

Craig Family Centre ASHBURTON

TERM 1
2024



What's On?

At the Craig Family Centre, we offer a broad range of programs and events each year, led by a team of highly qualified and friendly teachers, facilitators, and tutors.

Our programs include Kindergarten, Sessional Child Care, Playgroups, Homework Club, community groups and a range of community events.

We are located next door to the Ashburton Pools & Recreation Centre.

Craig Family Centre

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Kindergarten & Childcare

Joeys 2-5-Year-Old Sessional Care

A program facilitated by qualified early childhood educators. Children enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor activities. Childcare subsidy available (CCS).

Mon to Fri 8am – 5pm (9hrs) \$135 per session, 8.30am–4.30pm (8hrs) \$130 per session or 9am–2pm (5hrs) \$100 per session, less CCS for eligible families.

3-Year-Old Kindergarten

A kindergarten program for 3-year-old children turned 3 by April 2023. Facilitated by an early childhood teacher and qualified early childhood educator.

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am – 2pm, 31/01 (9wks) Term 1; FREE (extended hours optional 8–9am \$18, 2–5pm \$50, less CCS. Booked by the term) Places available!

Tue & Thurs 8.30am – 4pm, 30/01 (9wks) Term 1; FREE (extended hours optional 8–9am \$18, 2–5pm \$50, less CCS. Booked by the term) Places available!

4-Year-Old Kindergarten

A funded kindergarten program for children turned 4 by April 30, 2023. Allows children to develop skills for a smooth transition to formal learning.

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am – 2pm, 31/01 (9wks) Term 1; FREE (extended hours optional 8–9am \$18, 2–5pm \$50, less CCS. Booked by the term)

Tue & Thurs 8.30am – 4pm, 30/01 (9wks) Term 1; FREE (extended hours optional 8–9am \$18, 2–5pm \$50, less CCS. Booked by the term)

Playgroups & Under 5s Activities

'All the Doo Dah Day', Music & Movement Program (1–5 years) **NEW**

A unique and highly educational music and movement program, aims to help children to learn through music, build self-awareness, coordination, verbal and non-verbal expression. Lynda aims to bring wonder, awe and happiness to all of her classes!

Mon 9.30am – 10.15am plus 45-minutes free-play, 5/02 (5wks); \$95

[For more information & to book](#)



Mums 'n' Bubs Yoga (bubs 0–1 years)

1-hour yoga class with post-natal specialist instructor from the 'Hello Yoga Kids' team. Classes offer a nurturing space, helping mum move and strengthen, while engaging with baby.

Mon 11.30am – 12.30pm, 5/02 (7wks); \$168. Casual sessions \$30

[For more information & to book](#)

Monday Afternoon Playgroup, Parent-Led (0–5 years) **NEW**

A friendly and relaxed playgroup for babies and toddlers and their parents/carers. Meet other local families, play, talk and share experiences. Enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor toys and spaces.

Mon 1pm – 3pm, 5/2 (7wks); \$60

[For more information & to book](#)

Tuesday Morning Music with Jo (0–5 years)

Actively engaging babies & toddlers in music and storytelling. Discover the rhythms and sounds of drums and percussion instruments with JoJo, specialist in Early Learning Music Education.

Tues 9.30am – 10.30am, 30/1 (9wks); \$180

Tues 11.30am – 12.30pm, 30/1 (9wks); \$180

[For more information & to book](#)

Mandarin Playgroup (0–5 year)

Actively engaging babies, toddlers, parents and grandparents in music, storytelling and games in Mandarin. Facilitated by Jessica, linguistics specialist and qualified Mandarin language teacher. A fun playgroup, designed for Australian children with a Mandarin-speaking background.

Wed 9.30am – 11am, 31/1 (9wks); \$180

Fri 1.30pm – 3pm, 2/2 (8wks); \$165 **NEW**

[For more information & to book](#)

Bush Playgroup (0–5 year)

Enjoy a rich sensory play experience with storytelling, songs, nature crafts and bush walks at beautiful Wattle Park. Children will enjoy exploring and learning in a wild 'bush' setting, whilst building their resilience, confidence, and self-esteem. Strengthen your child's connections with nature and meet other local families.

Wed 9.30am – 11.30am, 31/1 (9wks); \$289

[For more information & to book](#)

Baby Playgroup, Parent-Led (0–1 years)

A friendly and relaxed playgroup for babies and their parents. Meet other local families and share experiences. Enjoy a cup of tea and a range of baby toys.

Wed 10am – 11.30am, 31/1 (9wks); \$60

[For more information & to book](#)

Gumnut Music with Louise (0–5 years)

Enjoy live instrumentation, singing and play-based learning with your child. Musician and Early Years Educator Louise uses musical instruments, puppets, dance, and creative props. Sessions are carefully planned and open-ended.

Wed 11.30am – 12.30pm, 31/1 (9wks); \$180

[For more information & to book](#)

Friday Playgroup, Parent-Led (0–5 years)

A friendly and relaxed playgroup for babies and toddlers and their parents/carers. Meet other local families, play, talk and share experiences. Enjoy a range of indoor and outdoor toys and spaces.

Fri 9.30am – 11.30am, 2/2 (8wks); \$60

[For more information & to book](#)

Create your Own Playgroup

If you have eight or more families, you can start your own Playgroup! Suitable for new Mothers Groups. Open to all, please contact us to learn more.

Various times available Monday to Friday; \$60 per term

[For more information](#)

Children's Language & Education

Bright Brains Homework Club (Grade 1 to Year 8)

Homework and study tuition for local primary and secondary school students looking for additional support in literacy and general study tuition. A fun, safe learning environment.

