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Family Handbook

We would like to acknowledge this land on which we live and work is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide Region and their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.



Taikurrendi Vision and Values in action



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Takurrendi [pron. Tie-ka-rendi] comes from the local Kurna Aboriginal language meaning, 'to be mixed, together.'



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Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre Vision

Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre is a safe place for every child and family, where culture will develop and thrive. Partnerships and relationships are created as we lead new ways and provide opportunities through staff, children and family's education and learning. We will always aspire to reflect a socially just environment that values the identity of our community.

Values

Relationship and Friendship – are at the foundations of our work with children, families and our community.

Belonging – all children, families and staff are feeling cultural safe, connected and welcomed.

Kindness - everyone will be treated with kindness and it is what we expect from our staff, children and families.

Courage - We encourage our staff to be brave and bold educators as we strive for innovation and creativity.



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'Growth for every child,
in every class,
in every classroom
and every preschool'

Acknowledging the traditional owners of the land we provide a service on is important to us at Taikurrendi. Every morning the children acknowledge the Kurna people, with this song: The Niinna Marni Song (Welcome song in the Kurna Language).

Niinna Marni Song

Niinna Marni, Niina Marni

Marn'ai, Marn'ai

Wanti niina, Wanti niina

Wardi-ana, Wardi-ana

Healthy Lunch Ideas

Staff at Taikurrendi aim to promote nutritional eating habits in a safe, supportive environment for all children. We believe that early childhood is an important time for establishing lifelong, healthy eating habits and can benefit the children in three ways:

- Short term: Maximise growth, development and activity whilst minimising illness
- Long term: Minimise the risk of diet related diseases later in life e.g. heart disease, strokes, some cancers and diabetes
- Advice from speech pathologists and dentists indicates that children should be eating crunchy foods.

Here are some great lunchbox ideas for your growing child



We aspire to be a site that embeds sustainable practices throughout the programs we provide. Please think GREEN when packing lunches.

-try to limit single use plastic. Try bee's wax wraps or reusable containers.

-let us know if you have chooks at home– we love sending home food and fruit scraps.

-we clean and repurpose containers and some packaging in our kindy program and incorporate it into creative learning experiences and outside play. We welcome your ideas and feedback to improve.



Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre

The Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre has been developed in partnership with DECD and the Federal government through the Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership. It brings together education, health and family services. Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre incorporates a committed focus on supporting Aboriginal families with young children to provide the best possible start in life.

The centre is located on site at Christies Beach Primary School. Taikurrendi Children and Family centre will work together with Christies Beach Primary school to deliver education and support for the community. The centre is open to all children and families and will provide targeted support when it is needed.

Programs offered include:

- A high quality early childhood education with embedded Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural perspectives.
- 56 place preschool, Occasional Care, Transition program and playgroups.
- Integrated health and family support.
- Community development and engagement opportunities.

We are a site committed to supporting education and workforce participation for our community and make very effort to provide collegiate support and shared learning opportunities. 3



Staff

Director of Education and Care: Catherine Cavouras
Preschool teacher: Elizabeth G, Chrissy B, Mary-Anne S & Rachel R
Early Childhood Educators: Aunty Mela H, Peta G, Tara M
Occasional Care: Rose C and Lili S-L
Family Practitioner: Yaz Greenwood
Community Development Worker : Steph Bruce
Speech Pathologist: Tara Anderson
Occupational Therapist: Bec Johns
Admin Support: Tahnee M, Annette K + Finance Officer: Monica B

Operating times 2021

In 2021 Taikurrendi preschool will be operating on a full time basis. From 2014 DECD Preschools have implemented a 'Same First Day' policy which means that there will only be a preschool intake at the beginning of term 1 from 2015 onwards. Children who are turning or have turned 4 years old before the 1st May are eligible to begin preschool in term 1. Children turning 4yrs old on or after 1st May will begin preschool the following year in January.

Early intervention and access to preschool programs allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) children, children under the guardianship of the Minister and children with additional needs early entry to preschool when required. If you have any questions regarding this please speak with the Director.

*Eligible children are entitled to 15hrs of preschool (2 ½ days) per week.



Occasional Care **subject to change*

DFE Occasional care is a service for children under school age. During the year we are offering Occasional Care to families that may not otherwise have access to care or respite.

Occasional Care is low cost integrated care for children 12 months+. Cost per session: \$1.50(Conc) and \$5.00 (non Conc) payable on the day.

Occasional sessions- bookings essential

Sessions are made up of Over 2s and Under 2s.

- **Tue 8.45am-11.30am**
- **Wed 8.45am-11.30am**
- **Fri 8.45am-11.30am**

Bookings can be made with Rose or Catherine.

Please provide— healthy snack, water bottle and change of nappy and clothes and a broad brim hat)

Please call or txt if your child will not be attending on the day. Each term we open up bookings to ensure that we can share this wonderful opportunity with more families.

