



Dear families,

August 2023

We would like to warmly welcome all of our new children and families who have joined our Pennington learning community this term as part of the mid-year intake. This is a new State-wide initiative, where all preschools are offering two start dates for children depending on their birthdate. The first in January (start of term 1) and the second in July (start of term 3). This change means that our groups are larger, 40 children in Group A and 45 children in Group B. We also welcome new staff members, and so we have included a page of photos in this newsletter to help you put names to faces.

BOOK WEEK: NEXT WEEK ... book week is a long standing Australian tradition where children in preschools and schools dress up as their favourite character from a book.

Group A: Tuesday 24th August—dress up day

Group B: Thursday 26th August—dress up day

We encourage families to get creative and use what you find at home to dress up in. We also have loads of costumes at kindy and will have these available on the day, so children are also welcome to dress up once they arrive at kindy. We look forward to seeing everyone. Our staff team love dressing up too!

Kind Regards,

Jessica & Michelle

Dates to remember	
TUESDAY 22nd August	Group A & Occasional Care Book Week Dress Up
THURSDAY 24th August	Group B Book Week Dress Up
MONDAY 28th August	Group A Professional Photo Day
WEDNESDAY 30th August	Pupil Free Day—NO KINDY for GROUP B children Staff professional development
THURSDAY 31st August	Please note: CHANGE IN DATE Group B Professional Photo Day

Our task, regarding creativity, is to help children climb their own mountains, as high as possible. No one can do more.

~ Loris Malaguzzi



Children are invited to celebrate BOOK WEEK with us.
Dress up as your favourite character from a story book or
animal/object/machine from an information text.

Group A & Occasional Care: Tuesday 22nd August

Group B: Thursday 24th August

Here are some of our educators
dressing up from previous years!



**LIZZIE the
LITERACY
LIZARD**



Lizzie the Lizard August monthly
message is

**"Asking questions everyday helps
our brains to grow!"**

*"Questions give a voice to our wonderings. When
we ask questions, it means we are sitting in that
delightful place of the unknown. Children tend to
ask questions because they are curious, intrigued
and interested—a spark has been lit."*

David Gilkes

Read more about questioning strategies that open
possibilities and pathways for children's imagination,
problem solving, theory making and curiosity...

[I have a question: Stretching thinking through the
art of questioning - ABC Kids](#)

Snapshot of learning from our Learning Plan



Teaching and Learning Intention: Children develop their understanding of symbol systems

As children develop as effective communicators, they are beginning to understand how symbols and pattern systems work. We have been focused on this area of learning so far this term, providing children with many different ways to notice symbols and understand that they represent meaning.

In other words, until children develop this foundational knowledge, a letter of the alphabet for example, written on a page or in a book, will only look like a squiggle/mark to a child until they learn to attach meaning to that letter.

There are many symbols in a child's world and we encourage you to notice and talk about them at home and within the community too.

These photos show children noticing symbols used in Aboriginal artwork, flags and letters (just some of many types of symbols).

Children are encouraged to notice, discuss and represent symbols themselves by drawing or creating.



Snapshot of learning from our Learning Plan

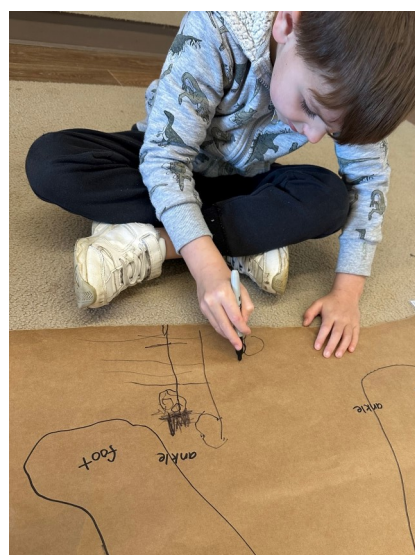
Teaching and Learning Intention: **Keeping Safe Curriculum**

The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum is a mandatory framework delivered in preschools, primary and high schools. The learning aims to equip children with protective practices and strategies to keep themselves safe.

This term we are working on focus area 3. Children are learning about their bodies, and how their body belongs to them. Part of this learning, is knowing the correct body part names. Children are invited to draw (or trace) a body and label all the body parts. The skeleton puzzle and songs 'Heads, shoulders, knees, and toes (in Kaurua language too) and 'The Hokey Pokey' are supporting children to engage in a playful way.

