

2023 annual report to the Community

Tanunda Kindergarten Association

Tanunda Kindergarten Association number: 2675

Partnership: Barossa Valley



Preschool director:

Mel Sinkinson

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Date of endorsement:

19/02/2024



Government
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Department for Education

Context Statement

Information about Tanunda Kindergarten Association is available on the centres website, as well as the Australian Childrens Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website.

Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2020 centre	89.3%		92.6%	91.1%
2021 centre	92.1%	95.4%	95.6%	94%
2022 centre	84.2%	83%	83.5%	84.6%
2023 centre	85.2%	88.2%	90%	87.2%
2020 state	89.1%		84.6%	85.8%
2021 state	87.3%	85.3%	87.1%	84.5%
2022 state	83.6%	77.6%	77.9%	77.8%
2023 state	85.4%	82.9%	83.4%	81.4%

Based on attendances recorded in the two-week reference period each term. Data for eligible enrolments as described in the department's Enrolment policy. Attendance rates may differ to previous reporting with the transfer from calculations based on deemed attendance to actual attendance using booked hours divided by attended hours. Data Source: Department for Education Attendance Data, Semester 1 Report 2023. A blank cell indicates there we no students enrolled.

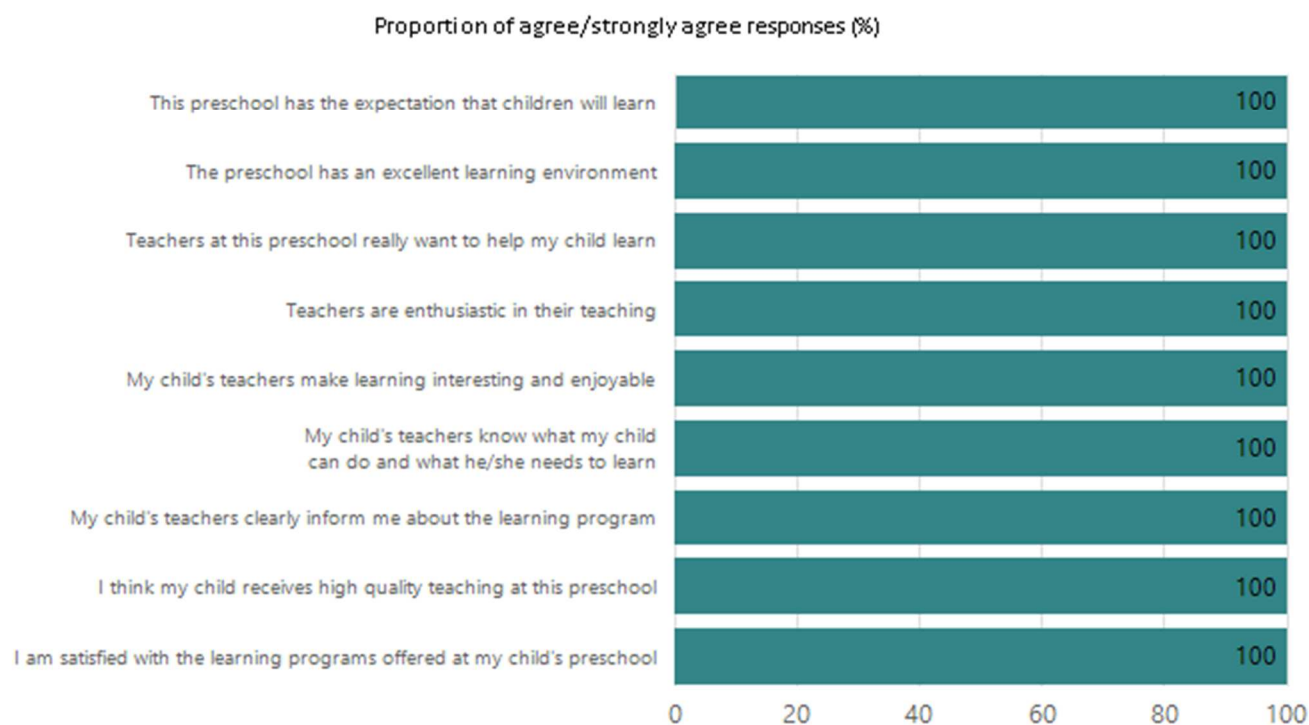
Note: Term 2 2020 data may not be available for all preschools.

