



Tanunda Kindergarten

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Tanunda Kindergarten



Here is the land. Here is the sky.
Here are my friends, and here am I.
We thank the Peramangk people for the land
on which we learn and play.
Hands up, hands down.
We're on Peramangk land.



REMINDERS:

When the days have a UV rating of 3 and over we will wear our hats outside. Rain, hail or shine.

Fees are now due. Please speak to Karen if you would like to arrange payment by installments.

We can now accept direct deposits

Account name
TANUNDA KINDERGARTEN,
BSB 105 024

Account number 112221940

Please use this reference
child's name
(first name and surname please)

Things to share.... 2024

OUR STAFF TEAM 2023:
KAREN SHIPARD- DIRECTOR/ TEACHER
KIM SMETHURST - TEACHER
EMILY KING- TEACHER
DI BIRCHARD- PRESCHOOL SUPPORT WORKER
JANICE SEAGER- FINANCE OFFICER/ ADMINISTRATION
OPERATIONAL HOURS: 8.45AM-3PM

Dear Community,

In 2024 the following changes has been approved and communicated to community, mid-year and new families, Governing Council and staff. Tanunda Kindergarten will begin as a part time service for Preschool as of term 1 2024. The following details have been ratified by Governing Council, consulted with enrolling families and approved by Human Resources and Early Childhood services in central office.

Tanunda will operate as follows in 2024:

Monday- Full day 8.45am-3.30pm

Tuesday- Full day 8.45am-3.30pm

Wednesdays (x3 per term) 8.45am-3.30pm.

Staffing will be adjusted to fit: Director, Teacher and ECW x3 days per week. The site will not operate a service Thursday or Friday. As per Department For Education direction.

2023 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Chair- Elle McArdle
Treasurer- Charlie Pech
Secretary- Marella Rodda
Members-
Nicole Taylor
Carly Simcock
Sammi Masey
Director-Karen Shipard
Staff Representative- Kim Smethurst
We thank members for volunteering across this year. And their valuable contributions. The AGM in 2024 is set to be held in week 4 Term 1 2024. Mel will confirm days next year.



Newsletter

Tanunda Kindergarten 2023, Week 8, Term 4 2023



Dear Families,

It is with great sadness I now say goodbye to our Rainbow Kindergarten- Tanunda Kindergarten. After 9 years as leader of this site through all the emotions that life brings to us, it's time to say goodbye.

Although I have another year as tenured leader, the Department for Education has made the decision for the site to become part-time in its future capacity. As I applied for a 5 year position at full time, a part-time reduction of time is not one I am able to take on and continue to support my family and life into the future.

It is therefore the hardest decision for me to have to leave and take up a full-time role elsewhere. It has been my greatest privilege to lead this site, with a small team of talented, committed and amazing teachers and educators over the years. In life I always like to leave a work environment better than I found it as my goal. In this case I think I have completed my journey.

In terms of facilities we have update all heating and cooling, replaced sub-par boundary fences, began works on new children toileting (to be completed January 2024 holidays) and change facilities. We have replaced carpets, added sumps, created the most beautiful yard environments for children to play, be and belong.

We have supported teaching students in attaining their work experience, teaching degrees, certificate 3 and diplomas in early childhood. Our future early childhood teachers and educators! We have been a part of so many local community networks and events across the years. So much fun.

We have achieved a wonderful outcome in our assessment and rating in 2023 and built the learning trajectory of children in emotional regulation and literacy development to high leveled of outcomes. We have built strong and lasting transition points to our feeder schools. We have nurtured, cared and support children to become resilient learners and caring friends along the way. Scaffolding learning, development, wellbeing and resilience across the years. We have played!

Dates to remember	
Week 1	Term 4
Week 2	No child session
Week 3	Combined group excursion para wirra
Week 4	Friday full session green group
Week 5	Fiday full session orange group
Week 6	green Group session
Week 7	Friday session Orange group DISCO
Week 8	Green group session DISCO
Week 9	No child session Last day of term
Holidays	Last Day of term: Thursday children



Goodbye and thanks....

I thank my staff team, whom I will miss dearly for their unwavering commitment to children across the years. It takes a village to raise a child as they say- each person who has worked with me over the past 9 years has contributed to children's learning, development and wellbeing. Thank you to the teachers across the years: Kim, Emily, Rich, Pat, Liz, Lizzie, Amy, Libby. And acting leaders Steve, Kin and Fiona. Thank you to the support staff: Di, Janice, Sue, Glenn, Vikky, Lauren, Nikki, Susan, Lisa. Thank you to our cleaner- Lilian and our gardener Rick for all you do.

