

2023 annual report to the Community

Stirling District Kindergarten

Stirling District Kindergarten number: 4661

Partnership: Mount Lofty



Preschool director:

Susan Caldicott

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Date of endorsement:

05/04/2024



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education

Context Statement

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

Annual Report

Jason Tyndall. Chairperson Stirling District Governing Council 2023

Throughout 2023 the Stirling District Kindergarten continued to embed and enhance key elements in their philosophy statement. The commitment to reconciliation, conservation, and wellbeing were strong and reflected in the achievements of the educators, students and site as a whole.

Key highlights from 2023 included:

- Review of some policies and of the Kindy's philosophy by the Governing Council which examined the site's values and enhanced the weight of elements such as wellbeing, belonging and connection.
- Commencement of a review of the Reconciliation Action Plan with Tommy Hicks from [KWY](#)
- Hosting of three Stirling East Primary School classes at bush kindy that encapsulated and showcased Cultural and environmental learning, restoring bandicoot habitat with Friends of Belair National Park (with support from rangers at National Parks and Wildlife Service) and nature play.
- Participation as the first pilot preschool to trial the Wildlife for Wellbeing program in partnership with Nature Play SA
- Sue Caldicott received a [Leadership and Innovation Award](#) as part of World Teachers' Day Award to recognise her outstanding work as an education leader at Stirling District Kindergarten
- The Kindy was nominated by Chan Welfare, Principal of Crafers Primary School for a [Public Education Excellence Award](#) and were finalists in the Reconciliation category
- Stirling District Kindergarten was named as the Early Years winner of the Reconciliation Australia National [2023 Narragunnawali Reconciliation Awards](#).

Overall, from the perspective of the chairperson of the Governing Council, I was proud of the achievements of Stirling District Kindergarten. The commitment to supporting children's wellbeing, agency, and connection was incredibly inspiring.

Preschool Attendance

| | Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2020 centre | 94% | 83.9% | 88.6% | 91.3% |
| 2021 centre | 90.5% | 77.1% | 91.9% | 92.9% |
| 2022 centre | 85.5% | 72.7% | 76.9% | 95.1% |
| 2023 centre | 92.2% | 85.4% | 84% | 86.1% |
| 2020 state | 89.1% | 81.8% | 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% |