Attendance Comment

In South Australia, preschool attendance is not compulsory, but it is strongly encouraged. Preschool gives children the best opportunity to develop skills, which prepare them for school. These benefits include establishing positive routines and habits, friendships and connections as well as developing communication, problem-solving and creative skills. All children are entitled to access a preschool program over 4 terms the year before they start school.

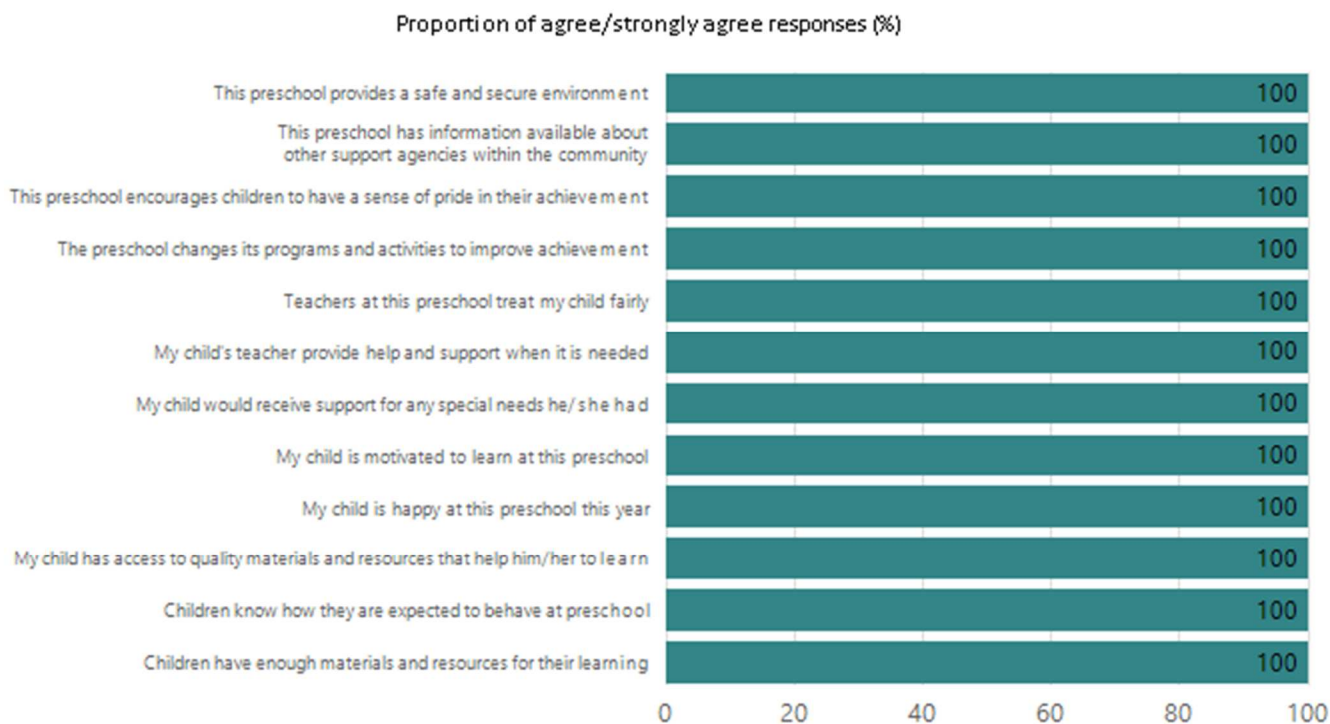
Preschool Family Opinion Survey

Quality of Teaching and Learning



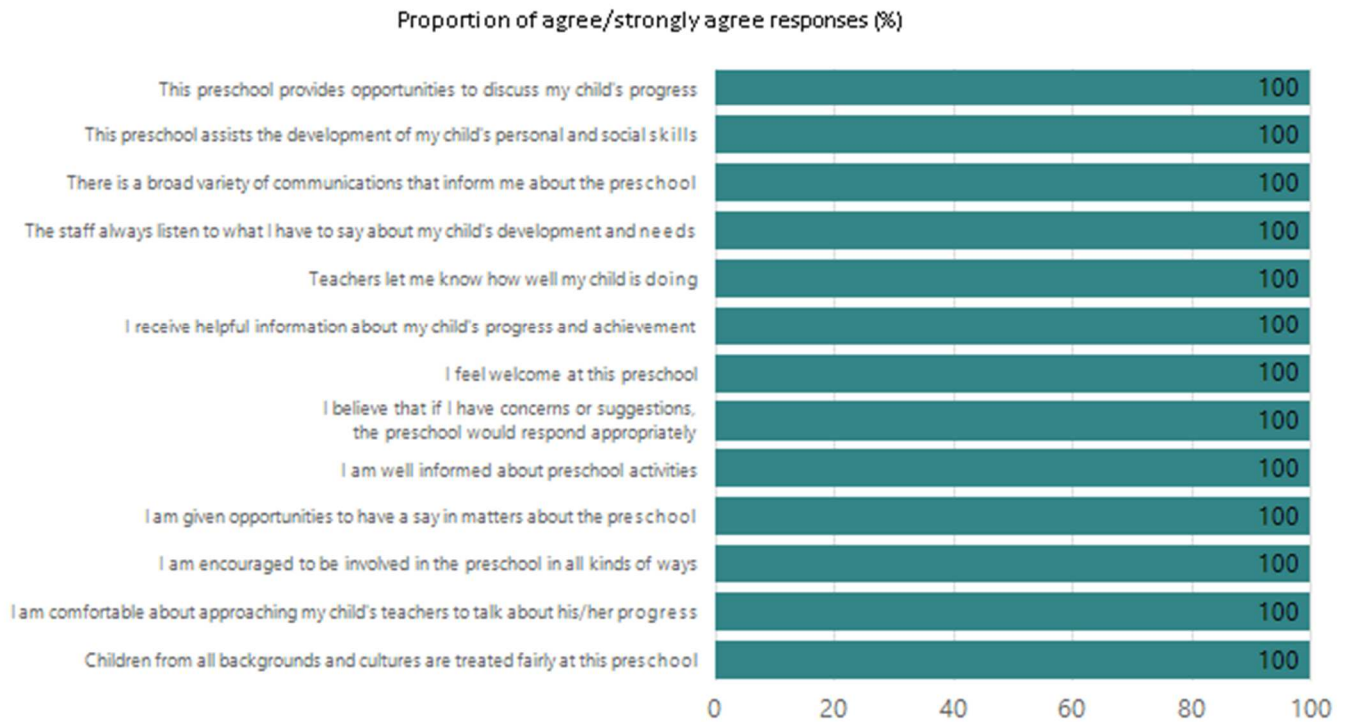
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Support of Learning



