

Important Dates

**Puppet Show by
CANTEEN -
Incursion - Gold
Coin Donation
please**
Wednesday 21 February
2024

**Pupil Free Day (No
School)**
Friday 8 March 2024

**Adelaide Cup
Holiday (No School)**
Monday 11 March 2024

**Good Friday (No
School)**
Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Sunday
Sunday 31 March 2024

**Easter Monday -
(No School)**
Monday 1 April 2024

Swimming Carnival
Thursday 4 April 2024

**Sports Day - All
Welcome**
Friday 5 April 2024

**School Dentist on
Site for the Week -
forms home soon**
Monday 8 April 2024

**Last Day of Term 1
(3pm Finish)**
Friday 12 April 2024

Term 2 Begins
Monday 29 April 2024

**Book Fair 14th -
21st May Details
TBA later**
Tuesday 14 May 2024

**Term 3 - Pupil Free
Day (No School)**
Friday 23 August 2024

**Term 4 - Pupil Free
Day (No School)**
Thursday 12 December 2024

**Term 4 - Pupil Free
Day (No School)**
Friday 13 December 2024

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

As we enter into the season of Lent, we are reminded that we really are only on this earth for a limited amount of time and how important it is for us to make the most of that time. Lent is a time for change. We are encouraged and invited to reflect on the things that we do in our lives and in our relationships. Are there things we could do better? Do I treat people the way I should? Do I judge people without really knowing their whole story? Jesus challenges us to be kind, even to those people whom we don't like very much. On Shrove Tuesday the staff and children were marked with ash on their foreheads with a sign of the cross to remind them that we all come from humble beginnings and that we should all keep in mind the 'Mercy values' when we meet other people. We hope the children (and parents) enjoyed the pancakes that we shared!

This week we welcome two new students: David in Reception and Alby in Year 1. We hope your time with us is full of learning, friendships and fun! With these two new students our enrolment has grown to 170 students, just in time for 'Census' day today! This is an increase of about 100 students in the past 4 years, which is quite amazing. I want to thank each one of you for entrusting your children to us each day, but also for the positive things you say about our school within the wider community. When I ask families why they have

come to our school, nearly all of them say “I have heard good things about this school”. So, if that is you speaking highly of our school, thank you, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those parents who were able to come to the ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening. We hope you found it informative and useful. We look forward to working closely with you this year, with your child at the centre of all that we do. If you were unable to make it on the evening, I am sure your child’s teacher can make available the notes that they shared with those in attendance.

Congratulations to those students who received Mercy Awards at our assembly on Tuesday. These awards are for students who show particular characteristics or are good models of Compassion, Courage, Hospitality, Justice, Respect or Service’. Each week children are able to earn points for their house Team by showing acts of Mercy within the classroom or out in the yard. These points go towards winning the ‘Mercy’ cup at the end of the school year.

Next week we welcome Canteen who will put on a couple of puppet shows for our students to help provide an understanding of what it is like for families living with cancer. This is a big thing for a number of families within our community and it is great to have the Canteen people back again to share this important information and excellent insights.

Please remember that we have the following dates set aside as Pupil Free Days for the staff to undertake professional development, staff reflection, complete hand over activities, etc. There are still two more dates to be set for later in the year. Currently we have set: Fri 8 March, Fri 23 August, Thu 12 December and Fri 13 December. Please mark them in your diary.

The School Board meets this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm.

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

‘Shaping our Future Together’

Recent News

APRIM News

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

LITURGICAL CALENDAR INFORMATION

A Liturgical Calendar shows the cycle of seasons in the Catholic Church. The Church year consists of six liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time after Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time after Pentecost. In each newsletter we aim to highlight different events in the Liturgical Calendar that we might be focusing on or celebrating in our school.

Special celebrations that we focus on during classroom and whole school prayer throughout term 1 and those that come up in our liturgical calendar include:

Week 3

13/2 Shrove Tuesday

14/2 Ash Wednesday

14/2 Feast of St. Valentine

17/2 Random Acts of Kindness Day

Week 6

9/3 Ramadan begins

Week 7

17/3 Feast of St. Patrick

Week 8

19/3 Feast of St. Joseph

21/3 Harmony Day

Week 9

24/3 Palm Sunday

28/3 Holy Thursday

29/3 Good Friday

Week 10

Easter Sunday 31/3

SHROVE TUESDAY

This week staff gathered from across our community to cook and serve pancakes as part of our celebrations in preparation for the beginning of Lent. It was great to see students and their families' enjoying pancakes in the yard before school. Check out the photos included in this newsletter.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Students and staff gathered to celebrate Ash Wednesday with a liturgy for our Reception to Year 2 students and another for our Year 3-6 classes. Both groups reflected on the song 'Ashes' by Drew Lane with words to remind us how we can let the ashes inspire us and remind us to live just like Jesus.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2024

Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes, and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity. This year, the theme of Project Compassion is 'For all Future Generations'. It is an expression of hope and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues.

Keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters for our Project Compassion fundraising initiatives.

ELIZABETH CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM

The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist form the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. If your child is 7 years of age (or older) and would like to be involved in the program for 2024 and you were unable to make the parent session, please contact Melissa Musolino for more information.

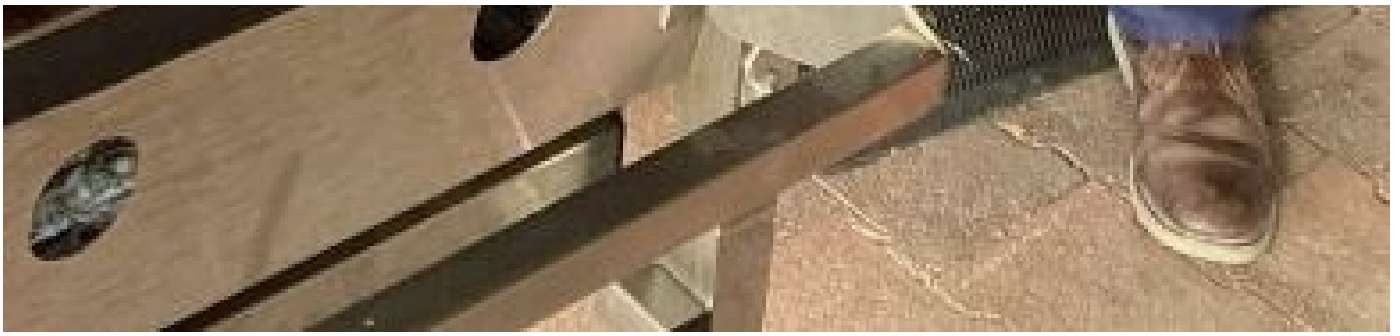
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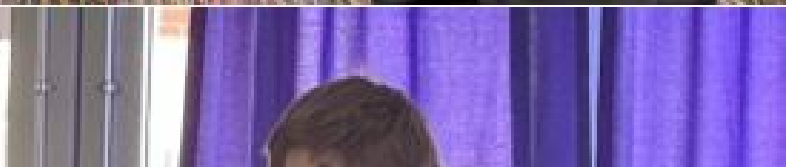
Shrove Tuesday







Ash Wednesday





4/5 Ms Rose's Class!

Welcome to 4/5 AR

It has been an excited first 3 weeks of school with our focus being on getting to know each other and developing strong routines and expectations for our year ahead. Students have discussed and explored their feelings through the 5 point scale, developed a class promise for the year and learned about our elastic brains and how to switch from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset.

We introduced Turtley Awesome who gets to spend the day with a student who has met the Class Promise and shown Mercy Values throughout the day. Each person who has been awarded Turtley Awesome chooses the next recipient.

Students in 4/5 AR have also gotten creative with developing quizzes about themselves, drawing self portraits and creating unique backgrounds to display them on.

We look forward to an excellent year of growth and learning in 2024.



