



2024 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:

11/03/2025



Government  
of South Australia  
Department for Education

# 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.

## Governing Council Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the Renmark Children's Centre Governing Council / Management Committee Report for the year 2024. Throughout the year, the 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.

- **Sportathon:** Held in April 2024, the event was a fantastic success. Children thoroughly enjoyed engaging in various activity stations, while family and friends provided strong support throughout the event.
- **Raffles:** Two raffles were conducted during the year—one mid-year and another at the end of the year. We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from both Adelaide-based businesses and local contributors.
- **Pizza Fundraiser:** This was the first year the centre has collaborated with a local business to hold a fundraiser. Dominos pizza was a highlight for families wanting a special night of pizza with part of the funds raised going towards the centre needs.
- **Mid-Year Intake:** The centre again, welcomed mid-year intake preschool children. The staff continue to exhibit outstanding adaptability and planning to seamlessly integrate new preschool children into the classroom.
- **Staff Leave Policy:** The staff leave policy for childcare employees was reviewed, ensuring it continues to meet the needs of the staffing team and the service provided.
- **Employee Compensation:** In line with our commitment to valuing our staff, all childcare employees continue to receive remuneration that is 5% above the award rate.
- **Three-Year-Old Preschool:** The proposal for a three-year-old preschool program continues to be actively considered. Detailed forward planning and research are underway to assess the feasibility and potential implementation of this initiative.
- **Government Retention Grant:** Discussions surrounding the Government Retention Grant were held throughout the year. This will continue to be explored and considered for potential implementation in 2025, with multiple meetings and careful evaluations conducted.
- **Lifestyle Ladies Program:** The Lifestyle Ladies program remained a highlight, with participants continuing to visit regularly throughout the year to spend quality time with the children and join in morning tea sessions.
- **Variety SA Children's Charity Grant:** Thanks to a successful application by Gale, we were awarded a \$4,500 grant from Variety SA. These funds were used to purchase sensory toys and other essential resources for both the childcare and preschool programs.
- **Appointment of Assistant Director:** In October 2024, we welcomed Kirsty John to the Assistant Director role. Without any doubt, Kirsty has smoothly integrated into the role and has received positive feedback from both peers and families for her outstanding contributions.
- **Continuing Safety Awareness:** As a yearly tradition, the centre had a visit from emergency service providers. These visits bring awareness to the process of calling 000 and when and how to do this. Children loved seeing inside the emergency vehicles and calling their self-made 000 phones.
- **Communication:** The 'Seesaw' app has continued to be used successfully as the centre's main communication platform. Electronic newsletters also continue to be sent each term with centre room updates and Director news.
- **End-of-Year Events:** Our end-of-year events, including the family night, Christmas celebrations, and preschool graduation, were all highly successful and well attended. These events provided an excellent opportunity for families to come together and celebrate the achievements of the year.

In conclusion, the achievements outlined in this report reflect the wonderful efforts and unwavering dedication of the team, as well as the invaluable support and collaboration with community groups and families. As the centre continues its success, planning and operations into 2025, we remain dedicated in our commitment to excellence and continuous improvement.

# Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
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%
2024 centre	83.3%		76.3%	

