

# SQUIGGLE KIDS



We are Debbie Isaac (left) and Lauren Gardiner (right)!

We want to inspire families and educators to draw with children and to have the tools to engage and extend children in drawing activities.

Debbie has used drawing at home and in her paediatric occupational therapy practice as a way to engage children in a shared and joyful activity that develops fine motor and visual skills.

Lauren's interest in drawing stems from a desire to set her children up for a positive start to school.

Shared book reading is a go-to literacy activity for children where the book is the script. Our drawing books build on that idea - including stories to guide the drawing activity. Our range of activity books suit children with a range of drawing abilities and interests.

## Creative playgroups

These hands-on sessions for families of children aged 2+ and feature playful and open-ended drawing activities using novel materials. Shared storybook time and songs. Also, tips, ideas and materials to continue the fun and learning at home!

## Drawing: art + more

Drawing is art and so much more! Drawing helps children to develop fine motor skills, visual and memory skills, all of which are part of handwriting.

Drawing is itself a communication tool. It also may support the development of speech and early writing.

Drawing is a form of play that can be creative, imaginative and fun. Drawing can provide opportunities to teach children about the world (eg colours, shapes).

We know that drawing with kids takes some people out of their comfort zone and some kids positively resist it. Our creative playgroups help parents, carers and educators engage and extend children's drawing.