

4 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

RE. Harbison Intergenerational Playgroup

Thank you for joining us at Harbison Playgroup. We are extremely excited to be able to offer our residents this Intergenerational opportunity to interact with your children. We look forward to the many wonderful activities we can engage in together to foster a rewarding relationship between the children and residents. Creating memories, forming new friendships, sharing knowledge, and above all else, bringing joy to each other's lives.

You are the first group of children to participate and in some ways are part of the experimental stage. So, in advance, I thank you for your willingness to be part of our group and look forward to a positive experience. While we are in the initial stages of developing our Intergeneration Playgroup program, we ask that you be patient as we navigate our way but would love for you to also contribute your thoughts and ideas on how to improve our program and what we can offer moving forward. Please feel free to speak to me with any of your suggestions, but there will also be space on our program for you to write down any ideas or activities your child is interested in or would like to see more of.

Your role as a parent is not only to supervise your child but to help initiate interactions with our residents. The activities provided have been carefully planned in the hope that these interactions occur naturally, but in the initial stages, might be helpful for parents to be that link. Once the children are comfortable and start to form these relationships with our residents, we can take a step back and observe the friendships that form over time.

At all times we will be guided by Harbison's visitor policies due to the vulnerable age groups we are dealing with. We ask that you respect these policies not only to protect our vulnerable residents but to ensure you and your family stay safe as well. For more information, please visit the link below

[Visit Harbison - Harbison](#)

In summary, it is strongly advised that all our visitors to playgroup are vaccinated. Please upload your vaccination evidence via our portal prior to your arrival [Proof of Vaccination - Harbison](#). You will

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need to declare a negative RAT test the morning of playgroup and parents/carers will need to wear a mask, surgical masks will be provided to you on arrival.

Please enter via the main entrance and sign in at the visitor kiosk. I will be there to assist you on the first morning. Playgroup initially will be held in the Jenson Room (I will guide you to begin with), and we hope to visit other areas of Harbison as we progress. For our own records, please also sign in at the playgroup gate.

Harbison is a registered member of Playgroup Australia and as such, you are entitled to become a member as well. This is not compulsory; however, they offer some useful resources and often have discounts on equipment, etc. If you would like to become a member, here is the link...

[Welcome to Playgroup NSW](#)

What to bring

Please ensure children are wearing comfortable clothes. There will be messy play at times, so pack one of Mum or Dad's shirts to use over the top as a paint shirt. We will also enjoy some outdoor play, so a sun hat and sunscreen will be needed. Also, please bring your child's drink bottle and nappies if needed. We have a bathroom in the room as well as a nappy change table for your use. Harbison will be providing morning tea for us all to share together with the residents, if you or your child have any food allergies, please notify me at least 24 hours in advance.

Time

Playgroup will run Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30am. If you could please confirm with Vanessa each week if you will/will not be attending.

We look forward to meeting you all.

Regards,

Vanessa Tasker

Harbison Early Learning Project Manager

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