Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015 Caralee Early Years Open Morning Playgroup. The playgroup is open to all families of children from birth until four years of age who have older siblings in our school community OR live in the local area. The playgroup provides a safe and stimulating environment for parents to interact with their child/children in an informal play session and access information and support.

The playgroup is run by the Fremantle Language Development Centre in partnership with Caralee Community School and Supported by Meerilinga, a not for profit organisation that promotes positive childhoods. The program is based on a “Family Partnership” model and recognises the parents as the child’s first teacher and the importance of schools working closely with families and the community.

**When:** Wednesdays from 9.00 to 10.45 (stay for as short or long as you wish within this time frame)

**Term One Dates:** From Wednesday the 11th of February until Wednesday 1st of April (playgroup recommences after the school holidays on Wednesday the 22nd of April). Come every week or drop in when you can.

**Where:** Caralee Community School / Fremantle Language Development Centre Early Years Room (on the school oval)
Who: The playgroup is open to all families of children from birth until Kindy age who have older siblings in our school community OR live in the local area.

Play Group Staff: The playgroup is coordinated and run by a teacher from the Fremantle Language Development Centre, Jennie Dawson who provides a wide range of activities that allow parents and carers to have quality fun time with their children. The play group is supported by a Meerilinga Parent Link worker, Marilyn Overy who is available to provide information and support to families on a wide range of issues and child related topics. We are also fortunate to have a wonderful play group volunteer, Deb Alexander to support the running of the playgroup and families who attend.

Activities: All the play group activities are especially organised to develop and support early language, fine and gross motor skills and learning while supporting and reinforcing parent / child attachment. There is a wide range of both inside and outside activities.

What to bring: Please bring a hat for outside play, a drink bottle of water for your child and a piece of fruit that will be cut up and placed on a shared fruit plate for morning tea. Fruit time is at approximately 10.15 am.

Sign In: At the start of each session please sign yourself and your child / children in. The ‘Sign In Book’ is located as you walk into the Early Years Room.

Contact:

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We hope that the families attending the Open Morning Playgroup will feel a part of our school community, increase and develop quality attachment between themselves and their children and develop positive attitudes to parenting.

Kind regards,

Jennie Dawson

Early Years Coordinator and Teacher