

Craig Family Centre ASHBURTON

TERM 1
2023



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 whole-of-community events.

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

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Kindergarten & Childcare

Joey's 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 9am – 2pm or 8.30am – 4.30pm, 18/01;
\$95 (5hrs) or \$126 (8hrs) per session**

3-Year-Old Kindergarten

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

**Mon, Wed & Fri 9am – 2pm 01/02 (10wks) Term 1; FREE
(extended hours to 4.30pm available for \$40 per day)**

**Tue & Thurs 8.30am – 4pm, 31/01 (10wks) term 1; FREE
(extended hours to 4.30pm available for \$40 per day)**

4-Year-Old Kindergarten

A funded kindergarten program for children turning 4 by April 30, 2022. Allows children to develop skills for a smooth transition to formal learning.

**Mon, Wed & Fri 9am – 2pm 01/02 (10wks) Term 1; FREE
(extended hours to 4.30pm available for \$40 per day)**

**Tue & Thurs 8.30am – 4pm, 31/01 (10wks) Term 1; FREE
(extended hours to 4.30pm available for \$40 per day)**

Playgroups & Under 5s

Creative Play with Squiggle Kids

(2-5 yrs) **NEW TIME**

Enjoy music, drawing and craft activities with your child. Children develop fine motor skills, language and social confidence. Facilitated by paediatric Occupational Therapist and local children's author. Stay-and-play after each session, enjoy indoor and outdoor play.

Mon 9.30am – 10.15am, 13/2 (6wks); \$150

[For more information & to book](#)

Mums 'n' Bubs Yoga (bubs 0-1 yrs)

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

Mon 11.30am – 12.30pm, 30/1 (9wks) \$190

[For more information & to book](#)

Tuesday Morning Music with Jo (0-5 yrs)

Actively engaging babies & toddlers in music and storytelling. Discover the rhythms and sounds of drums and percussion instruments with Jo Kitley, specialist in Early Learning music education.

Tues 9.30am – 10.30am, 31/1 (10wks); \$150

[For more information & to book](#)

Baby Sensory Classes (0-1 yrs) **NEW**

Classes are designed to create a calm, relaxed environment. Leave the outside world behind and bond with your baby. Explore sound, touch, movement, smell and light – together!

Tues 11.30am – 12.30pm, 21/2 (6wks); \$180

[For more information & to book](#)

Mandarin Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

Actively engaging babies, toddlers, parents and grandparents in music, storytelling and games in Mandarin. Facilitated by qualified Mandarin teacher, Jessica Jiang.

Wed 9.30am – 11am, 1/2 (10wks); \$155

[For more information & to book](#)

Bush Playgroup (0-5 yrs)

Enjoy a rich sensory play experience with storytelling, songs, nature crafts and bush walks. Strengthen your connections with nature and families from our local community.

Wed 10am – 12pm, 1/2 (10wks); \$280

[For more information & to book](#)

Gumnut Music with Louise (0-5 yrs)

Enjoy live instrumentation, singing and play-based learning with your child. Musician and Early Years Educator, Louise Lindsay, uses musical instruments, puppets, dance, and creative props.

Wed 11.30am – 12.30pm, 1/2 (10wks); \$150

[For more information & to book](#)



Spanish Playgroup (0-5 yrs) **NEW**

A friendly and relaxed playgroup for babies and their parents. Meet other local families, play, talk and share experiences – in Spanish! Enjoy a cup of tea and a large range of toys.

Wed 1.15pm – 2.45pm, 1/2 (10wks); \$60

[For more information & to book](#)

Friday Playgroup, Parent-Led (0-5 yrs)

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.

Fri 9.30am – 11.30am, 3/2 (9wks); \$60

[For more information & to book](#)

Baby Playgroup, Parent-Led (0-1 yrs)

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

Fri 12.30pm – 2pm, 3/2 (9wks); \$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.

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

[For more information & to book](#)

Child & Teen Activities

Stage and Screen (Grade 3-4 & Grade 5-6)

Learn the fundamentals of acting skills for stage and screen. Develop the confidence to sing out loud and perform! Create a short performance by end of term. Small classes, facilitated by NIDA graduate & Performing Arts teacher Belinda Jenkin.

Mon 4.30pm – 5.30pm; 6/2 (8wks) \$170

Mon 5.30pm – 6.30pm; 6/2 (8wks) \$170

[For more information & to book](#)



Acting & Singing for Teens (Year 7-9)

Further develop your performance skills for stage and screen. Develop skills in acting, voice and movement, and gain the confidence to audition and present to a live audience. Small classes, facilitated by NIDA graduate & Performing Arts teacher Belinda Jenkin.

