

Parish Council Annual General Meeting Report 2011

St Cecilia's Playgroup Annual Report

The St Cecilia's playgroup was established eight years ago and is open to all children (aged 0 – 4 years), parents, grandparents and other caregivers who wish to join. Currently the group is attended by between 10-20 families and 15-25 children each week. New families are warmly welcomed to playgroup and are able to join at any time

Playgroup meets weekly on a Wednesday morning from 9.30 to 11.30am, including during school holidays. A small donation of \$2.00 per child is received each week, these funds are used to purchase craft materials, toys and kitchen provisions. The current coordinators for playgroup are Marie Yearwood and Kate Shaw and Rachele Humbert (Activities Coordinator).

This year the playgroup applied for and was successful in obtaining a Town of Cambridge Financial Assistance Grant to Community Organisations. The grant amount was \$1000.00 and this will be used to purchase new toys for playgroup; specifically musical instruments, imagination play and active toys.

Our playgroup is a great way for our children to practice getting along with others and trying new ways to play. The environment is safe, relaxed and informal. The children have the opportunity to participate in age appropriate activities, enjoy free play and be part of story and song time.

Along with the children who attend we have a variety of care givers – mums, dads, grandparents, nannies and older siblings who attend our playgroup. We provide morning tea and a chance to chat, socialise and learn. This is especially good for new mums, who get to meet and be supported by other parents as they begin their journey in parenthood.

Marie Yearwood and Kate Shaw

Playgroup Coordinators

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