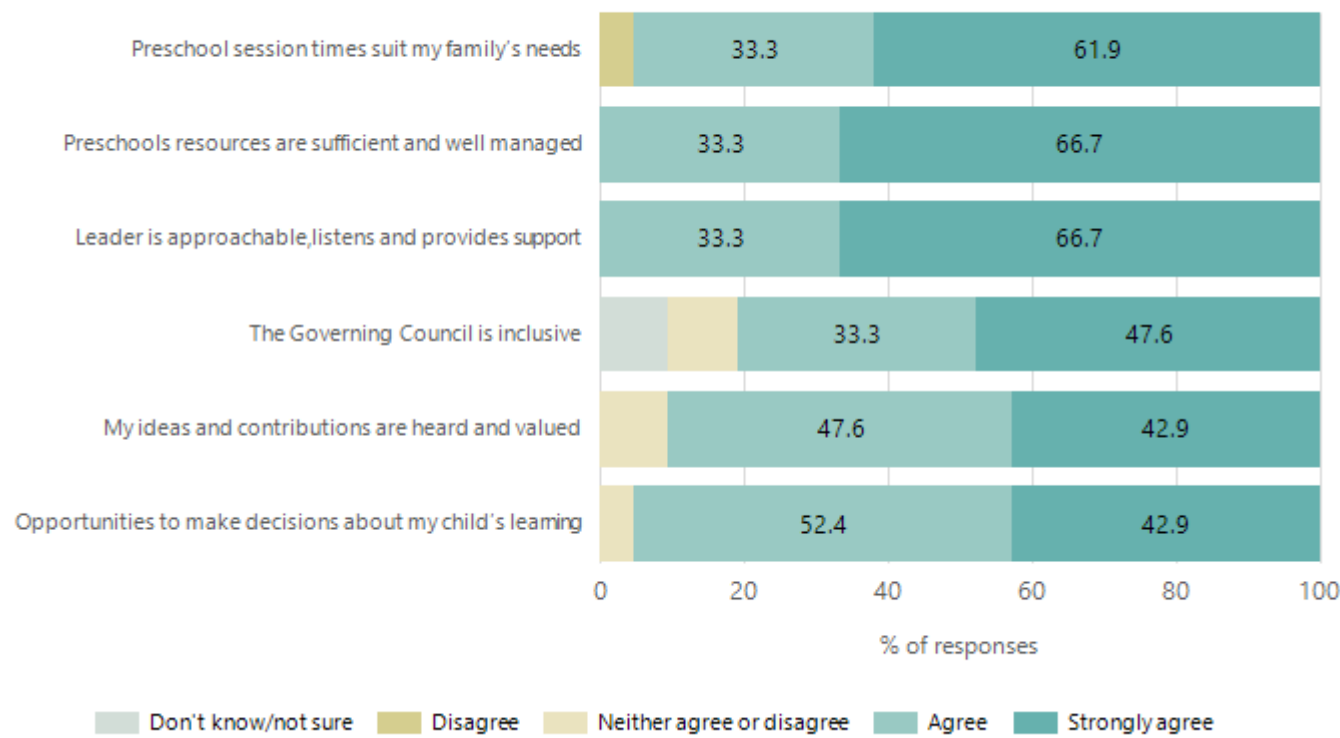
Based on attendances recorded in the two-week reference period each term. Data for eligible enrolments as described in the department's Enrolment policy. Attendance rates may differ to previous reporting with the transfer from calculations based on deemed attendance to actual attendance using booked hours divided by attended hours. Data Source: Department for Education Attendance Data, Semester 1 Report 2024. A blank cell indicates there we 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.