Mon 6.30pm – 8pm; 6/2 (8wks) \$220

[For more information & to book](#)

Bright Brains Homework Club (Grade 1 to 8)

Homework and study tuition for local primary and secondary school students who require additional support in early years literacy and numeracy. A fun, safe learning environment.

Wed 3.45pm – 5.30pm, 1/3 (ongoing); FREE with CFC membership; \$30 Full/\$15.00 Conc

[For more information & to book](#)

Children's Language Classes

English Class (4+ yrs)

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; \$594 per term. Ph: 0468 880 629

Mandarin Class (4+ yrs)

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

Mon to Sun; times vary according to age; \$594 per term. Ph: 0468 880 629

Community Groups & Services

Al-anon

Helps families and friends of alcoholics recover from the effects of living with someone with a drinking problem.

Sun 6pm – 7pm. Phone Susan on 0438 050 622

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

Book Club at the Craig **NEW**

Meet other locals and build friendships over the discovery of new books and new perspectives. Share the pleasure of reading! **Wed 1 March (first Wed of the month), 7.30pm – 9pm; FREE first meeting, \$5 for subsequent sessions**

[For more information & to book](#)

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**

Food Forest Ashburton

A community garden that celebrates nature, explores food and tends to the gardens! Enjoy weekly gardening and a cup of tea. Meet other locals, everyone is welcome. Special events scheduled throughout the year. **FREE**

[For more information & to book](#)

G.O.L.D. Group

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

Thurs fortnightly meetings; \$30 Annual Membership.

Contact Denise Powell on 0402 330 488.

Jobs Victoria – Jobs Advocacy & Career Assistance

Speak with a Jobs Victoria consultant to help you get on the right career path. If you currently seek employment, are preparing to return to work, require more hours or a complete change in career – book a free appointment or just drop in! **Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings FREE**

[For more information & to book](#)

Lions Club of Boroondara-Gardeners 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 1996lionsbkgc@gmail.com

Parenting Support Group with Meaghan **NEW**

Enjoy a safe and nurturing space to come together and discuss all things relating to parenting. Make time to connect and reflect over a cup of tea, as we navigate the most important job we will ever do. Facilitated by CFC Social Worker, Meaghan Wealands.

Thursdays 9am to 10am, 9/2 (ongoing); FREE with CFC membership; \$30 Full/\$15.00 Conc

[Please register here or call for more info](#)

Safe Seats, Safe Kids, Child Car Seat Fittings

We invite local parents, grandparents and carers to book in for a free child car restraint fitting or safety check.

Wed fortnightly, 10am – 2pm FREE

[For more information & to book](#)

Walking Group for Mums **FREE**

Pop your children in the pram, bring your water bottle - let's walk and talk! Get some exercise whilst connecting with other mums. Once a week after drop-off.

Starts Term 1; FREE with CFC membership; \$30 Full/\$15.00 Conc

[Nominate your preferred morning here](#)

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

Become a Craig Member!

We are a not-for-profit organisation. Your membership helps support the important work that we do in our community. Annual membership costs \$30 (\$15 Conc.) per family and is required for term enrolments, but not required for events and workshops. Members are provided special offers throughout the year.

Please Note:

To reserve your place, fees must be paid in full at time of booking. Classes may be moved to an online platform if we enter a COVID lockdown or rescheduled due to extreme weather conditions or illness of a facilitator.

Course information is correct at time of printing but subject to change. No refunds are given once classes have commenced. Class fees cannot be transferred to the following term. The Centre reserves the right to cancel programs due to insufficient registrations in which case a full refund will be provided.



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Ashburton Short Film Festival **NEW DATE**

Join us for our inaugural Short Film Festival. Secure a deckchair and enjoy some popcorn and a series of short films that celebrate the diversity of our local community.

Fri 3 March, 7pm to 9.30pm; FREE

[For more information and to register](#)



International Women's Day, Morning Tea

Join us for a special morning tea that celebrates women's achievements. Enjoy tea, coffee, pastries and special guest speakers.

Wed 8 March 10am to 12pm; Gold Coin Donation

[Register your interest here](#)

Harmony Day

Join us as we celebrate the cultural diversity in our local community. Feast on international cuisine and enjoy a wide range of cultural performances. Connect with your friendly community, where everyone belongs!

Sat 25 March, 12pm to 4pm; FREE

[For more information & to book](#)



Self-Care Workshop for Mums

Learn to implement self-care. Join us in a range of activities including guided meditation, journaling, and mindful colouring! Facilitated by CFC Social Worker, Meaghan Wealands.

Tuesday 28/3, 9.30am to 11am; FREE with CFC membership; \$30 Full/\$15 Conc

[Expressions of interest welcome](#)