

Craig Family Centre ASHBURTON

TERM 2
2024



What's On?

At the Craig Family Centre, we offer a broad range of programs and events, 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.

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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. Places available for children 3–5 years

3-Year-Old Kindergarten

A kindergarten program for 3-year-old children turned 3 by April 2024. Facilitated by an early childhood teacher and qualified early childhood educator.

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am – 2pm, 15/04 (11wks) Term 2; FREE (extended hours optional 8am – 9am \$18, 2pm – 5pm \$50, less CCS. Booked by the term) Places available!

Tue & Thurs 8.30am – 4pm, 16/04 (11wks) Term 2; FREE (extended hours optional 8am – 8.30am \$9, 4pm – 5pm \$18, less CCS. Booked by the term) 1 Place available!

4-Year-Old Kindergarten

A funded kindergarten program for children turned 4 by April 30, 2024. Allows children to develop skills for a smooth transition to formal learning.

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am – 2pm, 15/04 (11wks) Term 2; FREE (extended hours optional 8am – 9am \$18, 2pm – 5pm \$50, less CCS. Booked by the term) Places available!

Tue & Thurs 8.30am – 4pm, 16/04 (11wks) Term 2; FREE (extended hours optional 8am – 8.30am \$9, 4pm – 5pm \$18, less CCS. Booked by the term)

Playgroups & Under 5s Activities

Monday Gumnut Music (Age 0-5) NEW

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

Mon 9.30am – 10.30am, 15/4 (10wks); \$190

[For more information & to book](#)

Mums 'n' Bubs Yoga (Age 0-1)

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, 22/4 (9wks); \$216. Casual sessions \$30

[For more information & to book](#)

Monday Afternoon Playgroup, Parent-Led (Age 0-5)

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, 15/4 (10wks); \$60**

[For more information & to book](#)

Tuesday Morning Music with Jo (Age 0-5)

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, 16/4 (11wks); \$195**

[For more information & to book](#)

Mandarin Playgroup (Age 0-5)

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, 17/4 (11wks); \$195

[For more information & to book](#)

Bush Playgroup (Age 0-5)

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 10.00am – 12.00pm, 24/4 (10wks); \$320

[For more information & to book](#)



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

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, 17/4 (11wks); \$60

[For more information & to book](#)

Wednesday Gumnut Music (Age 0-5)

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

Wed 11.30am – 12.30pm, 17/4 (11wks); \$195

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

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, 19/4 (11wks); \$60

[For more information & to book](#)

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 (Age 4+)

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 (Age 4+)

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 9.30am to 10.30am (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

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 – 4pm; FREE to CFC members; \$30 Full/\$15 Conc.

[For more information & to book](#)

G.O.L.D. Group

A social group for women aged 55+. Enjoy fun, 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.



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

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 for events and workshops. Members are provided special offers throughout the year such as free and discounted events.

Please Note:

To reserve your place, fees must be paid in full at time of booking. Classes may be moved to an online platform 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.

Special Events

Family-Friendly Interiors Workshop: Balancing Function and Style

A fun and practical design workshop for parents of young children keen on adapting spaces to enhance their lifestyle. Facilitated by Interior Designer & Child Development Specialist Penny Miller.

Wednesday 15 May, 7pm – 9pm: FREE

[To learn more & to book](#)

Family Film Night

Enjoy a family-friendly movie night! Hot dogs, popcorn and sweet treats are included. A fun and low-key event, suitable for families with young children.

**Friday 14 June, 4pm – 6pm; \$5 per person
(\$10 non-members)**

[To learn more & to book](#)

Cross Cultural Parenting Seminar

Join us as we discuss how migration and moving to a new country impacts our children. We will learn more about what our children experience and how to better engage with them. Presented by Anu Krishnan from Kulturebrille. Everyone welcome. **Wednesday 19 June, 7pm – 8pm; FREE**

[To learn more & to book](#)

School Holiday Program

Scone Making Workshop (Age 2+)

Child and adult will work together to make their own scones from scratch. We will mix, knead and cut our scones. We will make our own butter and serve with fresh jams. And enjoy our scones together! All materials included.

Monday 8 April, 10am – 11.30am; \$15 per child/\$10 CFC members

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Focaccia Making Workshop (Age 6-12)

Students will enjoy making their own, delicious vegetable focaccia bread – from scratch. They will make their own dough and select fresh herbs and vegetables to incorporate. Finally, we will enjoy eating our special focaccia lunch – together! This is a drop-off event, suitable for children aged 6 – 12.

Monday 8 April, 1pm – 3pm; \$15 per child

[To learn more & to book](#)

Winter Woodwork Workshop (Age 6-12)

Students will enjoy making their own bird houses 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 6 – 12.

Tuesday 9 July, 10am – 12pm; \$15 per student

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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 winter seedling to take home and care for themselves.

Wednesday 10 July, 10am – 11am; \$15/\$10 CFC Members

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Macrame Rainbow Workshop (Age 7-12)

Students will have fun as they learn the beautiful art of Macrame. Each student will choose their own colour combination and create a unique macrame rainbow wall-hanging. All materials provided.

Wednesday 10 July, 1pm – 3pm; \$15 per student

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Marvellous Mini Beasts (Age 2+)

Children will learn all about minibeast during this amazing live exhibition. Small groups will rotate through different stations in the 'Bugtopia Tent', where they will encounter stick insects, butterflies, giant litter bugs, yabbies and more!

Friday 12 July, 10am – 11am; \$15 per child/\$10 CFC members

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