Wed 4pm – 5.30pm, ongoing during school terms; FREE with CFC membership; \$30 Full/\$15 Conc.

[For more information & to book](#)

English Class (4+ Years)

School readiness program. An English class for Mandarin-speaking children, facilitated by bi-lingual facilitators for best learning outcomes.

Mon to Sun; times vary according to age; \$630 per term. Ph: 0468 880 629

Mandarin Class (4+ Years)

Fun and effective play-based Mandarin class. 1st language and 2nd language streams.

Mon to Sun; times vary according to age; \$630 per term. Ph: 0468 880 629

Community Groups & Services

Australian Breastfeeding Association, Boroondara Group

Information and support to help mothers to breastfeed. Everyone is welcome. Facilitated by trained volunteers.

Meetings Tues 10am – 12pm, monthly.

Bookings and enquires: aba.boroondara@gmail.com

Chatty Café **NEW**

Join the Chatty Café initiative. Come along for a chat over a cup of tea, coffee and biscuits. Establish new social connections and get to know other locals. Relaxed catch ups, free Wi-Fi, prams and babies are welcome.

Tuesday 10am – 11am, starts 13 February (weekly during school terms); FREE

[For more information](#)

Edge Community Fund

A community volunteer group providing last resort funding for families. **Mon and Thu 10am – 11am; Contact Anne at edgefund@craigfc.org.au**

G.O.L.D. Group

A social group for women aged 55+. Enjoy fun, new experiences in a supportive environment. Members meet on alternate Thursdays during school terms (one meeting held at CFC, the other is an organised outing).

Thurs fortnightly meetings; \$25 Annual Membership. Contact Denise Powell on 0402 330 488.



Lions Club of Boroondara-Gardiners Creek

A friendly and active Lions Club engaged in community services within the Boroondara area. All welcome.

Second Mon of month, 8pm – 9.30pm; Contact Chris Hayward 1996lionsbgc@gmail.com

Parent Wellbeing Sessions with Meaghan

Enjoy a 30-minute confidential appointment with our resident Social Worker, Meaghan. Discuss parenting issues and life challenges. Free to members, in-person or online, including short-term counselling and referral services. Children and babies are welcome to attend. **Tues, Wed & Thurs, 9am to 4pm; FREE to CFC members; \$30 Full/\$15 Conc.**

[For more information and to book](#)

Victorian Egg Decorators Guild

Meet, discuss and practice this fine art. **First Sat of each month; Contact Rhonda: elegantegg@ozemail.com.au**

Victorian Guild of China Painters

Meet, discuss and practice this fine art.

Third Sat of each month 9.30am – 3.30pm; Contact Sandra: vgcpinfo@gmail.com

Special Events

International Women's Day

Join us for a special evening that celebrates women's achievements. Enjoy a glass of bubbles and special guest speaker. Meet other women living locally.

Wed 6 March, 7pm to 9pm; \$10

[For more information and to book](#)

Harmony Day

Join us as we celebrate the cultural diversity in our local community. Enjoy sausage sizzle, children's craft activities and a range of special cultural performances. Connect with your friendly community, where everyone belongs!

Sat 23 March, 12pm to 4pm; FREE.

[For more information](#)



'Flying Kites Around the World' Kitemaking Workshop (Age 6+)

Enjoy this colourful workshop that explores all facets of kitemaking. You will make and decorate your own kite as well as learn about kite festivals from around the world. A delicious afternoon tea will be provided, exploring treats from various cultures. If weather permits, we will learn to fly our kites together. Presented by the City of Boroondara. Bookings essential. Suitable for young and old, from age 6+

Wednesday 20 March, 4.30pm to 6.30pm FREE

[To learn more or to book](#)

Easter School Holiday Program

Pizza Making Master Class (Age 5–10)

Students will enjoy making their own, delicious pizza – from scratch. They will make their own dough from scratch, form pizza bases and choose from a range of fresh pizza toppings. Finally, we will enjoy eating our special pizza lunch – together! This is a drop-off event, suitable for children aged 5+

Monday 8 April, 10am to 1pm; \$15

[To learn more or to book](#)

Family Yoga Workshop (Age 4–8)

Child and parent will work together and learn new breathing, relaxation and strengthening techniques. Learn to better connect and communicate with one another and have fun – together! Enjoy light refreshments to follow.

**Monday 8 April, 2pm to 3pm; \$10 members/
\$15 non members**

[To learn more or to book](#)

Animal Mask-Making Workshop with the Squiggle Kids (Age 2–6)

In this fun crafting workshop, we will celebrate Nature Week by learning more about 'Animal Homes'. We will enjoy story time and make some special bird, bee, beetle, and owl face masks using paint sticks, feathers, stickers and other novel materials. Parent and child work together. Pack a snack, enjoy free-play to follow in our sensory play garden.

**Tuesday 9 April, 10am to 11.30am; \$10 CFC members/
\$20 non members**

[To learn more or to book](#)

Growing and Planting Workshop (Age 1–6)

Using music and scientific inquiry, children will explore the diversity of plants, the different parts of a plant and what plants need to grow and survive compared to what humans need. Children will get to plant their own bee-friendly seedling to take home and care for themselves.

**Wednesday 10 April, 10am to 11.30am; \$10 CFC Members/
\$20 non members**

[To learn more or to book](#)

Kids' Woodwork Workshop (Age 5–10)

Students will enjoy making their own emergency vehicles in this fun, engaging woodwork workshop. They will explore their creativity through woodwork, develop new skills and learn about sustainability. This is a drop-off event, suitable for children aged 5+

Wednesday 10 April, 1pm to 3.30pm; \$15

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