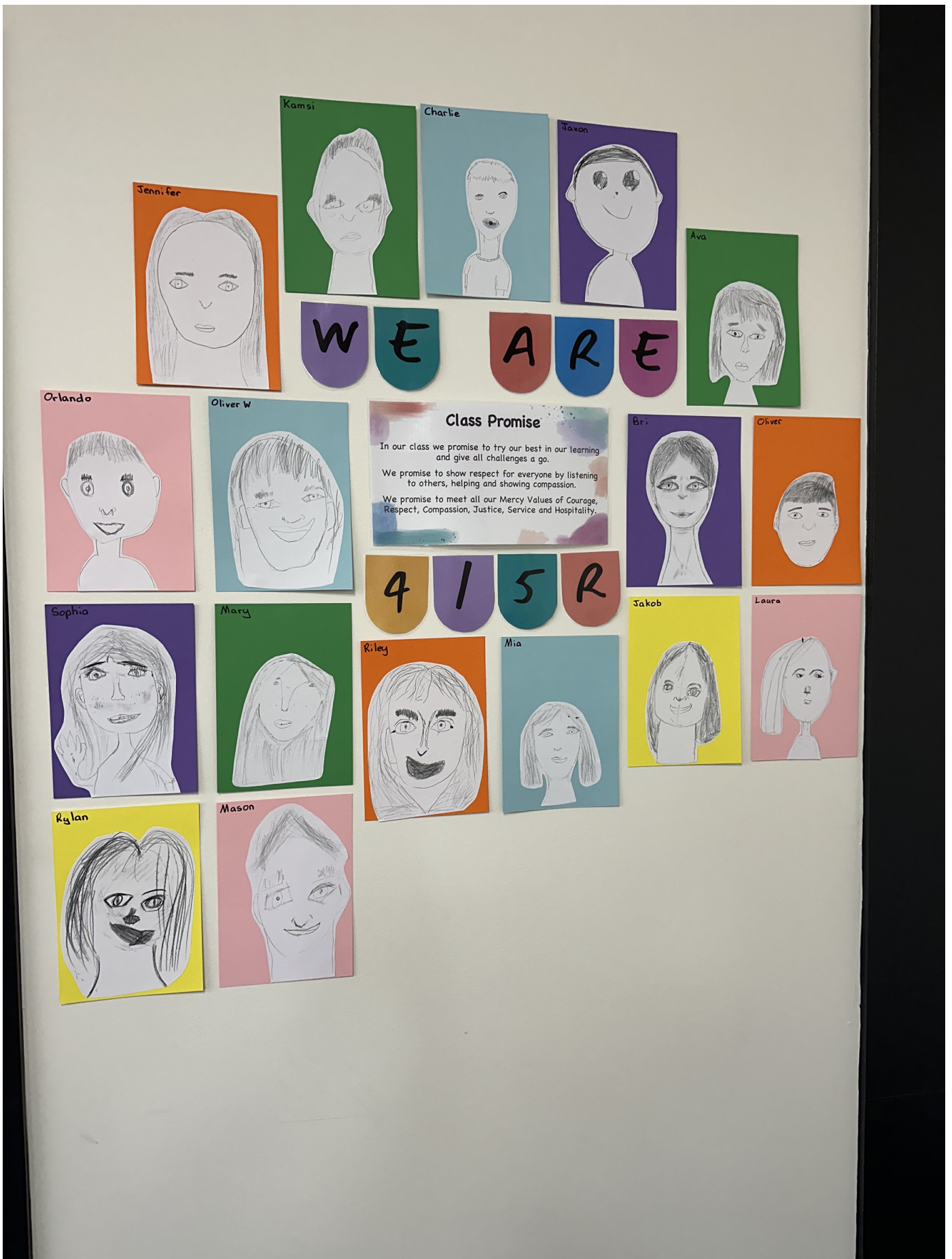
You're Turtley Awesome

The Turtley Awesome award goes to a person in the class that has shown awesomeness during the day.

This could be:

- embodying the class promise
- Doing an act of kindness
- Trying hard at their learning
- Encouraging
- Trying something new
- And many more awesome things





Staffing Announcement!

We are very happy to formally introduce Kathy Keough to our St Mary Magdalene's online community. Kathy began working at our

school in Term 4 last year as part of our ESO team.

Kathy has a Diploma in Early Childhood Education, and a deep passion for working alongside children to support their learning. Sharing the belief that it 'takes a village to raise a child', Kathy is looking forward to being an active member of the St Mary Magdalene's 'village', supporting children and their families.

Kathy's academic journey continues beyond her Diploma, having also completed extended courses in working with children with Trauma, and has recently begun to learn Auslan.

In addition to her extensive knowledge and experience, her infectious and warm demeanor is a wonderful asset to our school community. We encourage you to say hello when you see Kathy around the school.



CHANGE YOUR MINDSET

INSTEAD OF...

TRY THINKING...

GROWTH MINDSET

FIXED MINDSET

I don't understand this.

This is too hard.

I give up.

This is good enough.

I don't want any advice.

I'm not good at this.

I'm already good at this.

I made a mistake.

I need to train my brain and keep practicing.

I like to be challenged.

I can learn something new from this.

I can always improve and make it better.

I should use a different strategy.

This may require some time and effort.

I will try that suggestion.

What am I missing?

KEEP TRYING

YOU GOT THIS

Sparkle Every Day

NEVER give up

STAY Positive

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Anything is Possible

Be Comfortable with Uncomfortable









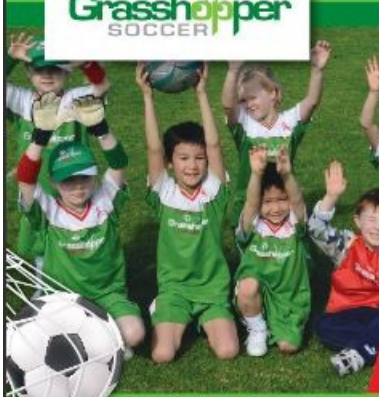








AUSTRALIA'S #1 NON-COMPETITIVE SOCCER PROGRAM



TERM 1, 2024 SOCCER FUN FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2-12!

