



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 27/2/2018

Centre number: 2676

Centre name: Two Wells Community Children's Centre

1. General information

- Preschool Director - *Narelle Palmer*
- Postal address - *27a Gawler Road, Two Wells 5501*
- Location address - *27a Gawler Road, Two Wells 5501*
- DECD Partnership – *Greater Gawler*
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) – *46km*
- Telephone number – *08 85202358*
- Fax number - *08 8520387*
- Preschool website address: *www.twowellskgn.sa.edu.au*
- Preschool e-mail address: *dl.2676_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au*
- Enrolment/Attendance
66 children enrolled in preschool, 33 children in each group
Approx. 60 children enrolled in child care
- Co-located/stand-alone
Integrated kindy/child care centre. Located next to Primary School.
- Programs operating at the preschool

- ⌘ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children – 8.30 Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 8.30-12.30 Wed.
- ⌘ Associated Programs (*Long day care, Before and after preschool, Before and after school care, early entry, playgroup run off site*)
- ⌘ Bilingual Support – Available for children through DECD support services
- ⌘ Preschool Support – Available for children through DECD support services

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
At Two Wells Community Children's Centre we strive to provide a safe, friendly, stimulating and inclusive environment that supports, through play, the development of children's life skills and competencies.
Priorities:
 - *Literacy and Numeracy Indicators*
 - *Positive Education*
 - *Aspects of Reggio Emilia*
 - *Meaningful engagement with families and community*
 - *Transition to school*
 - *To support a number of children who present with speech and language issues*

3. Curriculum

- *Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)*
DECD literacy and numeracy indicators
- *Specific curriculum approaches: Aspects of Reggio Emilia*
Positive Education

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
Director 1.0
Teachers 1.8 (Currently split between 3 teachers)
ECW 1.0 (Currently shared)
Support staff as required
- Performance Management Program
As per DECD policy
- Access to special support staff
Preschool support
Speech Therapist
Other services if required
- Child Care staff
Assistant Director
Diploma trained child care workers
Cert. 3 trained child care workers
Finance Administration 0.8

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
Integrated centre which opened in 2003. Located across the oval from the local primary school.
- Capacity
Preschool is staffed for 33 children per session
Child Care is staffed for 27 children per day
60 children across the site
- Centre Ownership
DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
Yes

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
Two Wells/Lewiston is in the Adelaide Plains Council District.
It is close to Adelaide, but is predominantly rural living. It is also in the Gawler River Flood Plain.
The area is significant for broad acre farming and market gardening.
The Animal Husbandry zone has horse keeping, hobby farming and dog kennelling, with holdings ranging for 1-20 hectares in size.
Work types include, farm management, market gardening, service industries and within a short commute, work within the metropolitan area.
New developments within the township and within the Lewiston area, make this a fast growing area with many young families.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
Parent involvement is mainly as part of our Governing Council.
Playgroup runs off site in school grounds.
CYH operate from the Centre each fortnight.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
Two Wells Primary School
Trinity College, Horizon or St Brigid's school.
- Other local care and educational facilities,
Stepping Stone offer child care and OSHC
Vacation Care at Primary school in holidays
Family Day Care
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
Local market gardens and packing sheds, dog breeding and kennelling, and hobby farming in the area.
Shopping facilities are limited to a post office, grocery store, country bakery, butcher, craft, hair and beauty, hardware, 1 hotel and 1 hotel/motel, computer, veterinarian, pharmacy, deli and take way shops, mechanical repairs and parts.
- Other local facilities
Doctor
Many medical centres and dentists etc. within 30km
Major hospitals – Gawler and Elizabeth
Netball, football, tennis, softball, cricket clubs with a community recreation centre
Various clubs
Uniting, Catholic and Anglican churches
- Availability of staff housing

Housing is privately owned and new estates are continuing to open. There is limited rental housing available.

Accessibility

Private transport

- Local Government

Adelaide Plains Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups

Greater Gawler Partnership