**Expectations of parents**

Parents / carers must be on site with playgroup children at all times.

The safety, care and responsibility for the child remains the responsibility of the parent / carer at all times.

All participants must follow State Schools Code of Conduct and Student Protection guidelines as well as Drillham State School Responsible Behaviour Plan and expectations.

Drillham State School is a ‘No smoking zone.’

Parent / carers are expected to support the group when attending by:
- Respecting the teacher aids role with regard to facilitating the playgroup.
- Respectfully asking questions of the teacher aid, following up with the principal if further clarification is needed.
- Helping with setting up and packing up
- Helping supervise students safety, especially children under 3 years of age.
- Actively participating in the session.
- Limiting the use of mobile phones during the session so to monitor and communicate with children.
- Helping keep students safe, though allowing them to learn from their own actions and experiences.

**Our Vision**

To provide an exceptional education that meets the differentiated needs of every child; empowering them with confidence, skills, knowledge and resilience to be the best they can be in their future endeavours.

**SCHOOL DETAILS**

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**Teachers**  Mrs Jan-Maree Hall
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**Every Thursday**

of the school term to week 7 of term 4 unless advertised otherwise in the school newsletter.

8:45 am — 10:45 am session with extended play to 11:10 am.
Aim of Drillham State School Playgroup

- To support children’s social, emotional and behavioural development.
- To support oral language development.
- To support literacy and numeracy development.
- To support the transition from home to school.

The program will include the 5 contexts of learning:
- Play
- Real-life situations
- Investigations
- Routines and transitions
- Focused learning

Playgroup operations

Who: Children aged 0 to 5 who are not of school age.

Cost: Nil. Membership to Playgroup Queensland is paid by Drillham State School.

Supervision: A parent / carer must accompany all children attending playgroup. Parents / carers must remain on site and provide adequate supervision to keep children safe and engaged. The play group program is developed by teachers and delivered by a teacher aide employed by Drillham State School.

Responsibility: The child is the parents /carers responsibility at all times. Safety of playgroup children is that of the parent / carer who brings the child to the group.

Sessions: Every Thursday of the school term up to week 7 of term 4. 8.45 a.m to 10:45 am session with extended play to 11:10 if individual families choose. Changes will be published in the school newsletter. Families may arrive at any time after 8:45 am.

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What to bring

Children will need to:
- Wear sun safe clothing such as collared shirts.
- Wear a wide brim or bucket hat for outside play.
- Wear safe shoes such as sandals or joggers. (not thongs)
- Have their own bag/port to store their belongings.
- Have a change of clothes for any mishaps.
- Bring healthy morning tea
- Bring a water bottle.

Please do not bring toys from home

Sessions involve:-
- Inside play
- Outside play
- Nursery rhymes/songs
- Stories
- Structured games/activities
- Craft
- Play based learning of literacy and numeracy concepts.

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- Playgroup concludes 16th November
- Duration: 10 weeks

Insurance

State Schools Queensland does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students / children. It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover their children for any accidental injury that may occur while at Drillham State School.

Playgroup Queensland

Drillham State School has membership with Playgroup Queensland. Parents / carers MUST sign the complimentary membership application to participate in Drillham State School Playgroup. For more information go to https://www.playgroupqueensland.com.au

Library

Families attending Drillham playgroup are welcome to borrow from the school library each week between 10:45 and 11:10 am. Families may borrow 5 books at a time.

Behaviour

At Drillham State School it expected that adults and students will follow the school rules of:-

⇒ Be Safe
⇒ Be Responsible
⇒ Be Respectful

It is our aim for children to learn these behaviours within a natural and supported environment as the year progresses.