



# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2018

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## Our Vision

To support families in their quest to provide an environment for their child which ensures safety and well-being, creates resilience and seeks connections to their community and culture.

## Mobile Parenting Support

Hello and welcome to Term 1, 2018!

The Mobile Toy Truck has increased its timetable for this term, and will be visiting a town near you. I am also available for home visits on request.

The truck has been well stocked with resources and toys to ensure a happy learning experience for children. We can also assist you with referrals, networking and provide parenting support.

I welcome and appreciate all insights or suggestions you have to assist PlayAbility in continuing to provide our community with parenting support. If there are resources that you would like to see in the truck please let me know.

See the back page of this newsletter for the current timetable or visit our website [www.playability.com.au](http://www.playability.com.au)

For further information please call me on 0428 083039.

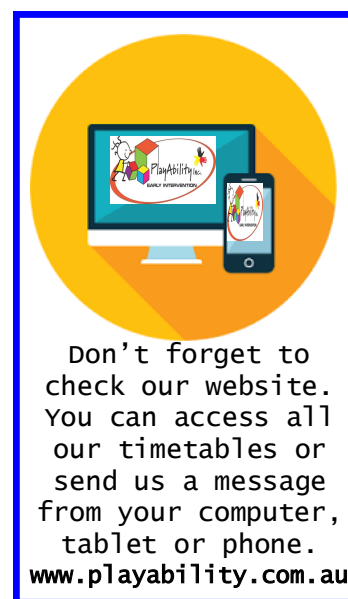
Hope to see you soon,

Vanessa

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We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land and waters of the Bega Valley Shire, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

# Early Intervention



## Welcome to Term 1 2018

The NDIS has landed! PlayAbility Early Intervention is now up and running on funded NDIS plans. It has been a challenge but we feel confident we have been able to provide continuity of quality early intervention for children and their families whilst at the same time working through all the paperwork and red tape needed to deliver funded NDIS plans. We are grateful for the patience of families as we and the staff at the NDIA went through a big learning curve. The NDIS has also brought many more children into the service as awareness has increased and Playability as an organisation has been steadily growing to meet the needs of the community.

### Our Early Intervention Trans-disciplinary team

Geoff Johnston-Specialist teacher-NDIS Access  
Suzie Hides -Specialist teacher (from mid-March)  
Karyn Thomas-Specialist teacher  
Rowan Cox -Speech pathologist  
Amy Hoitink-Speech pathologist (part-time)  
Martina Israel-Occupational therapist  
Bethany Platt-Occupational therapist  
Nicky Nilsson-Occupational therapist (part time)-NDIS Access



### What's happening with the NDIS?

Things have settled down. The NDIA realised by the middle of 2017 that they didn't know enough about the complexities of early childhood development and contracted an external organisation to liaise with providers (such as us) to support families through the access and planning processes. This has worked well. By now, much of the initial backlog of processing has been managed and most families either have a plan or have met access. This is a great relief. This means with all the paperwork done we can get back to engaging and supporting children, families and schools. However, there are quite a few families still waiting for their access request to be processed. Please don't worry. I am following these up regularly and it won't affect our commitment to your children.

So, by now most families fit into one of the following groups.

- You have a funded NDIS plan. This means you will have, or will be asked to negotiate, a service agreement. Essentially, your plan will pay for your Early Intervention supports.
- You have completed the Access Request and are either waiting for approval or have been approved. In the case that access has been approved, early intervention supports continue up to and beyond the planning process. If access has not been approved Playability will support you to find other supports within the community.
- You are in the Gateway. This means the NDIA is funding 10 hours of early intervention for us to understand what supports your child needs in order to meet access into the NDIS.

If you are unsure how this affects your family's situation please call me to discuss it. Each family's situation is different and I'm happy to chat with you if you want further clarification or more detail about your current status. *Geoff*



# INDIGENOUS FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

*"Let Me create My world"*

**Strength based programs for children and their families, focusing on the importance of creating a world where children feel connected to their community and culture allowing each individual to create their world.**

## Parenting and Family Support



- Have a yarn about your kids health, keeping kids safe, play, learning and getting ready for kindy.
  - Connect you to services such as Preschool, Childcare, School, Child Health Nurse, Doctors, Centrelink and others.
  - Assist you in navigating the National Disability Insurance Scheme



- Transport Assistance

## Play Sessions

Come along and explore a range of different play experiences with your child.

Story telling, music, arts & craft, toy truck visits & community activities.

**Bega:** Wednesday 11.30am —1.00pm

7th of February to the 11th of April

Please call Aunty Kim 0447 233848 or Kylie on 0427 677 066 for more information.



