



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 3/3/2015

Centre number: 6550

Centre name: Mannum Kindergarten & Rural Care

1. General information

- Preschool Director – Mary Langsford
- Postal address – Cnr Adelaide & Male Rds, Mannum SA 5238
- Location address - Cnr Adelaide & Male Rds, Mannum SA 5238
- DECD Partnership - Murraylands
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)- 86 kilometres
- Telephone number –(08) 85691487
- Fax number – (08) 85692618
- Preschool website address: www.mannumkindergarten.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address- dl.6550.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
 - 37 Preschool children
 - 20 childcare places
- Co-located/stand-alone
 - Stand alone preschool, Intergrated Site (DECD Preschool & Rural Care)
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

- Rural Care
- Associated Programs- playgroup, toy library
- Lunch/Full Day Program
- Bilingual Support
- Preschool Support

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
 - Literacy
 - Numeracy

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
Respect, Reflect, Relate
- Core Values
 - To provide a positive caring, teaching and learning environment for the needs and development of our children and their families.
- Specific curriculum approaches
 - Specific curriculum approaches Play based curriculum birth – 6 years
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
 - Numeracy Indicators Trial- Term 4 2014
 - Active Under 5's Project with OPAL 2013

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
 - Staff Profile 7 DECD staff at Centre - 3 Preschool, 4 Rural Care (one Rural Care Staff works in Preschool Support Program)
- Performance Management Program
 - All staff have Performance Development program

- Access to special support staff
- Centre access support through
 - Community Health
 - DECD regional staff
 - Inclusive Directions
 - Child & Youth Health

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
 - Preschool originally built in mid 1970's.
 - Rural care /integrated extension in 2005.
 - All children and staff share one outdoor play space
- Capacity (per session) -41 (Preschool 37, Rural Care 4)
- Centre Ownership- Centre Ownership DECD (Governing Council)
- Access for children and staff with disabilities- yes

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
- : Mannum is a rural town located on the Murray River. A wide range of family occupations exist, farming, retail, business and factory work with many unemployed. Tourism is a huge growth industry in Mannum with the attractions of the river such as Paddle Steamers, houseboats, river sports, fishing, camping. A group of local business people have formed 'Mannum Promotions' which has promoted various exhibitions & entertainments within the community to attract the wider community.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
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- Strong Parent and community support for Integrated service
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
 - Mannum Community College
 - Palmer Primary School
 - Unity College
 - St Joseph's Primary School
 - Mypolonga Primary School
- Other local care and educational facilities, - None
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
 - New IGA Shopping Centre
 - Main Street shopping with Foodland Supermarket, Banking, Post Office, Chemist, Newsagency, 2 hotels, 1 motel, Community Club & various shops.
- Other local facilities
 - Hospital, Police Station, Dentist, Sporting Clubs
- Availability of staff housing
 - None
- Accessibility
 - easy road access to freeway (Adelaide) & local big town (Murray Bridge)
 - Daily bus services to Murray Bridge
- Local Government
 - Mid Murray Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
 - Mannum Kindergarten is in the Murraylands Partnership group which consists Mannum Community School, Palmer Primary School, Mypolonga Primary School, Murray Bridge North School, Murray Bridge South School, Murray Bridge Special School, Murray Bridge High School, Jervois Primary School, Murray Bridge Kindergarten, Tinyeri Children's Centre, Tailem Bend Kindergarten, & Tailem Bend Primary School.