Thank you to our many amazing TRTs especially our local supports in Nat, Bel, Rosie, Cindy, Di, Pat, Jo, Carol-Anne and many more who have supported myself and the team to keep the doors open during Covid times particularly.

Thanks to our Governing Councils and chairs who I have had the privilege to learn, share and grow with over the years: Angela, Michael, Dana, Nick, Renee, Bek and Elle. Your commitment, dedication and volunteering to support the kindy over the years through good and hard times has been more important than words could ever describe for me. I appreciate you all.

To the families thank you for your connection, care, conversation and support over the years. What a privilege to meet so many wonderful parents, guardians and extended family across the years. How wonderful! To the children- I have adored teaching everyone of you across 9 years. Watching, learning and supporting you to belong, be and become the most amazing people. I am a teacher first and foremost and you have all taught me so much, shared so much joy for learning over the years. I wish you all the biggest success into your bright futures. I will miss you all.

We wish Mel Sinkinson, Kim Smethurst and the rest of the team a wonderful 2024 learning together. We hope to be able to fill the support position prior to holidays and confirm any future announcements. If not Mel can follow this in the new year for staff and families. Mel and I will do a handover in the holiday period to share site information, logistics and information. And her and the team will set the scene for 2024. Mel and Kim will determine the x3 day Wednesdays for 2024 into the new year as a team.

I would also like to personally congratulate Emily King on her new full year position at another site in 2024 in another portfolio area beyond the Barossa Valley. I met Emily when she was fresh out of University a few years ago and we had her as a Trt and I knew she would be an awesome teacher. Then when the opportunity came in 2022 for her to take a contract I was excited to offer her the position, then retain her at our site for a full year this year. She is becoming a very proficient teacher and it has been a fun experience mentoring, learning and sharing with her across the past few years. I'm excited to hear about her next learning adventures in the new year.

With that I thank you my beautiful kindergarten, my second home for all of it! Wouldn't change a minute. And our lovely magpie family that always watches over us. Goodbyes are the hardest, but so important. Change is inevitable but I do so with integrity in my work and commitment to you all over my time at Tanunda Kindergarten. Wishing everyone a wonderful New Year and Happy holidays with family, friends and having fun.

Over and out for the last time-
Tanunda kindy- nurture, play, learn and grow.
Karen Shipard, Director,
Tanunda Kindergarten 2015-2023.



Term 4 has been flying along and we have already shared some memorable moments along the way together.

School transition visits are in full swing and it has been wonderful to hear, discuss and share what's the same and different about Kindy and School. We have spent time in whole and small groups reflecting and sharing how we feel about school using our kimoichis to prompt conversations in a safe learning environment.

Staff have handed over Individual learning plans and had handover conversations with school staff in regards to your children's learning, friendships and development. A great time to help set transitions up for success for all.

Our joint excursion to Para Wirra Conservation couldn't have gone better. Perfect weather, so many amazing volunteers, a fun bus ride and nature places to explore, climb, build move and treasure together. Many thanks to our team, and family volunteers for their support of this special day.

Graduation celebrations of learning and our time at kindy has gone wonderfully. The children did such a great job, sharing songs, being a part of the ceremony and joining in together to celebrate their near completion of kindy. The sausage sizzle afterwards went down like a treat. Well done to children and staff for putting on a lovely event and thanks so much to all our families for coming along on the night.

Children have an end of year written report that Preschools call a Statement of Learning. Each family will receive their child's statement of learning before the end of the year along with children's kindy books.

Christmas Parade is upcoming this Friday, thanks for families and children who are walking in the parade. Please see updated notes in your pockets across the week for further details.

Kim Smethurst will be on leave as of Tuesday 28th of November or the remainder of this year. We wish her the best and she will be back with children in term 1 2024. Relief teachers Bel Rowe and Jo Connolly will backfill the position across the next few weeks with Emily, Di and Karen. These teachers have worked consistently at our site across the year so children are very familiar with them in our learning environments.

We are looking forward to the last few weeks together and have sharing some fun and maybe a kindy disco or two along the way with Emily, Karen, Bel and Jo. Karen Shipard- Director.

Learning Focuses 2023, Preschool Quality Improvement Plan:

Focuses of learning in 2023 include:

- ◆ Oral Language and Phonological Awareness skills development. (Sound, syllable, and effective communication skills)
- ◆ Self-regulation and interception strategies (exploring voice, communication, body regulation, gross and fine motor developing, learning about safe boundaries)
- ◆ Review of site philosophy.