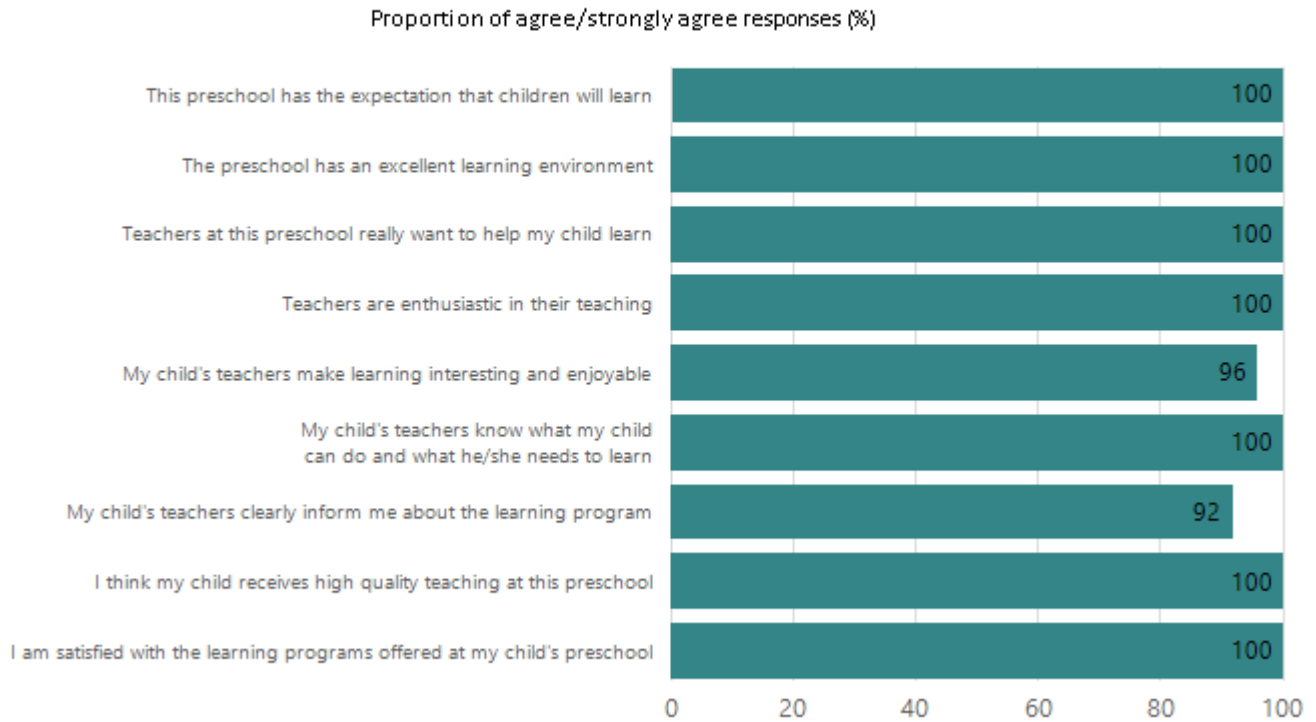
Based on attendances recorded in the two-week reference period each term. Data for eligible enrolments as described in the department's Enrolment policy. Attendance rates may differ to previous reporting with the transfer from calculations based on deemed attendance to actual attendance using booked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

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.