Educators use puppets and stories to practice consent, for example we need to ask our friend first before we hug them and it's okay to say "No!".

Please see the fact sheets from the Department for Education on the next page, and speak to any of our staff team if you have any questions.



Pennington Children's Centre Staff Team



Tamara

Teacher



Courtney

Teacher



Georgie

Kindy Educator



Lynne

Kindy Educator



Crystal

Kindy Educator



Ania

Thurs & Fri
Kindy Educator



Weronika

Occasional Care Educa-
tor & Kindy Educator



Dayna

Mon—Thurs
Kindy Educator



Olivia

Mon & Tues
Kindy Educator



Maria

Wed—Fri
Kindy Educator



Daniella

Tues—Thurs
Admin & Finance
Officer



Linda

Currently on leave for
Term 3
Kindy Educator



Jessica

Mon—Wed
Director



Michelle

Wed—Fri
Teacher & Director



Leesa

Friday — Teacher



Maggie

Community Development
Co-ordinator

Luja

Monday—Playgroup

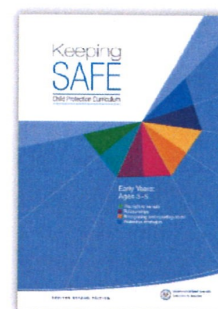
Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

Parent and carer fact sheet | Early Years: Ages 3–5

What is the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum?

The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) is a respectful relationships and child safety curriculum that teaches all children and young people they have the right to be safe and they can help themselves to be safe by talking to people they trust.

The KS:CPC is delivered by teachers to children and young people each year from Age 3 to Year 12. Teachers who deliver the curriculum complete training in its use. The KS:CPC fits primarily within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Australian Curriculum but can be taught across multiple learning areas.



Why is child protection important?

The Department for Education has a legal responsibility to protect children and young people from abuse in its own settings and in the wider community. All children and young people have a right to:

- be treated with respect and to be protected from harm
- feel and be safe in their interactions with adults and other children and young people
- understand as early as possible, what is meant by 'feeling and being safe'
- the support of school based counsellors or designated staff in their education or care environment whose role includes being an advocate for their safety and wellbeing (*Child Protection in Schools, Early Childhood Education and Care Services Policy*, 2019).

What is included?

The KS:CPC is divided into four Focus Areas each covering a number of topics. For Ages 3-5, these are:

1. The right to be safe <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Feelings▪ Being safe▪ Warning signs	2. Relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rights & responsibilities▪ Identity & relationships▪ Trust & networks
3. Recognising and reporting abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Privacy & the body▪ Touching▪ Recognising abuse▪ Secrets	4. Protective strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Strategies for keeping safe

How can I support my child with the KS:CPC?

- Provide relevant information about your child to their teacher that could assist with the delivery of the curriculum.
- Understand and reinforce the key messages of the KS:CPC. Refer to the information on the following page.

How can I find out more information about the KS:CPC?

- Speak to your child's teacher or the preschool or school's leadership staff.
- Go to the KS:CPC website for concept summaries and additional information: http://kscpc.2.vu/DE_ParentsCarers.

What support services and additional information are available?

- Child and Family Health: <http://cyh.com.au>
- Kids Helpline parent information: <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents>
- National sexual assault, domestic and family violence counselling service: <https://www.1800respect.org.au>
- Parenting SA (and Parent Easy Guides): <http://parenting.sa.gov.au>
- Raising children network: <http://raisingchildren.net.au>



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Images photographic centre
specialising in preschool photography



Album Package \$40

Package includes three 5 x 7 inch individual photos plus a group photo or class composite presented in a high quality keepsake album

YOUR PHOTO DAYS ARE....

Group A	Group B
Monday 28th & Thursday 31st August	

Albums are supplied on a purchase or return basis and there is no obligation to buy. Any quantity and combination of individual 5x7 photos may be purchased for \$12 each. Enlargements and other products are also available, we welcome reorders at any time. Please contact us for further information

Images Photographic Centre
www.imagesadelaide.com
orders@imagesadelaide.com

Please note: Photos are for Kindy children only

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY

1. Man with a Pram event – FREE—Sunday 3rd September

To celebrate and support FATHERS and FATHER FIGURES in our lives—this is a fun, family friendly, free event with a breakfast, free giveaways and a Father's Day gift.