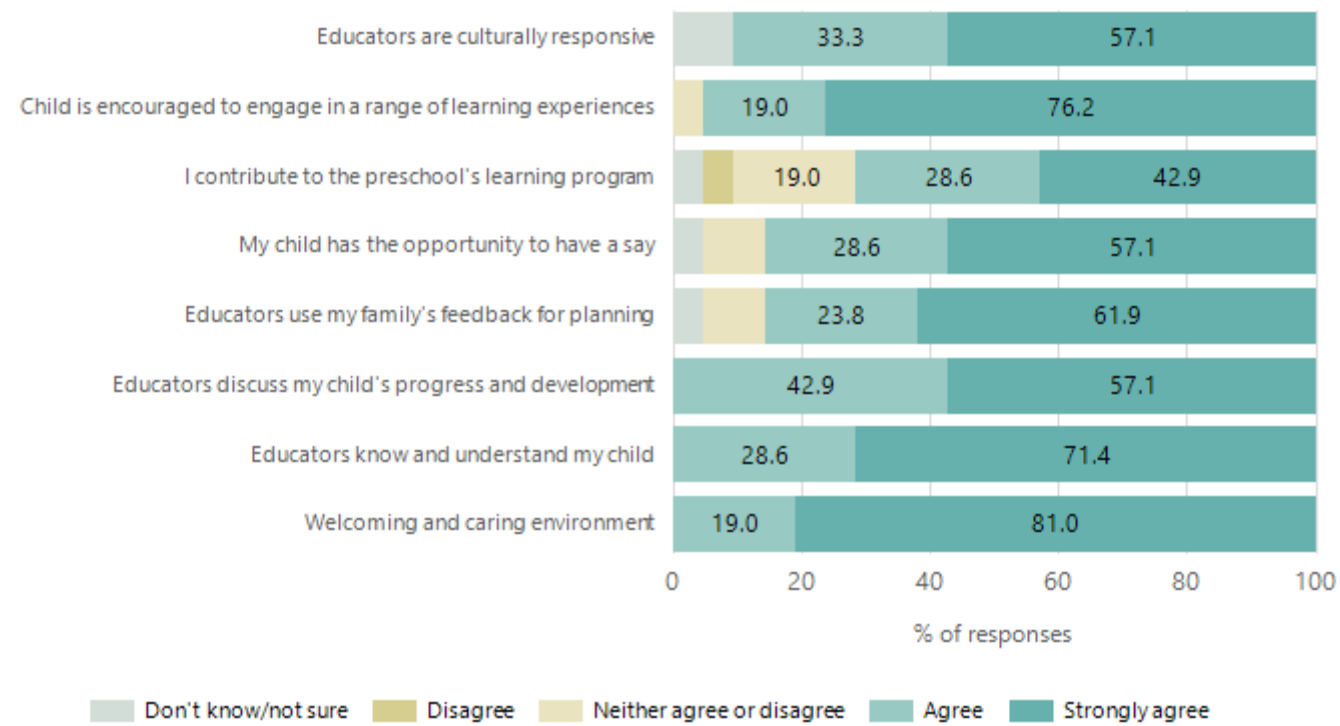
# Preschool Family Opinion Survey

## Governance, Leadership and Management



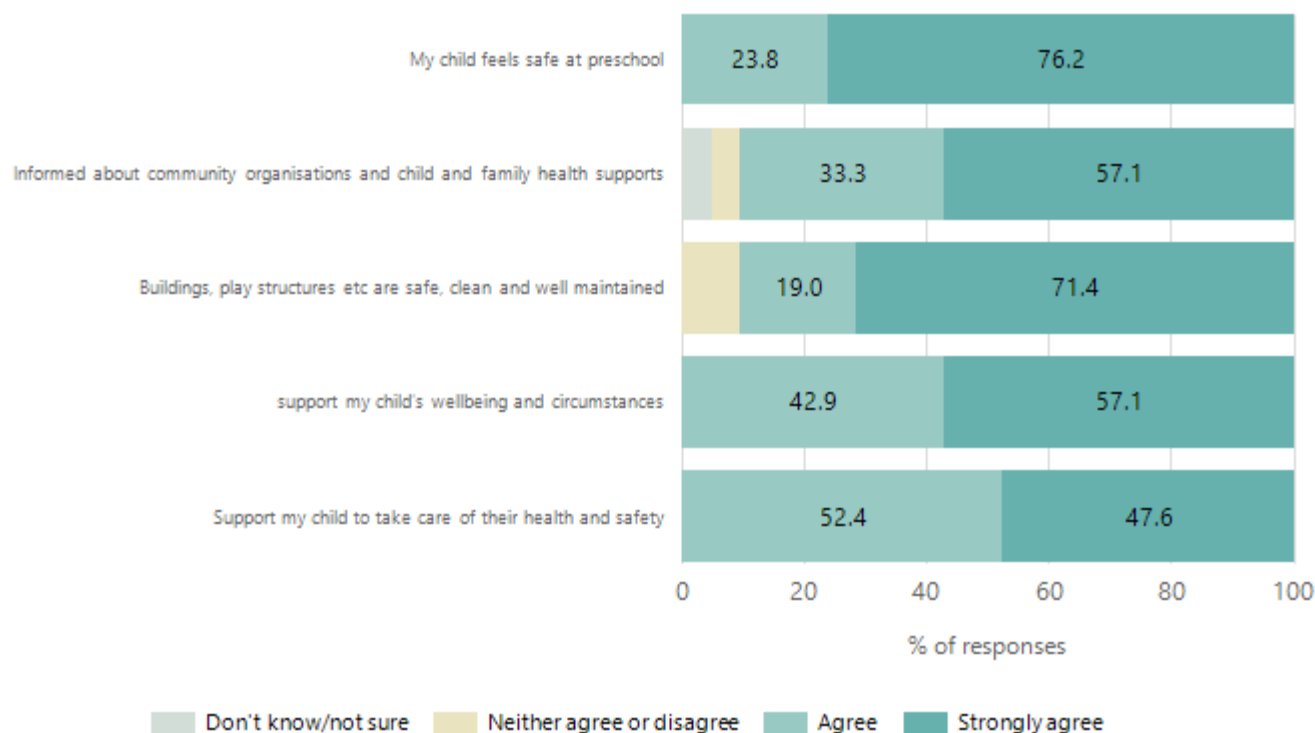
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## Quality of Teaching and Learning



