



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated:

Centre number: 6553

Centre name: Meningie Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director Fiona Maddaford
- Postal address 29 Edward Street Meningie SA
- Location address 29 Edward Street Meningie SA
- Partnership Coorong Mallee
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)- 150km
- Telephone number 08 85751290
- Fax number 08 85751735
- Preschool website address: www.meningiepreschool.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address dl.6553.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
 - 2017 Total eligible enrolments - 24
 - 2018 Total eligible enrolments - 22
 - 2019 Total eligible enrolments - 20
- Co-located/stand-alone Stand Alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children- operates on a fortnightly cycle.
8.45-3.00pm Tuesday/Thursday and even weeks Friday.
 - Children attend for full day sessions.

- Pre-entry offered in Term 4 for children beginning preschool the following year.
- Preschool support- many services are available through support services including Speech Pathologist

2. Key Centre Policies

- Preschool policies are available for families to view on site.

3. Curriculum

- A play based curriculum is offered which is guided by the Early Years Learning Framework.
- The Early Years Learning Framework and the Preschool Numeracy and Literacy Indicators underpin our assessment of childrens learning and reporting processes.
- Core Values- Respect, Relationships, Wellbeing, Active learning, Kindness.
- Our program is reflective of the dispositions for learning promoted within the EYLF.
- Intentional teaching and learning experiences based on childrens interests guide our programming with opportunities for inquiry based learning.
- Our program supports and promotes the cultural diversity amongst our families. Families are encouraged to share their culture through our program.
- We have a wonderful outdoor learning environment that allows for free nature play as well as inquiry based learning opportunities. We have developed the yard space over a number of years and continue to build natural play spaces for our children.
- Bush kindy is offered in term 2/3. Regular walks take place to the local lions walking trail.
- Regular camp fires occur in term 2/3.
- Local excursions occur to Jallarah Aged Care the local school and within the community.
- We have a large playgroup which occurs on Wednesdays and is run by parent volunteers.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Director - 0.5 plus 0.1 Universal access hours= 0.6
- Teacher - 0.5 plus 0.1 Universal access hours = 0.6
- Early Childhood Worker- based on enrolments.

Preschool Support Worker (varies from term to term)

Access to special support staff -Speech Pathologist, Pyschologist, Murray Mallee Community Health Service, Child & Youth Health Services, Behaviour Management Officer,

5. Centre Facilities

- **Buildings and grounds**
1 large building with several play areas & large outdoor area promoting outdoor learning and play situations
- **Capacity (per session)**
30 children per session
- **Centre Ownership-** Locally Owned Grounds and Preschool building.
- Access for children and staff with disabilities- our building is accessible for children and people with special rights.
Wheelchair Access.

6. Local Community

- **General characteristics:**
Farming/ Fishing Industry, local Area School and Preschool, Hosptial, Bank, supermarket, Jallarah (Aged Care), Newsagency/Post Office, Pharmacy, Florist, Second Hand Clothing Store, Bakery, Child Care Centre, café.
- **Parent and community involvement in the preschool-**
We have strong parent and community involvement in the preschool. Governing council is well supported and have successful fundraising events which are well supported by the local community. We have regular opportunities for families to be involved in our program including
 - Welcome BBQ
 - Harmony Day celebrations
 - Literacy and Numeracy nights
 - Special person afternoon.
 - Colour run/obstacle run days.We have a large playgroup and recently have developed a Mothers and Babies group which runs before playgroup. All families are members of Playgroup SA and our playgroup and mothers/babies groups are run by volunteers.
 - Working bees are well supported throughout the year.
 - Preschool children visit Jallarah aged care each term.
 - Regular visits occur to the library based at the local school.
- **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool-**
Meningie Area School
Unity College Murray Bridge

- **Other local care and educational facilities,**
Meningie Area School, Lake Albert Children's Centre.
- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**
Local Shops including supermarket, chemist, butcher, bakery, farm machinery, community, service station.
- Other local facilities
Coorong Medical Centre Ph: 0885751208,
Meningie & Districts Memorial Hospital Ph: 0886752777
Football, Netball, Golf, Cricket, Bowls, Ballet, Karate, Dance.
- Accessibility
Public Transport Bus Company (Daily to Murray Bridge)
Access to Murray Bridge (75km's), Access to Adelaide (150km's)
Road quality is good

