



2023 annual report to the Community

Renmark Children's Centre

Renmark Children's Centre number: 6541

Partnership: Renmark Loxton



Preschool director:

Gale Hansen

Signature

Date of endorsement:

26/02/2024



Context Statement

Information about Renmark Children's Centre 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	94%	88.6%	82.2%	93.2%
2021 centre	88.4%	85%	86.3%	75.8%
2022 centre	81.2%	79.2%	74.6%	67%
2023 centre	79.1%	66.7%	81.1%	76.7%
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 we no students enrolled.

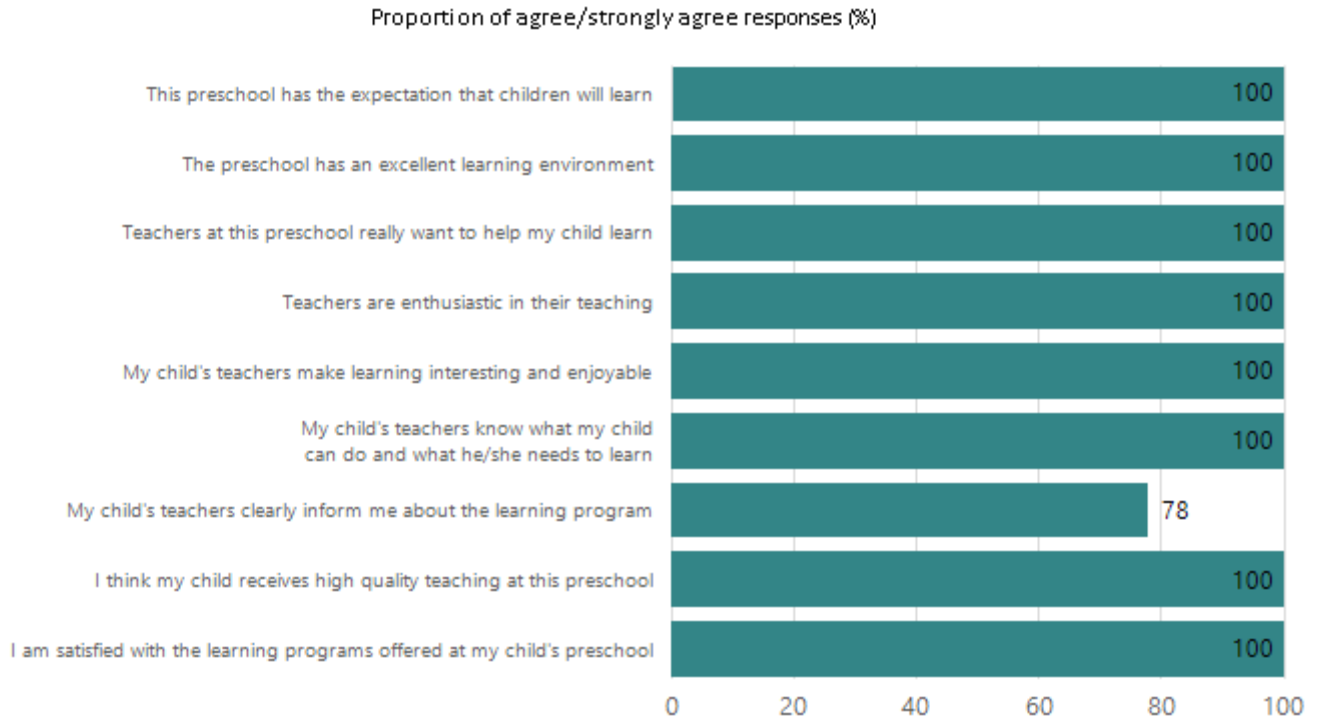
Note: Term 2 2020 data may not be available for all preschools.

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.