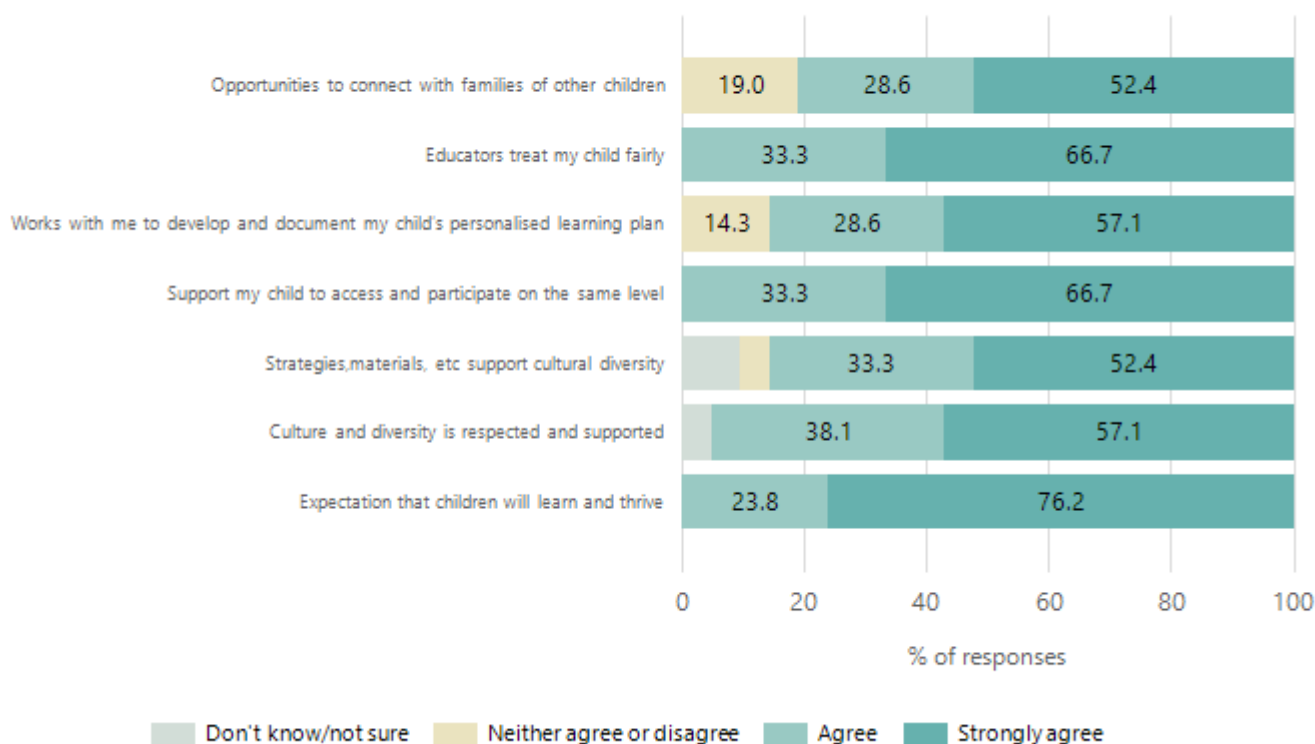
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## Safety, Health and Wellbeing



Data Source: 2024 Department for Education Preschool Family Opinions Survey, Term 3 2024.

## Support and Inclusion



Data Source: 2024 Department for Education Preschool Family Opinions Survey, Term 3 2024.

# Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2022	2023	2024
0376 - Renmark Primary School	60.7%	52.9%	41.2%
0378 - Renmark West Primary School	4.9%	8.6%	7.4%
8334 - St Joseph's School - Renmark	31.2%	37.1%	39.7%
9999 - Unknown	3.3%		8.8%

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, 2024.

# 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	3
Postgraduate Qualifications	2

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collections as on the last pay date of June 2024. 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	4.1	0.0	2.6
Persons	0.0	5.0	0.0	3.0

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collection as on the last pay date of June 2024.

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	\$746200
Grants: Commonwealth	
Parent Contributions	\$23793
Fund Raising	
Other	

Data Source: School supplied data.