



## Greetings

**Welcome to this mainly music, one of many groups throughout Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom and in other parts of the world.** Each mainly music is associated with and is a program run by volunteers from a local church. The program was started over 25 years ago by willing volunteers who wanted to introduce children to music, dance, beat, rhythm and more, as well as provide a base for your family to think about the God-part of life. Amazing to think that all this can be achieved in a loving environment you can share with your child.

Congratulations on taking your child's development so seriously. Like us, you want the best for your child and helping them to develop is a significant step in your child's formative years. Throughout the session, your child will be learning and developing gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, maths and prereading skills as well as socialisation skills.

The session is designed to be creative. We make every effort to keep the program fresh and fun. Please participate with your child in each action song, rhyme and activity. **During mainly music, we've noticed that children participate more if the grown-ups get involved too.** If your child is too small to participate in the actions, help them to become involved by holding

### **Please do not bring children to mainly music if ...**

- They have vomitted within last 24 hours
- Had diarrhoea within last 24 hours
- Had a temperature within the last 24 hours
- A green runny nose
- Any unidentified rash
- Head lice
- Any contagious childhood disease (which of course you usually don't know about until two weeks later!)

their hands. And don't be concerned if all they want to do is explore the room - we're okay about that!

Please ensure you know, at all times, what your child is doing and where they are during the session and eat/play/chat times. It is important for you to take responsibility for the care and whereabouts of the children with you.

Our door charge is to cover the operating costs of this mainly music. You'll see there are musical instruments, props, and other items used during various sessions, as well as the snacks.

The sessions we provide are for children aged from birth to school age. If your school aged child is home due to a teacher-only day, feel free to bring them along. If they are unwell, please stay at home or make arrangements to have them looked after. With babies and toddlers in our session, it is unfair to have unwell children in the room.

We also want to hear from you if life is getting you down. We can help with a meal or someone to talk to if needed. We're always happy to pray with you.

We are here to serve you and look forward to getting to know you better as time goes on.

*Thank you for coming today. We look forward to seeing you again.*

## Social media

Photos of families at mainly music cannot be used on any social media site unless they contain **only** your child or children or if you have written permission from the other parents. Please ensure you do not load photos with groups of children or adults where no permission has been granted. Thank you.

## Carers - you're welcome

Thank you for coming to mainly music with children in your care. We want each child you're caring for to take home items for dinner time show and tell! It's a great way to connect the child's day with their family. Please know that we want to care for you too so if life is getting on top of you, please let us know. Thank you again for joining this group.