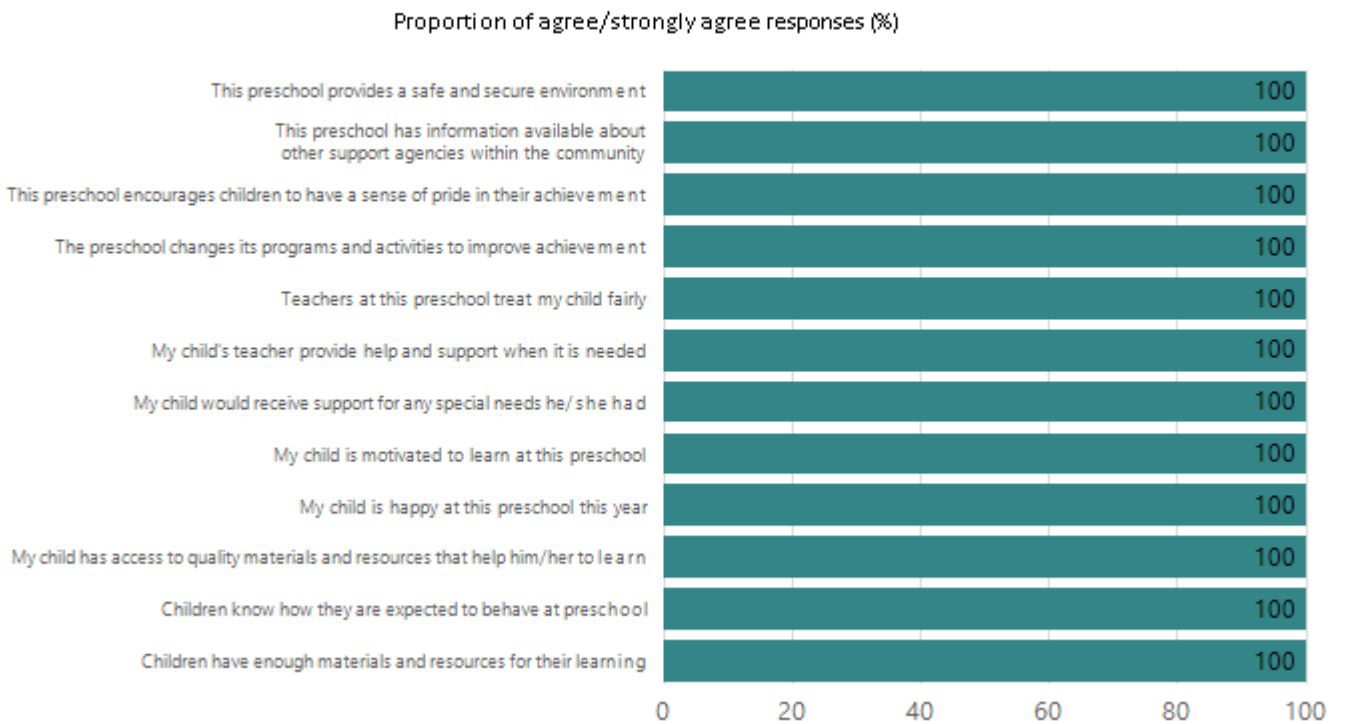
Preschool Family Opinion Survey

Quality of Teaching and Learning



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

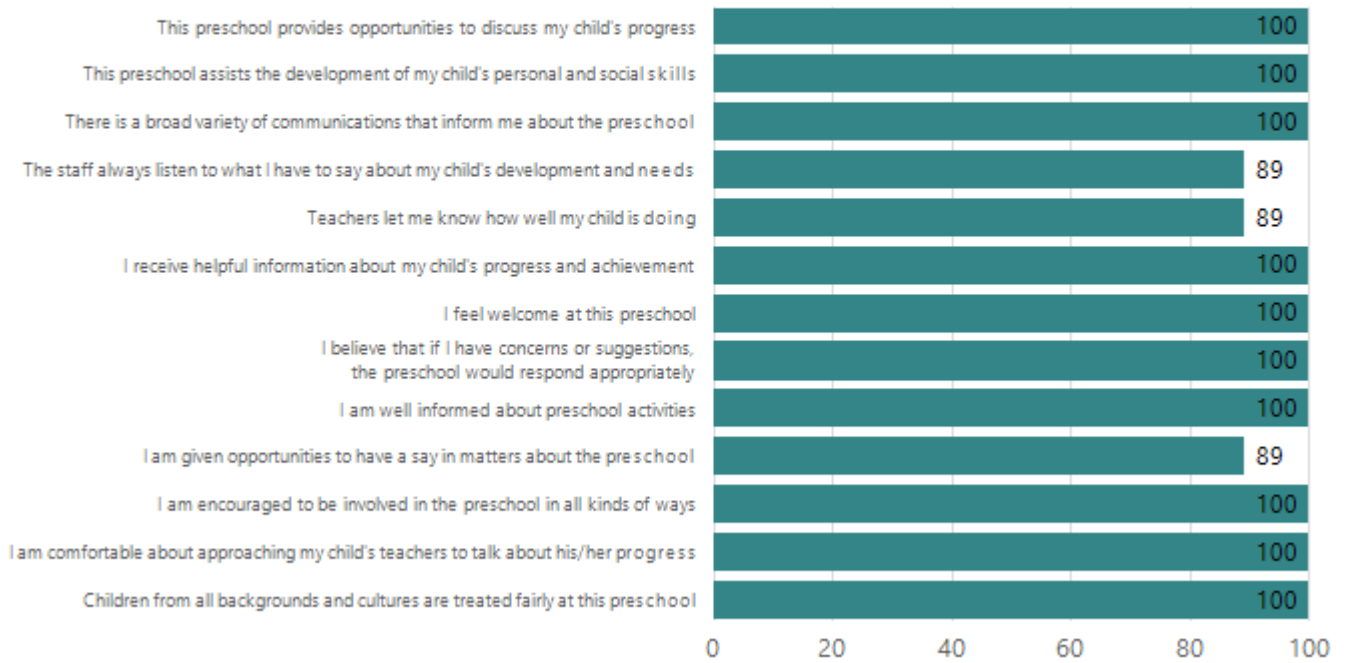
Support of Learning



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Relationships and Communication

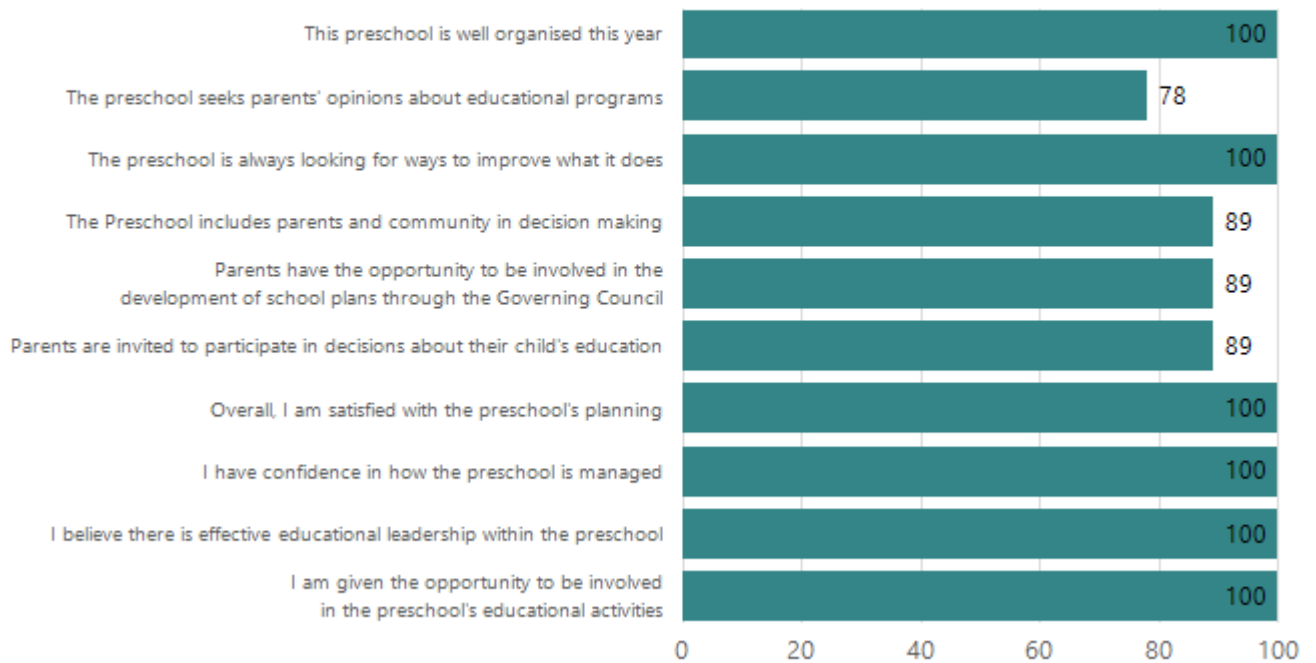
Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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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
0376 - Renmark Primary School	50.0%	60.7%	52.9%
0378 - Renmark West Primary School	9.1%	4.9%	8.6%
8334 - St Joseph's School - Renmark	38.6%	31.2%	37.1%
9999 - Unknown		3.3%	

