PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6629
Centre name: Port Wakefield Kindergarten

1. General information
   • Preschool Director: Linda Miley
   • Postal address: c/ 22 Mine St, Port Wakefield 5550
   • Location address: Thomas Crescent, Port Wakefield
   • DECD Partnership: Lower Mid North
   • Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 100km
   • Telephone number: (08) 8867 1187
   • Fax number: (08) 8867 1370
   • Preschool website address: http://www.ptwakefldkgn.sa.edu.au/
   • Preschool e-mail address: dl.6629.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
   • Enrolment/Attendance: 10
   • Stand alone
   • Programs operating at the preschool:
     ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
       10 sessions (30 hours/fortnight) Universal Access
     ❖ Funded Occasional Care for 2 year olds – One session/week
Playgroup – One session/week

Lunch/Full Day Program

Preschool Support- Speech Pathologist

2. Key Centre Policies

- Statement of Purpose:
  We offer children an invitation to explore, discover, create and learn in a stimulating environment in which every child and family is respected and valued.

- Centre Priorities:
  Redevelopment of the Outdoor Learning Area
  Development of Powerful Learners
  Increased Family and Community Engagement

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework

- Core Values: Teamwork, Learning and Respect

- Specific curriculum approaches: Numeracy and Literacy, Phonemic Awareness, Oral Language Development, Emergent Curriculum
4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile:
  0.6 Director and 0.5 Early Childhood Worker
- Performance Management Program:
  Performance Planning and Development for all staff
- Access to special support staff:
  DECD Speech and Preschool Support Workers

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds:
  The preschool operates within premises that are one hundred years old. There is a shady yard with garden beds, sandpit, and two storage sheds. The Port Wakefield Primary School is next door separated by a fence.
- Capacity (per session):
  18 students
- Centre Ownership:
  Building owned by Wakefield Council
- Access:
  The centre is accessible for staff/children with disabilities.

6. Local Community

- General characteristics:
  The town of Port Wakefield has a population of approximately 600 people. The main employment avenues are the roadhouses, Defence Department, Primo Meats, fishing and general services.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool:
  The Port Wakefield Primary School and Preschool have a joint Governing Council. There are parent’s reps on the council and the Director presents a Kindy report and budget at each meeting. The school parent club jointly fundraises for the school and preschool.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:
  Port Wakefield Primary School, Horizon Christian School, Balaklava School
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:
  Local store/newsagent, Roadhouses, TAB, Hotels, Post Office, Police Station, Caravan Park, Mechanical Workshop
- Other local facilities
  Doctor available two days/week, football, netball, darts, bowls, and social tennis
- No staff housing
- Accessibility to Adelaide is via the dual lane highway. Buses run twice a day to Adelaide
- The Local Government is Wakefield Plains Council based at Balaklava

7. Further Comments
- There is collaborative management with the Port Wakefield primary school and preschool.