



**play matters**  
step into prep

## What is Step into Prep?

- A term-based program using a playgroup format where parents stay, play, and learn with their child.
- Builds a child's social and emotional 'skills' bank as they transition to formal schooling through engaging in age and developmentally appropriate learning games and routines.
- Creates opportunities to experience the school environment and to build relationships with teachers and administrative staff.

## What benefits does the program offer participating families?

- Opportunities to learn about the school and a better understanding of how to support their child to be 'school ready'.
- The opportunity for their child to experience being in 'school' and to join with school staff in a welcoming and engaging way through play.
- The chance to make friends with other children who are enrolled in Prep the following year.
- Practical support to improve their child's development and their parenting skills in a non-threatening and supportive atmosphere.
- The opportunity to meet other parents and form friendships and support networks.
- Support to help foster their child's development and love of learning.
- Uninterrupted time spent playing with their child in a learning environment.

## What do participating families receive?

- Complimentary membership to Play Matters.
- Free playgroup sessions for their child over Terms 3 and 4 of 2023.
- Access to a range of age and developmentally-appropriate resources.
- School credit to the value of \$50 (attendance and eligibility criteria exist).

**School: Crescent Lagoon State School**

**Start Date: 27/7/2023**

**Day: Thursday**

**Time: 9 am till 11 am**

**Location: School Hall -North Street Extended**



For more information, please contact the school on : 499993333