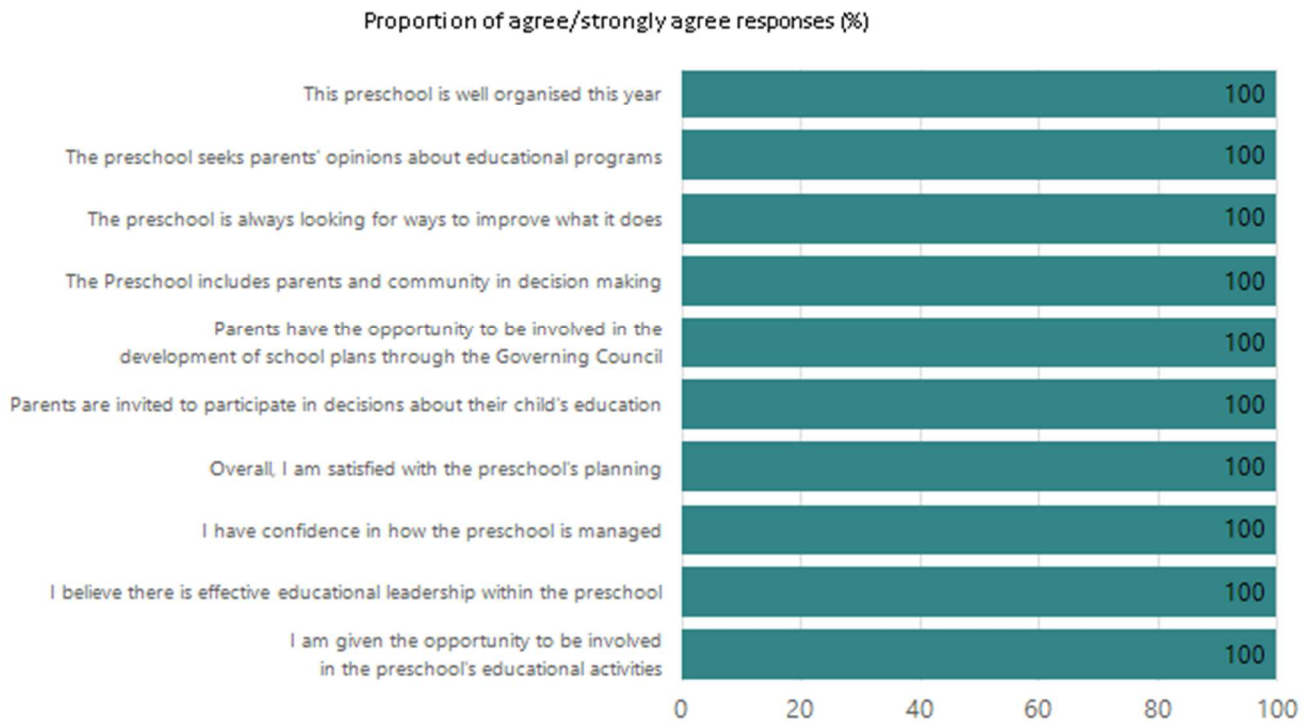
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Relationships and Communication



Data Source: 2023 Department for Education Preschool Family Opinions Survey, Term 3 2023.

Leadership and Decision Making



Data Source: 2023 Department for Education Preschool Family Opinions Survey, Term 3 2023.

Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2021	2022	2023
0160 - Greenock Primary School	7.1%	4.9%	
0427 - Tanunda Primary School	69.1%	82.9%	86.1%
9099 - Redeemer Lutheran School	4.8%		
9106 - Faith Lutheran College Junior School	4.8%		
9999 - Unknown	14.3%	7.3%	11.1%

Note: The data is collected in term 3. It does not reflect actual schools enrolled in by existing preschool children. A blank cell indicates there was no data for students enrolled.

Data Source: Department for Education Destination Data Report, 2023.

Highest Qualifications held by the teaching workforce and workforce composition

All teachers at this school are qualified and registered with the SA Teachers Registration Board.

Qualification Level	Number of Qualifications
Bachelor's degrees or Diplomas	2
Postgraduate Qualifications	1

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collections as on the last pay date of June 2023. As self-reported by staff in the system.

Please note: Data includes staff who are Actively employed and on extended paid leave. Please note only the highest qualification of the Teaching staff is reported. Excludes any number of other certifications earned.

Workforce composition including indigenous staff

	Teaching Staff		Non-Teaching Staff	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Full-Time Equivalents	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.6
Persons	0.0	3.0	0.0	1.0

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collection as on the last pay date of June 2023.

Please note: Data includes staff who are actively employed and on extended paid leave. "Indigenous category" is self-reported by staff in the system.

