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## Celebrities come to the party for Play School's 50<sup>th</sup> in July

This year, iconic Australian television program *Play School* celebrates 50 years on air as the nation's most respected, trusted and longest-running children's series. To mark this special occasion, on 4 July ABC KIDS (TV and iview) presents an exciting series of *Play School Celebrity Covers* that is sure to entertain both young and old alike.

The series of mini episodes features a star-studded line up of popular Australian personalities turning their hand at being a *Play School* presenter, either performing a song or reading a story. From 4 July, episodes will air daily on ABC KIDS at 8am and 5pm. On the program's official birthday on 18 July, a half hour collection of a number of the mini episodes, *Play School Celebrity Covers Special*, will air on ABC KIDS at 630pm.

The *Play School Celebrity Covers* series will also be available on ABC iview, with five episodes debuting on 4 July and further episodes being added to the platform daily following their broadcast on ABC KIDS.

Featuring in the *Play School Celebrity Covers* are: **Adam Goodes, Annabel Crabb with Leigh Sales, Architecture in Helsinki, Benita Collings with Don Spencer, Bernard Fanning, Carrie Bickmore, Costa Georgiadis, Dami Im, Dan Sultan, Delta Goodrem, Emma Wiggle, Guy Sebastian, Hamish and Andy, Jeremy Fernandez, John Hamblin, Josh Thomas, Kate Ceberano with her daughter Gypsy, Kate Miller-Heidke, Katie Noonan, Kurt Fearnley with Rachael Coopes, Lee Lin Chin with Takaya Honda, Magda Szubanski, Caitlin Cooper, Ellie Carpenter and Michelle Heyman from the Matildas, Missy Higgins, Molly Meldrum with Charlie Pickering, The Umbilical Brothers, Tim Minchin, Tim Omaji and You Am I.**

### Program information:

#### ABC KIDS

**4 July:** 8am Benita Collings & Don Spencer, *Teddy Bears Picnic*; 5pm Missy Higgins, *Three Little Fishies*

**5 July:** 8am Carrie Bickmore, *Family Forest*; 5pm Guy Sebastian, *Singing in the Rain*

**6 July:** 8am Dan Sultan, *The Wheels on the Bus*; 5pm Bernard Fanning, *Morning Town Ride*

**7 July:** 8am Delta Goodrem, *Twinkle Twinkle & Moon Moon*; 5pm Emma Wiggle, *There's a Bear in There*

**8 July:** 8am John Hamblin, *I'm a Little Teapot*; 5pm Kurt Feanley & Rachael Coopes, *Going on a Bear Hunt*

**9 July:** 8am Annabel Crabb and Leigh Sales, *Singing in the Kitchen*; 5pm Kate Cebrano & daughter Gypsy, *I like Peace, I like Quiet*

**10 July:** 8am Costa Georgiadis, *Worm at the Bottom of my Garden & Wiggerly Woo*; 5pm Caitlin Cooper, Ellie Carpenter and Michelle Heyman from the Matildas, *If You're Happy and You Know It*

**11 July:** 8am Dami Im, *Somewhere over the Rainbow*; 5pm Adam Goodes, *Counting Aussie Animals*

**12 July:** 8am You Am I, *One Potato, Two Potato*; 5pm Katie Noonan, *I Can Sing a Rainbow*

**13 July:** 8am Tim Minchin, *The Bunyip of Berkeley's Creek*; 5pm Benita Collings & Don Spencer, *Little Peter Rabbit*

**14 July:** 8am Magda Szubanski, *Old Mother Hubbard*; 5pm Tim Omaji, *Rhythm*

**15 July:** 8am Molly Meldrum & Charlie Pickering, *Nursery Rhyme News*, 5pm Josh Thomas *Ning Nang Nong*

**16 July:** 8am Lee Lin Chin & Takaya Honda, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, 5pm Architecture in Helsinki, *Big Bass Drum*

**17 July:** 8am Jeremy Fernandez, *Five Cheeky Monkeys*; 5pm Kate Miller-Heidke, *The Owl and the Pussycat*

**18 July:** 8am The Umbilical Brothers, *Fairytale Mash-up*; 5pm John Hamblin, *Old MacDonald*

630pm *Play School Celebrity Covers Special* with Hamish & Andy, *There's a Hole in my Bucket*; John Hamblin, *I'm a Little Teapot*; Dan Sultan, *The Wheels on the Bus*; Molly Meldrum and Charlie Pickering, *Nursery Rhyme News*; Delta Goodrem, *Twinkle Twinkle & Moon Moon*; Benita Collings & Don Spencer, *Teddy Bears Picnic*; Josh Thomas, *Ning Nang Nong*; Annabell Crabb and Leigh Sales, *Singing in the Kitchen*; Guy Sebastian, *Singing in the Rain*; Magda Szubanski, *Old Mother Hubbard*; You Am I, *One Potato, Two Potato*

**19 July:** 8am Hamish & Andy, *There's a Hole in my Bucket*

#### **ABC iview**

**4 July:** Five episodes available: Benita Collings & Don Spencer, *Teddy Bears Picnic*; Costa Georgiadis, *Worm at the Bottom of my Garden & Wiggerly Woo*; Lee Lin Chin & Takaya Honda, *The Emperor's New Clothes*; Missy Higgins, *Three Little Fishies*; and Emma Wiggle, *There's A Bear in There*

**From 5 July:** Episodes airing on ABC KIDS will be available following its broadcast on ABC iview

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