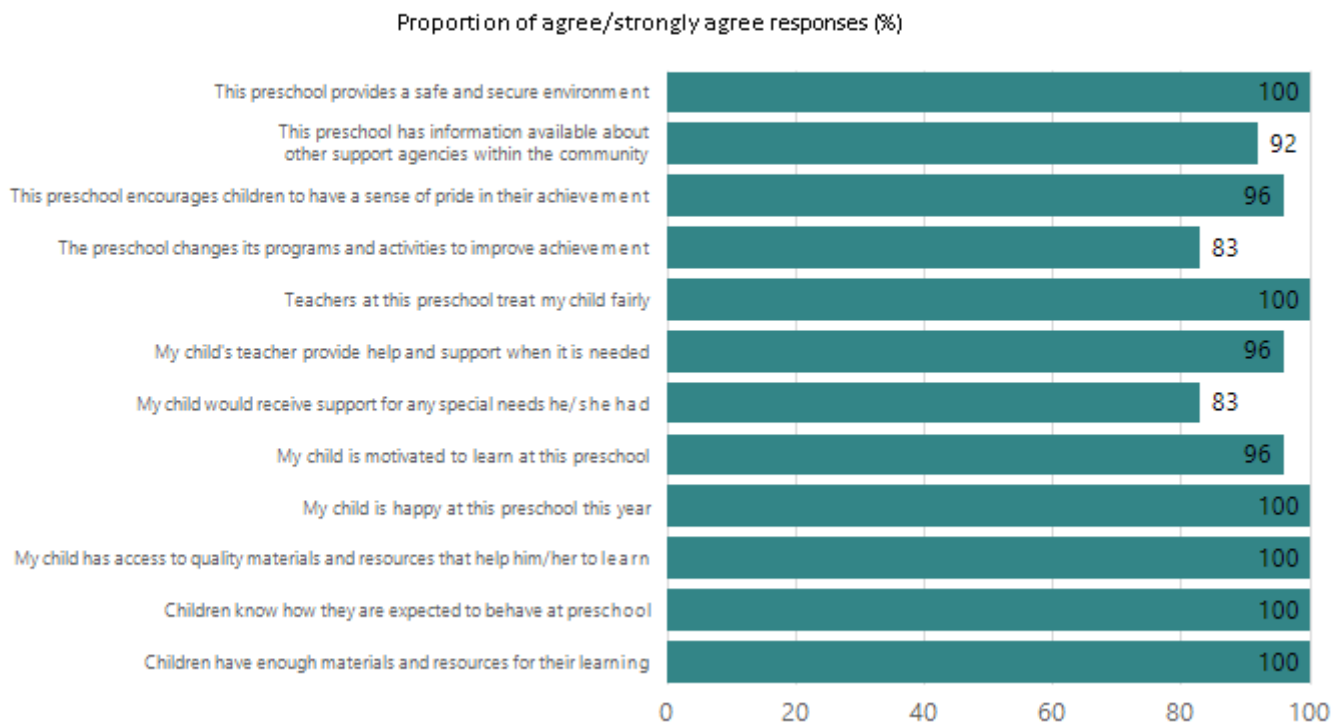
Preschool Family Opinion Survey

Quality of Teaching and Learning



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

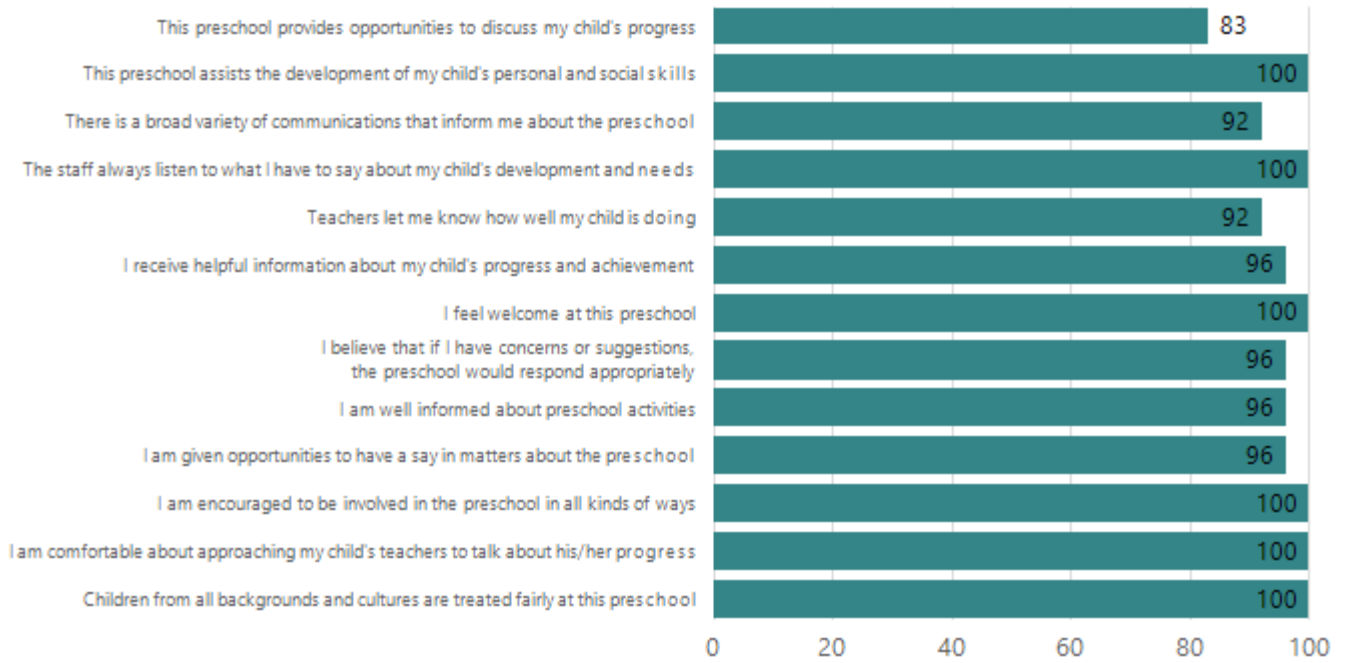
Support of Learning



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Relationships and Communication