Financial Statement

Funding Source	Amount
Grants: State	\$0
Grants: Commonwealth	\$0
Parent Contributions	\$16,205
Fund Raising	\$3732.69
Other	\$7,543.12

Data Source: School supplied data.

Tanunda Kindergarten
November 2023
Governing Council Chair person report for 2023

As we reflect upon the year 2023, it's undeniable how swiftly time has passed. At the start of this year, we welcomed 34 students and their families to Tanunda Kindergarten.

Firstly I want to thank the dedicated and enthusiastic members of the Governing Council committee for their unwavering commitment to success and progress in 2023. I also want to express our appreciation to our teaching staff, including Karen, Kim, Emily, Di, Pat, and Janice, as well as the relief teaching staff and student teachers who contributed their expertise and passion to Tanunda Kindy throughout the year.

The year 2023 was marked by several notable highlights:

Fundraising: We witnessed a series of successful fundraising initiatives, including the Mother's Day Raffle, Father's Day Raffle, Barossa Chocolate Factory Easter Fundraiser, Mitre 10 sausage sizzle, Barossa Farmers Market events, and the Picture Plates. Together, we raised an impressive gross total of \$3687.69, a remarkable achievement. Some of these funds were utilised to purchase large books for the kindy.

Family Meetings and Individual Learning Plans: In Terms 1 and 2, family meetings took place where parents and teachers discussed each child's individual learning plan. Throughout the terms, the teaching staff followed up with parents by sharing various Inquiry of Learning documents.

Mid year intake: This year, in Term 3, we were delighted to embrace new families into our Kindy, as part of the South Australian government's midyear intake that came into place this year. This presented a wonderful opportunity for the older children to embrace the role of welcoming these newcomers. They took on the responsibility of helping the new children feel included and eagerly shared the knowledge and experiences they had gathered during Terms 1 and 2.

Excursions and Incursions: Staff and teachers organised exciting events for the children, such as the successful Grandparents Day, where the children delighted in sharing their kindergarten experiences with their special guests. Another memorable event was the visit to Para Wirra, featuring wildlife exploration, teepee building, and thrilling rides on the flying fox. These experiences were enjoyed by both students and parents who attended.

Enrolment Challenges and Survey: During Term 3, we faced a challenge concerning the enrolment numbers for 2024. To continue operating at full capacity, we required 34 enrolments, which unfortunately we did not achieve. However, we remain committed to promoting Tanunda Kindy to boost enrolments for 2024. A survey was conducted among enrolled families to gather their preferences for operational hours in the upcoming year. In conclusion to the survey and enrolments the kindergarten was deemed to operate at a part time capacity and would be open on Monday, Tuesday with the extra day of operation for the families being Wednesday.

Bathroom Upgrade: In a positive development during Term 4, we received approval for a bathroom upgrade, fully funded by asset services. This achievement was the result of persistent efforts by the Governing Council and teaching staff, and it represents a significant win for our kindergarten. Upgrades have been booked in to take place in January 2024.

Graduation: In the sixth week of Term 4, we celebrated the graduation of the children with a ceremony held in the yard, followed by a playtime and a delicious sausage sizzle. A fun event for all.

Classroom App: Throughout the past year, we have been investigating the potential of a classroom app like Class Dojo or Story Park to improve communication between the staff and families. We were pleased to be informed at the last governing council meeting that this initiative has now been successfully implemented. Starting in 2024, families will be able to take advantage of this excellent new feature.

In addition, we have begun discussions about upgrading our facilities, thanks to the grant money we have received. We are currently considering several improvements, including installing new flooring and repainting. It would be wonderful to have the 2024 Governing Council oversee these exciting facility upgrades.

In closing, I want to express my sincere gratitude once again to our teachers and Governing Council members for their dedication and hard work throughout 2023. I wish the Governing Council continued success in 2024 as we strive to make Tanunda Kindergarten an even better place for our children, their families and community.

I would also like to wish the children starting school in 2024 all the best for their schooling years ahead.

Elle McArdle
Chair Person | 2023
Tanunda Kindergarten

