

# Welcome to **Matts4Minis 2015**



**Matts4Minis** is a play group style program for families of young children (0-5) run by St Matthew's Church. It welcomes families from St Matt's as well as families from the local community. The group is designed to help make links for families through friendships with other parents and by providing a creative and safe environment for children to interact and grow.

**Matts4Minis** runs on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 10.00am to 11.45am, during school term time.

**Activities include:** Inside and outside play, craft, painting, playdough, singing, story time (including a short Bible story) and morning tea. We also have an outing once a term.

**Morning tea:** cheese and biscuits will be provided for children, and mums are asked to be on the children's fruit roster and parents' morning tea roster.

**Roster:** Each parent is asked to join a roster for morning tea, craft, set up and clean up to help the group run smoothly. If you are unable to be there on the day which you are on the roster, please arrange a swap with another mum and let your day leader know.

## **Program:**

9.30 People rostered on for set up to arrive and set up  
10.00 Morning begins: Craft/ free play – puzzles, toys, playdough, outside toys  
10.40 Clear tables, Pack away craft and playdough and some inside toys  
10.45 Morning tea  
11.00 Outside play time  
11.25 Pack away  
11.30 Story and song  
11.45 Final clean up and finish

**Fees:** *There is a term fee of \$30, per family (\$100 per year 'early bird rate' if paying for the whole year, payable in first 4 weeks of Term 1).* This covers toys and equipment, craft supplies, childrens' gifts, tea/coffee/milk. New families can attend for 2 weeks before paying to determine the suitability of the group. If joining mid-term, a pro-rata rate will be charged.

## **Discipline and Health Policy**

One of our highest priorities at Matts4Minis is the safety and wellbeing of all those who attend. While all attention and care will be ensured, each mum/ carer will be responsible for the children that they bring along to Matts4minis. If for some reason your child attends without you they must be left in the care of a nominated friend at the group.

If your child is not immunised and there is an outbreak of an infectious disease in the community we ask, for your child's protection, that you do not bring your child to Matts4Minis during this time. Please do not come to Matts4Minis if your child is unwell or contagious. If they have had any of the following symptoms within the last 24 hrs: diarrhoea, vomiting, fever, rash, open sores or a green, runny nose please stay home.

Some children have **food allergies**. *As nuts can be a common allergen we ask that no nuts are brought to Matts4Minis. This includes 'Mums' morning tea and other snacks for your child.* Your group will be informed if other allergies are present in the group and which foods not to bring, for the safety of all the children.

Please feel free to talk to any of the day leaders who are on the Matts4Minis team or contact the church office.