

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 4/2022

Centre number: 6676

Centre name: Win Newby Kindergarten

1. General information

- **Preschool Director**
Candice Clark
- **Postal address**
Box 2303 Whyalla Norrie SA 5609
- **Location address**
Corner of Russell and Simmons Street Whyalla Norrie SA
- **DECD Partnership**
Whyalla
- **Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)**
Approximately 3km from Whyalla City PO
Approximately 400km from Adelaide GPO
- **Telephone number**
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(08) 8645 7731

Preschool website address: www.winnewbykgn.sa.edu.au

Our Philosophy

At Win a Newby we believe all children are capable and competent individuals who all have the right to contribute and achieve success in their own learning.

Therefore we will:

- Provide safe, secure environments that fosters a sense of belonging and enables children to establish trusting relationships and be supported to learn
- Use the environment as the third teacher where educators and children co-construct learning and play experiences where they can explore, discover, inquire, imagine, create, challenge, wonder and take risks together
- Acknowledge and build on the range of experiences that children already have with their literacy and numeracy

We know that families are children's first educators and we value the importance of working in partnership with families and our community. We strive to be culturally aware, inclusive and value how diverse our families in our kindergarten community are.

Therefore we will:

- respect each families nature, culture and home language
- Develop multiple strategies to engage families in meaningful ways that underpin everyone's sense of belonging, being and becoming
- Develop respectful relationships and value the families' voice to strengthen the connections between families and our community.

Enrolment/Attendance

We have 44 children and we are currently at capacity as cap was reduced.

Enrolment

Year	Enrolment by Term			
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2018	67	71	71	69
2019	65	66	65	65
2020	74	N/A	72	74
2021	61	62	61	61

Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2018 centre	96.6%	94.7%	88.4%	93.8%
2019 centre	95.3%	88.6%	89.2%	90.0%
2020 centre	93.2%		91.3%	89.5%
2021 centre	91.4%	75.3%	85.2%	84.4%
2018 state	90.8%	88.4%	88.0%	88.2%
2019 state	90.8%	88.2%	86.9%	87.6%
2020 state	89.8%	73.0%	86.3%	87.0%
2021 state	88.6%	86.5%	88.4%	85.0%

Co-located/stand-alone

Stand alone site

Programs operating at the preschool

Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

Win Newby Kindergarten is a full time centre comprising of two separate groups in a long day scenario.

Group 1: Monday and Tuesday's from 8:30am-3:45pm

Make up Friday of week 5 each term from 8:30am-1:30pm

Group 2: Wednesday and Thursday's from 8:30am-3:45pm

Make up Friday week 6 of each term from 8:30am-1:30pm

IESP – Inclusive Education Support Program

IESP is a functional needs-based funding model for preschools and school students with additional needs to have access to and the opportunity for meaningful participation in the preschool program.

This resourcing funds additional educators (preschool support worker) to support children to participate in the curriculum and have access to key specialist within the Department for Education including a Special Educator, Speech Pathologist and Guidance Officer (Psychologist).

Bilingual Support

This program provides support for children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) and have no English.

Playgroup

Operates on a Friday (not in weeks 5 and 6 as it is preschool make up session) from 9:30-11:30am and is ran by an early childhood trained volunteer.

2. Key Centre Policies

Policies that are relevant to our site can be found on our website.

3. Curriculum

At Win Newby Kindergarten we use the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) so that all children can experience play based learning that is engaging and builds skills for success. The EYLF describes childhood as a time of belonging, being and becoming.

Belonging: *is the basis for living a fulfilling life. Children feel they belong because of the relationships they have with their family, community, culture and place.*

Being: *is about living here and now. Childhood is a special time in life and children need to to just be. Time to play, try new things and have fun.*

Becoming: *is about the learning and development that young children experience. Children start to form their sense of identity from an early age, which shapes the type of adult they become.*

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile

Director Candice Clark
Teachers Kimberley Owens (full time) & Kay Belamarie (part time)
Early Childhood Workers Michelle Spirat, Joanne Kovacic (part time) Jodie Summerton (IESP support)
Volunteer..... Tara Utting (playgroup)

Performance Development Conversations

Performance conversations occur between educators and the Director formally twice a year. Feedback both verbal and written is provided to all educators.

As an educator team we make time each week to reflect and plan goals for learning and development and this includes being intentional about our play spaces.

5. Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds

Win Newby Kindergarten is a Whyalla City Council owned building and we are a stand alone centre located in Whyalla Norrie which is basically in the centre of town. The centre resides next door to a council owned building which operates out of hours as a Darts Hall.

Our indoor space provides a large main room with a support room coming off from the side. Our outdoor space is very large and utilised to its full potential.

Capacity (per session)

We have the capacity to have up to 22 children per session and our current enrolment cap for 2022 is 44 (a reduction from 66 from 2021).

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

General characteristics

Located on the western shore of upper Spencer Gulf on Eyre Peninsula, 385km northwest of Adelaide by road and 40 minutes by air, with a population of approximately 22,000 and an average yearly rainfall of 271mm, Whyalla offers impressive educational institutions including a

UniSA campus, TAFE, and primary and the new Whyalla Secondary College. Whyalla has a substantial industrial base, providing mining, engineering and steel manufacturing services. The city is one of the main regional centres of Eyre Peninsula with major supermarkets, specialist retail outlets, banking, financial and professional services; along with tourism operations, hotels, restaurants, automotive, trades and other businesses.

Our Traditional Custodians

We acknowledge the Barngarla people as traditional custodians of our land and give thanks for its use. The Barngarla people's rich cultural heritage and spiritual beliefs still connect them with this land, maintaining a positive relationship with the living members of their community today.

Major Industries include:

- The Whyalla Steelworks operations producing a range of steel and iron products.
- Santos producing crude oil and LPG.
- Industrial fabrication.
- Commercial salt production. Olsson's Salt.
- National contractors to heavy and engineering industries.
- Tourism, a growing industry already generating millions of dollars annually.
- BASF Australia Ltd. Betatene, producing pro-vitamin A, beta-carotene along with other naturally occurring mixed carotenoids from the algae *dunaliella salina* harvested in Whyalla.
- Retail with many recognisable brands and boutique stores.
- Education and training.
- Health services
- Solar Farms.

Parent and community involvement in the preschool

The involvement of families is actively encouraged at Win Newby. The Governing Council is comprised of parents who will actively support the quality improvement planning process of all educators and assist in planning and resourcing to support this.

We also encourage wider community connections and participation within our curriculum and this includes support from our emergency services personell who detail how they support us within our community. Our community connections also extend to our 3 main nursing homes, with our children visiting and interacting with the residents. Our community is also an opportunity for learning and we endeavour to visit our local beach, wetlands and other natural formations, such as Wild Dog Hill.

Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool

As we are in the middle of town, recent trends have shown that we feed into many different schools. This includes Nicolson Avenue Primary – which is the closest school to our location, Memorial Oval Primary School, Whyalla Town Primary school and Samaritan College (both primary campuses)

Other local care and educational facilities,

Child Care Centres – there are 4 long day care settings within Whyalla and they are

- Whyalla child care centre
- TAFE child care centre
- Goodstart Early Learning Centre and
- Wynbring Jida child care centre

Preschools in Whyalla

Gabmididi Manoo CFC, McRitchie Cres CSC, Neta Kranz Kindy, Norrie Stuart CSC, Whyalla Stuart ECCK, Win Newby Kindy

Local Government

Whyalla City Council 8640 3444