Policies

We are guided by DFE Policies and Procedures. We are currently developing information for families that address specific areas and issues.

The DFE website www.education.sa.gov.au has a range of Policies that all sites must adhere to such as

Child protection

Sun Smart

Healthy eating guidelines

Raising A Concern or Complaint

Interactions with Children

Hard copies are available upon request.

Please see the Director if required.



Lunch care

Lunch care is supported by 2 staff members between 11:45am and 12:15pm. Children will eat together followed by relax/quiet time fully supervised to enable preschool staff to have lunch breaks and set up for the afternoon session.

The learning program is developed and planned by Early Childhood teachers with a focus on learning through play. The program reflects learning experiences that support skill development and lead by children’s interests. A copy of the learning program is on display.

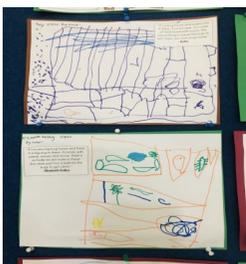
Each child has an information pocket at the main entrance that we use for communication etc. Please check on a regular basis.

Parent Advisory Group

Family and community input and decision making is critical to the operational success of the preschool. Taikurrendi Children and Family centre will form a Parent Advisory Group in term 1, 2021 and will call an Annual General meeting to develop its key decision making body. All families are invited to participate and put forward nominations.

Parent volunteers provide leadership and contribute to learning outcomes of children. We welcome participation of families, ideas and requests to enhance the learning program at Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre

Meetings held twice every term all welcome.



Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre Preschool Sessions

Yambo (dolphin) group

Monday: 8.45am-3.00pm

Tuesday: 8:45am- 3:00pm

Friday: 8.45am-11.30am *eligible 4yr olds only

Naahla (echidna) group

Wednesday: 8.45am-3.00pm

Thursday: 8.45am-3.00pm

Friday: 8.45am-11.30am *eligible 4yr olds only

2021 Term Dates

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2021	Wed 27 Jan - Fri 9 Apr	Mon 27 Apr -Fri 2 Jul	Mon 19 Jul - Fri 24 Sep	Mon 11 Oct - Fri 10 Dec

At Taikurrendi we recognise the importance of language being central to culture and make a commitment to respectfully use Kaurna language in our site to honour this.

Yambo (dolphin) and Naahla (echidna) come from the Kaurna language.



Preschool Term fees

Term fees are set at \$60 per term

Term fees contribute to learning program resources and are generally set by Governing council and reviewed on an annual basis. Term fees are collected at the beginning of each term and instalment payments can be negotiated with the Director. Please do not hesitate to contact if you have any questions.

Programming, reporting

The National Early Years Learning Framework, 'Belonging, Being, Becoming', which was developed as part of the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care is used by centre staff as a basis for curriculum delivery at our centre. This framework has a specific emphasis on play-based learning. When children play, they learn about themselves, other people and the environment around them. It is through play where children learn to communicate, gain confidence, develop physical skills, problem solve and become involved learners. At our centre we have a number of approaches to support children's learning. We adopt a Learning Together approach to care for children's wellbeing and help to develop lifelong learning skills and dispositions. We use an inquiry approach to plan a curriculum centred on each child's interests and needs. We encourage children to share their ideas and invite them to communicate this to lead the learning program. Children's interests help us to provide a meaningful curriculum that children are engaged in and have ownership over. The Early Years Learning Framework has a strong focus on the development of communication, literacy, social and emotional needs for all young children.

An outline of our centre program is always displayed in the centre for you to read and write comments and give feedback.



What your child will need to bring to preschool

- A preschool bag (with name on)
- Fruit or vegetable for shared fruit time (morning/afternoon session)
- A healthy lunch (e.g. salad roll, vegemite sandwich, salad, ham, cheese etc)
- Please do not send chips or biscuits and if yogurt/cheese/sliced meats are packed remember to put a cooler block in lunch box to ensure it is kept at the right temperature.
- A change of spare clothes kept in their bag (we encourage children to be involved in painting and messy play)
- Broad brim hat (named)- bright broad brim Taikurrendi hats are available, cost \$10- see Catherine.

2021 we are a nut free site due to children having a severe allergy to nuts and nut based products. Please do not send in whole nuts, use nut based spreads. Thankyou

Parents or carers must sign their child in and out of the kindy session, the attendance sheet is at the main entrance.

If your child is away (especially if sick) or you are planning to be away during the preschool term please let staff know, this supports our planning. **Phone 8186 1102 or txt mb 0419 401 866.** Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to kindy and staff will support children to reapply after lunch.

Ensure your child is wearing suitable shoes for activities like running, climbing etc (no thongs or heels) and wearing clothes that cover shoulders (no tank tops).