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
Bachelor's degrees or Diplomas	4
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	4.0	0.0	3.1
Persons	0.0	5.0	0.0	5.0

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	\$720634
Grants: Commonwealth	\$0
Parent Contributions	\$27236
Fund Raising	\$0
Other	\$0

Data Source: School supplied data.

Governing Council Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the Renmark Children's Centre Governing Council / Management Committee Report for the year 2023. Throughout the year, our dedicated team has endeavoured to uphold the highest standards of service and professionalism, achieving notable milestones, and fostering enriching partnerships within our families and community.

Key Achievements:

- **Seamless Communication:** The continued utilisation of the 'Seesaw' application facilitated timely and effective communication with families, ensuring transparent engagement and collaboration.
- **Community Engagement:** The centre welcomed and hosted the local community group "Lifestyle Ladies". This lovely group spent time with the children doing many activities and both parties enjoyed the meaningful interactions and connections established. The group then enjoyed morning tea in our Parenting Room. We plan to host the Lifestyle Ladies again due to its success and enjoyment for the ladies and children.
- **Strategic Partnerships:** The partnership between the centre and Child and Families Health Service (CaFHS) was re-established. This includes the hosting of a weekly clinic at our centre, along with the facilitation of 4-year-old Health Checks, contributing to the holistic wellbeing of our children and the community. Since COVID-19, there has been a community need for accessible newborn to 4-year-old checks. Having this service within our centre is not only welcomed by our families and community, but something we are proud to deliver as a much-needed service.
- **Mid-year Intake:** We welcomed the implementation of the first Mid-year intake for preschool children. Our staff exhibited commendable adaptability, seamlessly integrating this new Department of Education initiative.
- **Infrastructure Enhancements:** Site improvements included the refurbishment of the Preschool children's toilets and revitalisation of the Preschool art area with new cupboards and painting. This highlights our commitment to providing a safe and conducive learning environment for our children and welcomed upgrades for our staff members.
- **Financial Stewardship:** The finalisation of the financial split between Preschool and Childcare finances by the Department for Education has been completed after years of consultation and contribution for this Integrated Sites Project.
- **Professional Development:** The Families Growing Together team conducted an educator workshop followed by an evening parenting workshop in Term 3. This continuous professional growth exchange among staff members was beneficial for them to expand on their knowledge and use these learnt skills in everyday practice.
- **Policy Framework:** The Governing Council / Management Committee ratified and approved several crucial policies including;
 - Behaviour Guidance
 - Excursions
 - Health and Hygiene
 - Hot Weather
 - Nutrition, Food and Beverages Dietary Requirements
 - Safe Transportation
 - Security of Children
 - Sun Protection
 - Sleep and Rest
 - Water Safety

These policies and procedures demonstrate our unwavering commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the children, guidelines for our staff members and reassurance to our families.

- **Collaborative Initiatives:** For a second consecutive year the centre participated in the Coach Mentoring Program in collaboration with St. Augustine Anglican Church of Renmark. This signifies our dedication to fostering community partnerships and promoting holistic development for families in need of support.

- Major Event: The successful organisation and running of the Preschool Graduation and Family Night. This saw children, families, friends and staff come together for an evening of songs and rhymes performed by the children. Due to hot weather, the event was held at the Renmark Hotel. This yearly event exemplifies our commitment to celebrating milestones and fostering a sense of belonging among children and families. The night is always well attended with many happy faces and proud children who deserved to be celebrated.

In conclusion, the achievements outlined in this report reflect the concerted efforts and unwavering dedication of our team, as well as the invaluable support and collaboration with community groups and families. As we continue our success, planning and operations in 2024, we remain dedicated in our commitment to excellence and continuous improvement.