MAN WITH A PRAM Father's Day Walk 2023

Sunday, 3 September 2023 | Meet at 9.45am for 10am walk

START Noonies at the Beach Cafe, 1 Esplanade, Semaphore South

WALK TIME 20 minutes

FINISH Semaphore Foreshore Playground



All welcome!

BYO PRAMS, BIKES, SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

Join us for our annual Man With A Pram Father's Day walk at Semaphore.

Join parents, kids, grandparents and friends in coming together for a social walk to celebrate and support fathers and father figures.

Meet us at Noonies Café and walk along the foreshore to the Semaphore Foreshore Playground.

Enjoy breakfast, free giveaways and a Father's Day gift. Register and walk to be in the draw for a prize!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

Want to support the cause?
Donate to Dads Group Inc at www.dadsgroup.org/donate-1

For enquiries, contact Gloria on
0438 177 430 or gloria.debba@sa.gov.au



**UNITING
SA** Together we can



2. Parenting in Australia course—FREE—a workshop for multicultural families

This course has 2 sessions. We are also offering a free creche, so your child/children can attend and play while you join the session with other parents. Please book in by speaking to a staff member or Maggie, our community

Parenting in Australia

...a workshop for multicultural families

Families
Growing
Together

Parenting in Australia is a **FREE** workshop that helps you as parents and caregivers to build an understanding of your child and their healthy development.

Our workshops are full of helpful information with a choice of simple, practical strategies that each family can adapt for their own parenting situations.

Topics to support your parenting include:

- 🔗 Parenting in a new culture
- 🔗 Connecting with children
- 🔗 Understanding children's behaviour
- 🔗 Helping children to identify and manage emotions

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**.

Light refreshments and creche available.

(Bookings essential)



Where: Pennington Children's Centre
Butler Ave Pennington

When: Part 1: Wednesday 6th September 2023
Part 2: Wednesday 20th September 2023

Time: 9:30am-11:00am

To book: Maggie McCabe 82681200 Maggie.McCabe2@sa.gov.au

Everyone is welcome, bookings essential.

Please arrive 10 minutes early to register.

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A new app for parents and carers ...

Want to parent
like you know it?

Office for the
Early Years



The first five years of a child's life is critical for their health, development, learning and wellbeing, but it's a pretty major learning curve for parents and carers too.

That's why we've created the Early Years SA app - to provide South Australian parents and carers with trusted resources and information to guide you on your journey as a new parent.

The Early Years SA app allows you to:

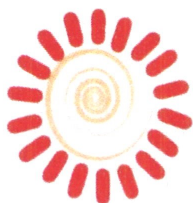
- source trusted and credible information relevant to South Australian families;
- filter information by your child's age;
- record your child's growth;
- enable notifications to get reminders of when child health and development checks, immunisations and dental checks are due, and when to start preschool and school enrolment
- connect with early years' service providers, such as Child and Family Health Services, KidSafe, ForWhen and PANDA.

To download the app & find out more info, use this link:

[Early years app \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://education.sa.gov.au/early-years-app)

3. The Junction Community Centre

The Junction Community Centre are offering a great opportunity for you to join a tour of local places of worship to explore and learn about cultural practices on Thursday 7 September 2023. Booking are essential.



THE JUNCTION COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

2A May Terrace, Ottoway. SA. 5013

Adult Learners Week – It's Never Too Late To Learn, Sept 1-8th, 2023

Join us for free guided tours of four local places of worship to learn more about the religious and cultural practices of people in your neighbourhood.



On THURSDAY Sept 7th, 2023 we will visit the:

1. Phap Hoa Temple (Buddhism)
2. Al Khalil Mosque (Islam)
3. Gurdwara Guru Nanak Darbar Temple (Sikhism)
4. Port Adelaide Uniting Church (Christianity)



You will have the opportunity to ask questions of each of the religious leaders - to learn more about the various beliefs, practices and places of worship.

We depart from the Junction Community Centre
(2A May Terrace,
Ottoway) at 10am and
return at 3pm.

Please bring a packed lunch.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Call Sophia on 0404-232-110



This is open to everyone – including the general public and service providers.

4. Women's Create—Pennington Children's Centre

An amazing opportunity for women to attend our Centre and meet/socialise with other women in the community. There is a free crèche available if required.



Women Create

WHEN: Every Thursday from 9 to 11am
WHERE: Pennington Children's Centre

Come along and enjoy morning tea and time to create new things using clay, paint and other art and craft materials.

Make time for you at Women Create

Free creche available – **bookings required**

Please contact us on 8268 1200 for more information and bookings

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