STARTING FROM 10TH FEB



**FIRST 30 NEW
ENROLMENTS RECEIVE
COMPLIMENTARY SHIRT AND SHORTS!**

FOR A **FREE** TRIAL P: 0421 933 894

MITE-E SOCCER (2-3YO)

A great introduction to Soccer! Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and develop their motor skills! Lots of fun games in a non-competitive environment!

**35 MINUTE CLASSES
\$155 FOR 7 WEEKS**



PINT SIZE SOCCER (4-5YO)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal keeping and more. Children get to play lots of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

**50 MINUTE CLASSES
\$160 FOR 7 WEEKS**



INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO) MICRO (6-8YO)

The ultimate challenge for young soccer players! They'll learn the rules of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game and develop their skills in passing, dribbling, shooting and more!

**INTRO - 60 MINS \$170 FOR 7 WEEKS
MICRO - 60 MINS \$170 FOR 7 WEEKS**



MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork in preparation for club soccer. Children will enjoy all the favourite soccer based games, fine tune their skills as well as play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

**60 MINUTE CLASSES
\$170 FOR 7 WEEKS**



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LEARN TO COOK EASY & HEALTHY MEALS



OzHarvest's NEST program teaches you new skills for better health in just six weeks.

- Save money on your food budget
- Store food safely
- Understand food labels
- Plan meals and reduce waste
- Cook easy and healthy recipes



NEST
NUTRITION EDUCATION
& SKILLS TRAINING

NEST will be held at:

THURSDAYS

Date(s): 8th Feb, 15th Feb,
22nd Feb, 29th Feb
7th March & 14th March

Time: 9:30am - 12pm

Location: **St Mary Magdalene's School**
Community Hub & Kitchen
82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove
*Enter through Harvey Road Gate
*Sign in through the front office

SIGN UP TO NEST FOR FREE

CONTACT KERRY N - 0437 609 976

Little Maggie's Playgroup



TUESDAY MORNINGS

9am

Please
Bring a Snack
and
Water



Contact Kerryn on 0437 609 976
www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM

Located at 82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road)



Pooraka Farm Community Centre

TORRENS TRANSIT PATHWAY

This program will provide you with the knowledge and skills to apply for a Bus Driver position at Torrens Transit.

We will help you to organise:

- Torrens Transit application paperwork
- Prepare your resume
- Prepare for interview

Some criteria required please discuss when enrolling.

Starting 1 May 2024 (6 weeks)

Wednesday 9:30am-11:30am

Pooraka Farm Community Centre,
126 Henderson Rd, Pooraka, 5092

**FREE
TRAINING**

Participants must be aged 17 years or over and not enrolled in school.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:

Phone: (08) 84068488 or 0432487611 (please leave message) or Email:
pfccfoundationskills@gmail.com

**LEARNING
NEVER
ENDS**



TRAIN THE TRAINER BASIC SKILLS

Do you have a skill that you would like to teach other people, or does your work require you to run groups, meetings, or training with staff or clients, but you don't feel confident or prepared?

'Train the Trainer' has been designed to build your confidence, knowledge, and skills in teaching adults in diverse community and workplace settings."

The program includes:

- Communication skills for teaching adults
- Presenting skills for teaching adults
- Planning your content
- Identifying resources
- Icebreaker games for meetings and training
- Behaviour management in training
- Understanding adult learning principles



**FREE
TRAINING**

Starting Thursday 14th of March 2024

Thursdays 9:30 am-1:30pm
(10 weeks- break during school holidays)

Pooraka Farm Community Centre, 126
Henderson Rd, Pooraka

Participants must be aged 17 years or over and not enrolled in school. Child Minding (creche) is available for caregivers attending program.

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PLAYGROUP

Meet and Play
@ THE PARK

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH

PLAYFORD ALIVE TOWN PARK

307 PEACHEY ROAD DAVOREN PARK *BEHIND THE STRETTON CENTRE

9:30AM - 11AM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR SUN SMART CLOTHING & HATS
PLEASE ALSO BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES!

*CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN AT ALL TIMES

PLAY WITH ME!
WITH WATER



PLAY WITH ME!
AT THE PARK



PLAY WITH ME!
MAKING BUBBLES

A JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT - PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR CENTRE/HUB

TRACEY / RACHEL - ELIZABETH GROVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE 0456 991 606 | 82557515

KERRYIN - ST MARY MAGDALENE'S COMMUNITY HUB - 0437 609 976

NINA - ELIZABETH VALE COMMUNITY HUB - 0400 847 265

LEONIE - CONNECTED BEGINNINGS - KAURNA PLAINS CHILDREN'S CENTRE - 8209 3840

EMMA - ELIZABETH PARK COMMUNITY HUB - 8255 1160



WORDS
GROW
MINDS



Elizabeth Park
SCHOOL



Little Maggie's Playgroup



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*DURING SCHOOL TERMS

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