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## MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

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### Welcome to the September edition of our volunteer newsletter.

As the days grow warmer and flowers begin to bloom; it's the perfect time to infuse our playgroups with the joy and energy of spring!

Spring is the perfect time to create vibrant, nature-inspired experiences — think flower-themed crafts, outdoor scavenger hunts, and stories about baby animals and garden adventures.

Spring is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate growth, renewal, and curiosity with the children, while encouraging sensory exploration and imaginative play.

Let's make this season a fresh start full of laughter, learning, and sunshine!



**Emily Caska**

Chief Executive Officer

Playgroup NSW

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In the heart of Dubbo, Dubbo Mini Mu'mins Playgroup is cultivating a vibrant space where cultural inclusion, early learning, and community connection thrive. More than just a place to play, it's a nurturing environment where children and families come together to explore, imagine, and grow.

With a strong focus on cultural learning, the playgroup weaves storytelling, shared songs, language, and traditions into every session. Recently, families enjoyed a joyful morning of sensory play with themed activity trays — Jungle, Park, Construction, and Garden — each designed to inspire curiosity, hands-on exploration, and meaningful storytelling.

*"I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to be part of creating a fun, engaging, and positive learning environment for our little*



ones. It's been such a joy to see the kids laughing, learning, and playing together.

Looking forward to many more beautiful moments with our amazing community!



**- Nimra, Coordinator Dubbo Mini Mu'mins Playgroup**

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### WELCOMING NEW GROUPS

We're thrilled to welcome fresh faces and little explorers to our growing playgroup community! Whether you're here for fun, friendship, or a little bit of both, our playgroups are a warm and inclusive space where children can play, learn, and thrive — while parents and caregivers connect and support one another.

- Bossley Park Nature Makers
  - Castle Hill Coolong Reserve
  - Dubbo Mini Mu'mins
  - Gillieston Heights
  - Grand Friends Mullumbimby
  - Jacaranda Mums and Bubs Pagewood
  - Jindabyne Jindy
  - Maranatha Lodge Batehaven
  - Oatley Otters
  - Oatley Otters Intergenerational
  - Sans Souci
  - St Michaels Primary School Coolamon
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## INTRODUCING THE PLAYGROUP COLLECTIVE

Playgroup NSW is proud to launch the Playgroup Collective – a new state-wide initiative uniting playgroup organisations and partners to strengthen policy, advocacy, and support for families across NSW.

Playgroups play a vital role in early childhood development, community connection, and family wellbeing. Through the Collective, we'll work together to ensure playgroups are recognised, resourced, and embedded in the early years system.

Head to the website to learn more or submit an expression of interest.

Questions? Contact us at:  
[playgroupcollective@playgroupnsw.org.a](mailto:playgroupcollective@playgroupnsw.org.au)  
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[Learn More](#)

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## BOOK WEEK 2025



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **1st September - 30th September**
  - Foster Care Month
  - Biodiversity Month
  - Save the Koala Month
  - International Children's Cancer Awareness Month
- **1st September**
  - National Wattle Day
  - National Health and Physical Education Day
- **1st September - 7th September**
  - National Child Protection Week
  - National Superhero Week

- **3rd September**
  - Early Childhood Educators' Day
  - Flag Day
- **6th September**
  - World Beard Day
- **7th September**
  - Threatened Species Day
  - Indigenous Literacy Day
  - Father's Day
- **8th September**
  - International Literacy Day
- **11th September**
  - RUOK Day
- **12th September**
  - Mindfulness Day
- **13th September**
  - World Chocolate Day
  - World First Aid Day
- **16th September**
  - International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- **19th September**
  - Talk Like a Pirate Day
- **21st September**
  - World Gratitude Day
  - International Day of Peace
- **22nd September**
  - World Rhino Day

- Navaratri - Hinduism
  - **23rd September**
    - International Day Of Sign Languages
  - **25th September**
    - World Dream Day
    - World Maritime Day
  - **27th September**
    - World Tourism Day
    - International Rabbit Day
  - **28th September**
    - Save the Koala Day
    - International Day Of The Deaf
    - World Rivers Day
  - **29th September**
    - World Heart Day
  - **30th September**
    - Bravehearts Day
    - International Translation Day
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## **'VOLUNTEERS AT PLAY' NOW ON YOUTUBE**

Over the past few years, the Community Coordinators have held a number of webinars to inform volunteers of best practice and up to date information from Playgroup NSW.

The main ones are now available to watch on our YouTube channel in our 'Volunteers at Play' section.

These webinars cover topics such as:

- Community Coordinator/ Playgroup NSW role
- Finances/Treasurer information
- Insurance/ Hire Agreement
- Annual General Meetings
- Volunteer role/ recruiting volunteers /handover information
- Multi-sessions
- Events and excursions

Please be aware these are live recordings of our webinars. There are some repetitions in the webinars – be aware you can use the progress bar to skip ahead to only watch the sections you want to learn about.

Please contact your Community Coordinator if you have any questions or concerns.

[Watch the webinars here](#)

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**Do you currently hold a valid First Aid Certificate?**

If so, we kindly ask that you complete the following form to help us keep our records up to date [here](#).

**GOT A HEARTWARMING  
MOMENT TO SHARE?**

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**ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?**

We'd love to share your wonderful playgroup experiences with our community! If you're active on social media, please tag **Playgroup NSW** or use **#PlaygroupNSW** in your posts so we can feature your playgroup on our channels and spread the word about the amazing work you're doing!

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[Download Our Latest Activity Sheet!](#)

### **About Playgroup NSW:**

Playgroup NSW is a not-for-profit organisation that helps connect families and children to people and services in the community to positively impact their quality of life. For over 50 years, Playgroup NSW has delivered and linked over 65,000 families to vital services such as parent support groups and playgroups to foster early childhood development, navigate the challenges of parenting and build strong, resilient communities. With 550 playgroups operating each week and more than 26,000 sessions held annually, and support from over 500 dedicated volunteers, Playgroup NSW continues to make a significant difference in the lives of young children and their families across the state.

[www.playgroupnsw.org.au](http://www.playgroupnsw.org.au)



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