**Eden:** Thursday 11.30 am —1.00pm

15th of February to the 12th of April

Please call Erin 0428 667 924 or Aunty Kim 0447 233 848 for more information

*See our website for further information [www.playability.com.au](http://www.playability.com.au)*



For more information, please call:

Kylie Eldridge-Spires - Family Support Team Leader mobile 0427 677 066

Or our Project Officers Kim Aldridge - mobile 0447 233 848

Erin Halloran - mobile 0428 667924 Mahala Pickett - 02 6496 1918

Sarah Sweeny - mobile 0419 126 482 Vanessa Bragg - mobile 0428 089 039



*PlayAbility has been approved a further 3 years of funding to provide Indigenous Family Support Services*



# MOBILE PARENTING SUPPORT SERVICE, Term 1 2018

| TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
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| <p><b>Cobargo PlayAbility Playgroup</b></p> <p>Cobargo Public School<br/>Wandella Road<br/><b>10.00am-10:30am</b><br/>6th &amp; 27th February<br/>20th March 10th April</p>   | <p><b>Bega PlayAbility Playgroup and Play session</b></p> <p>Seventh Day Adventist Church, 31 Upper St, Bega<br/><b>9:30am--11.00am</b><br/>7th &amp; 28th February<br/>21st March 11th April</p> | <p><b>Pambula Preschool</b></p> <p>Dingo St Pambula<br/><b>8:30am-9:30am</b><br/>8th &amp; 22nd February<br/>8th March<br/>22nd March 5th April</p>  | <p><b>Bermagui Tiny Teddies Playgroup</b></p> <p>CWA Hall, Corruna Street, Bermagui<br/><b>9.30am-11.00am</b><br/><b>Bermagui Preschool</b><br/><b>8.30am - 9.30am</b><br/>9th February<br/>2nd &amp; 23rd March</p> |
| <p><b>Tathra Playgroup</b></p> <p>13th Feb,<br/>16th &amp; 27th March<br/>Call for details<br/><b>Quaama PopUp Park Session</b><br/>All welcome<br/>Call for details</p>  | <p><b>Candelo Preschool</b></p> <p>Candelo Market Grounds<br/><b>8:30am-9:30am</b><br/>14th February<br/>7th &amp; 28th March</p>   | <p><b>Pambula Sapphire Coast Active Kids</b></p> <p>Pambula Sportsgrounds,<br/><b>10.00am-11:30am</b><br/>8th &amp; 22nd February<br/>8th &amp; 22nd March<br/>5th April</p>   | <p><b>Bemboka Preschool</b></p> <p>Town Hall—Corner of Loftus &amp; Adams Streets<br/><b>8:30am-10:30am</b><br/>23rd February<br/>16th March<br/>13th April</p>  |
| <p><i>For further information please phone Vanessa on 0428 083 039, the PlayAbility office 6496 1918 or visit <a href="http://www.playability.com.au">www.playability.com.au</a></i></p>  | <p><b>Merimbula Tura Kindergarten</b></p> <p>44 Sapphire Coast Drive, Merimbula<br/><b>8:30am-9:30am</b><br/>21st February<br/>14th March 4th April</p>   | <p><b>Eden PlayAbility Play Sessions</b></p> <p>3 Crown Lane<br/>Eden<br/><b>10.00am-12.00pm</b><br/>1st March</p>   | <p><b>Wolumla Pop Up park Playgroup—all welcome</b></p> <p>Wolumla Park<br/>Corner of Smith &amp; Cochrane<br/><b>10.00am – 11:30am</b><br/>16th Feb 9th March<br/>6th April</p>                                     |
| <p><b>PlayAbility Supported Playgroups</b></p> <p>Join us for a structured playgroup with qualified educators for craft, morning tea, story time, music and movement and free play. All welcome.</p> <p><b>BEGA:</b> Wednesdays 9.30-11.00am starting 7th of February and running until 11th of April. Bega Seventh Day Adventist Hall, 31 Upper Street.</p> <p><b>COBARGO:</b> Tuesdays 10.00—11.30am starting 6th of February and running until the 10th of April. Cobargo Public School, Wandella Road, Cobargo. For further information please contact Kylie on 0427 677 066 or the PlayAbility office on 6496 1918</p> |   | <p><b>Golden Hearts Playgroup</b></p> <p><b>Gatherings for Grandparents raising Grandchildren</b></p> <p>Join us for a cuppa and a chat, and bring your children for a relaxed morning play.</p> <p><b>Thursdays 10.00am-12.00pm</b><br/>15th Feb, 15th March, 29th March, 12th April<br/>ALL WELCOME<br/>Please phone Vanessa for more information 0428 083 039</p> |  |