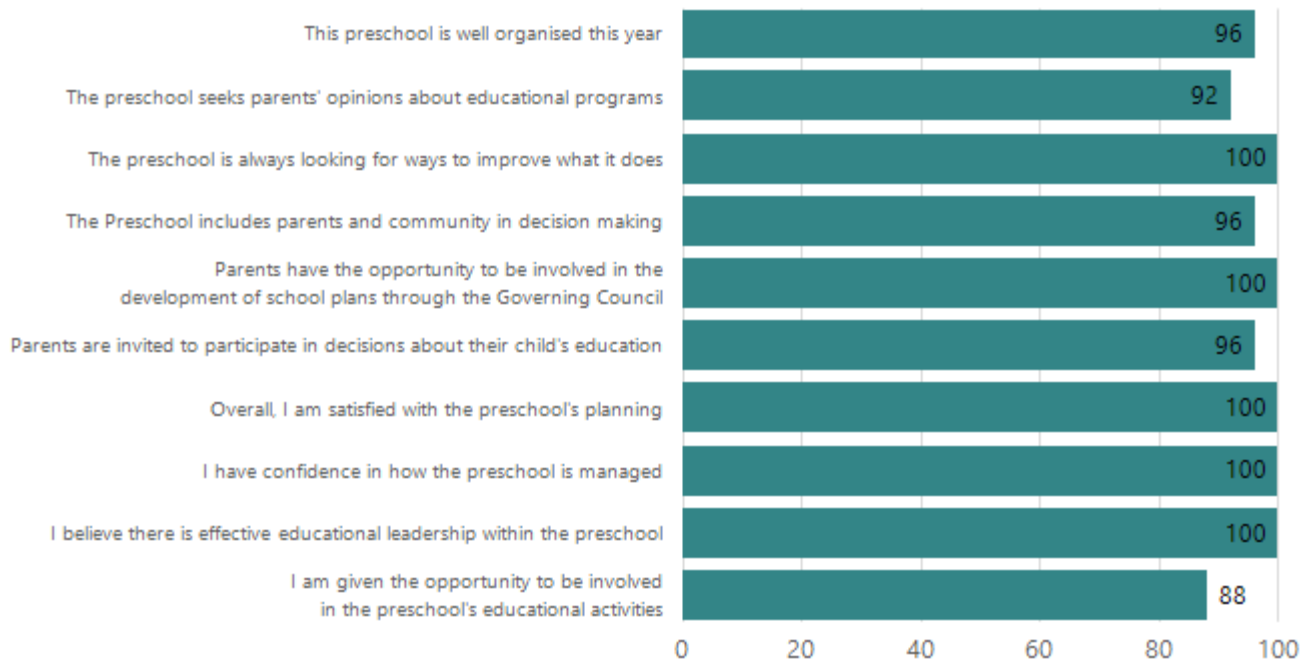
Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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Leadership and Decision Making

Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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Destination Schools

| Feeder Schools (Site number - Name) | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0107 - Crafers Primary School | 18.3% | | 5.2% |
| 0176 - Heathfield Primary School | 11.7% | | |
| 0413 - Stirling East Primary School | 36.7% | | 3.9% |
| 0448 - Upper Sturt Primary School | 6.7% | | |
| 9079 - St Catherine's School | 8.3% | | |
| 9999 - Unknown | 11.7% | 94.8% | 88.3% |

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 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Postgraduate Qualifications | 3 |

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 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 1.3 |
| Persons | 0.0 | 3.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 |

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 | \$24,000.00 |
| Grants: Commonwealth | |
| Parent Contributions Preschool Fees Pre-Entry Fees Playgroup Fees | \$91,582.00 |
| Fund Raising | \$4,175.00 |
| Naragunnawali Awards, SA Public Education Awards Finalist | \$13,000.00 |

Data Source: School supplied data.