waldorf community. For anyone interested in receiving a weekly copy, please contact the office (*Please note: a small fee will be requested to cover the cost of postage*).
- ❖ All parents are welcome and encouraged to take part in the Adult Education programs conducted periodically by the school. Programs include talks and workshops that are educational and great fun to participate in. Details of these can be obtained by contacting the office or from the “Pabulum”.
- ❖ Recommended reading for people new to Rudolph Steiner methods: “You Are Your Child’s First Teacher” Rahima Baldwin-Dancy. Published by Celestial Arts, Berkeley, California. 1989.
- ❖ Families are welcome to join the many community activities, festivals and plays held at the school each year. These include our Annual Open Day – held in August each year, an opportunity for new parents to experience the school, its methods and curriculum. For further details contact the office or see the ‘Pabulum’.
- ❖ For a more detailed look at the school environment and an opportunity to have your questions answered personally, a tour of the Perth Waldorf School is recommended. Tours are generally conducted twice a term. To find out the dates of the next school tours, please contact the office.
- ❖ If you are interested in buying toys hand-made from natural materials such as the famous “Steiner Dolls”, the school has its own Craft Group which operates from the school grounds every Tuesday morning from 9am – 12noon during school terms. Parents run the group and proceeds go towards school fund-raising. New members are always welcome and are encouraged to come along and learn to make exquisite and original toys.

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Application for Admission

Playgroup

Received _____

Receipt # _____

Child's First Name _____ Surname _____ Boy/Girl _____

Child's primary address _____

Suburb _____ State _____ P/Code _____

Birth date ____/____/____ Country of Birth _____

Required start date Term _____ Year _____

Preferred group: Tuesday am / Wednesday am / Thursday am / Friday am / no preference

Have you previous student of Perth Waldorf School? _____

Are you a member of The Perth Waldorf School Mother and Baby Group? _____

Mother's name _____ Occupation _____

Home address _____

_____ Suburb _____ P/Code _____

Email _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Mobile _____

Father's name _____ Occupation _____

Home address _____

_____ Suburb _____ P/Code _____

Email _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Mobile _____

With whom does the child live?

Both parents Mother Father Step-Parent Other _____

Current (or previous) playgroups attended _____

Do you intend to continue with this group if attending Perth Waldorf Playgroup Yes No

Other children in the family

Name	Birth Date	Attending Perth Waldorf School or Perth Waldorf Playgroup	
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Please give a brief description of your child _____

Does your child have any special needs or disabilities including dietary restrictions Yes No

Please describe _____

Pearson/s responsible for playgroup account _____

Please return this form with an application fee of \$12 (includes GST) per child to:

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If you have any further queries, please contact us on

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Payment by cheque: Amount enclosed \$ _____

Payment by credit card:

I authorise you to debit my Visa / Mastercard for \$ _____

Card Number _____ Expiry Date ____ / ____

Cardholder's Name _____ Signature _____