



2023 annual report to the Community

Renmark West Preschool

Renmark West Preschool number: 6559

Partnership: Renmark Loxton



Preschool director:

Meegan Townsend

Date of endorsement:

05/02/2024



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education

Context Statement

Information about Renmark West Preschool 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	49.4%		49.4%	97.9%
2021 centre	94.2%	76.7%	92.9%	91.9%
2022 centre	97.9%	77.9%	89%	63.9%
2023 centre	83.8%	63.3%	83.3%	75.9%
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.

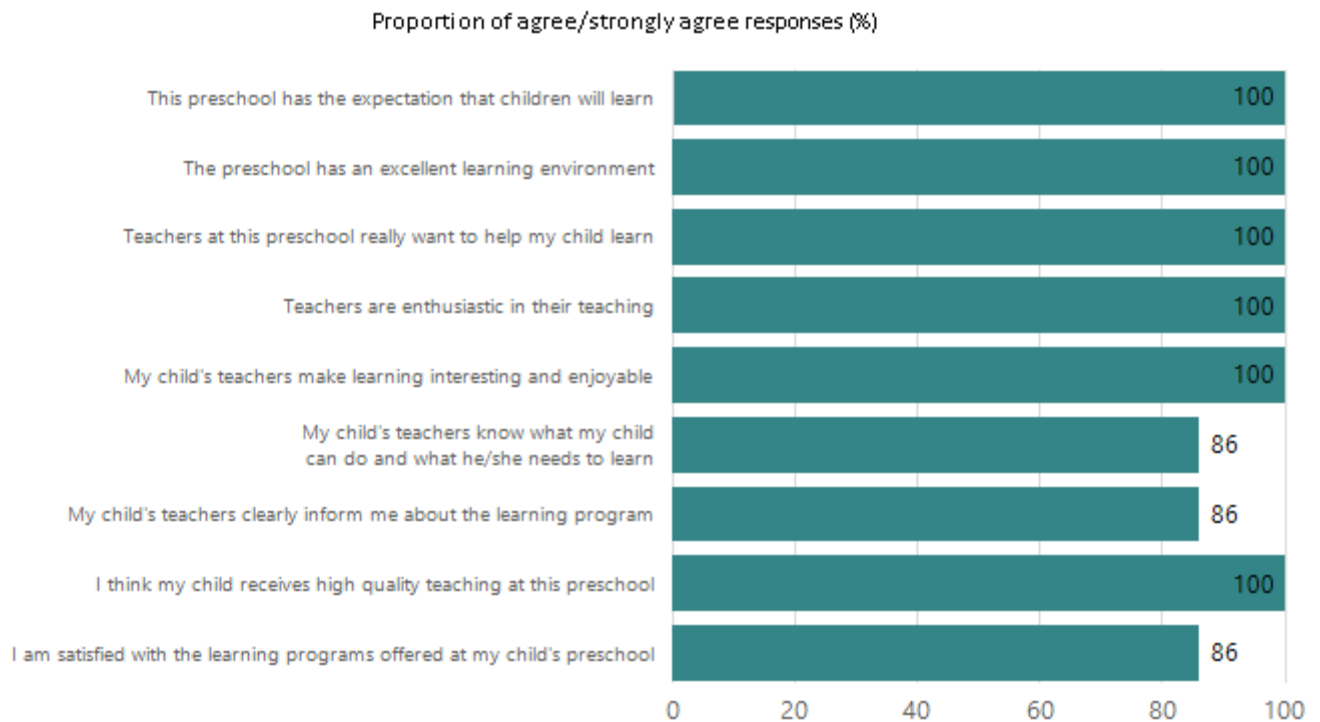
Note: Term 2 2020 data may not be available for all preschools.

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.

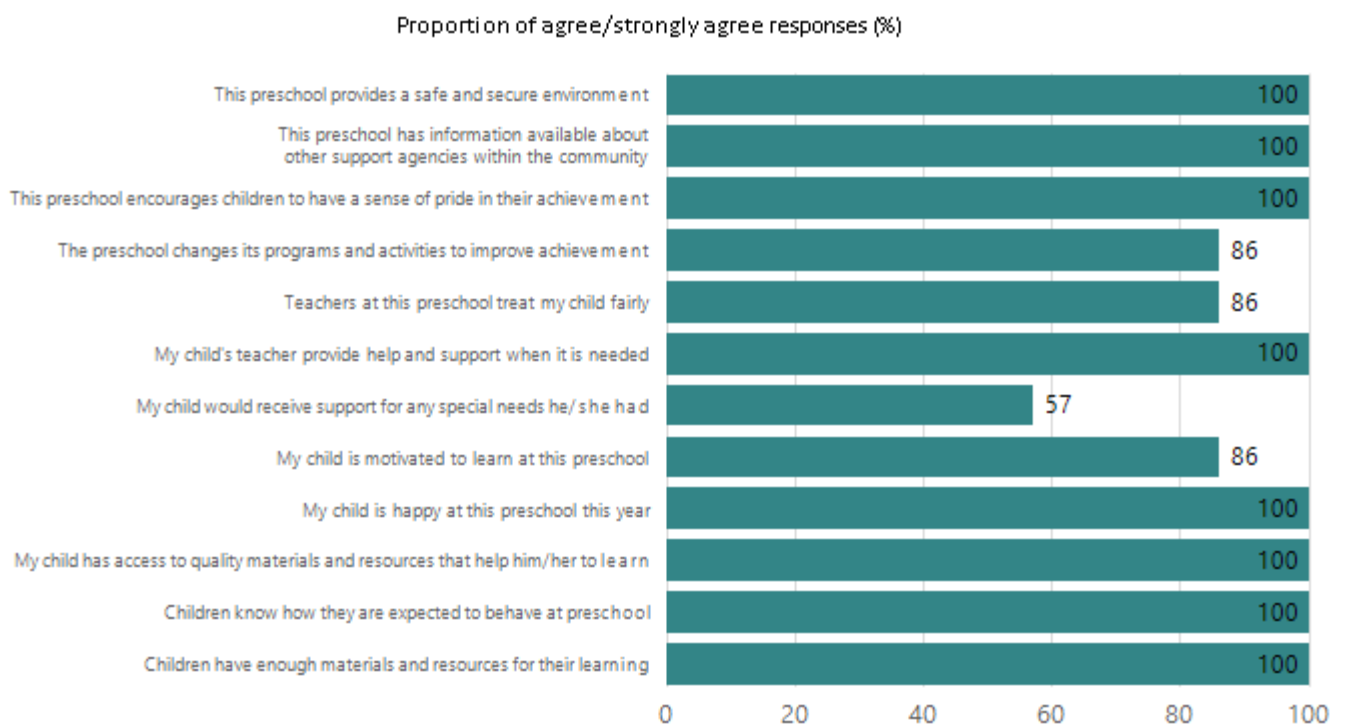
Preschool Family Opinion Survey

Quality of Teaching and Learning



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

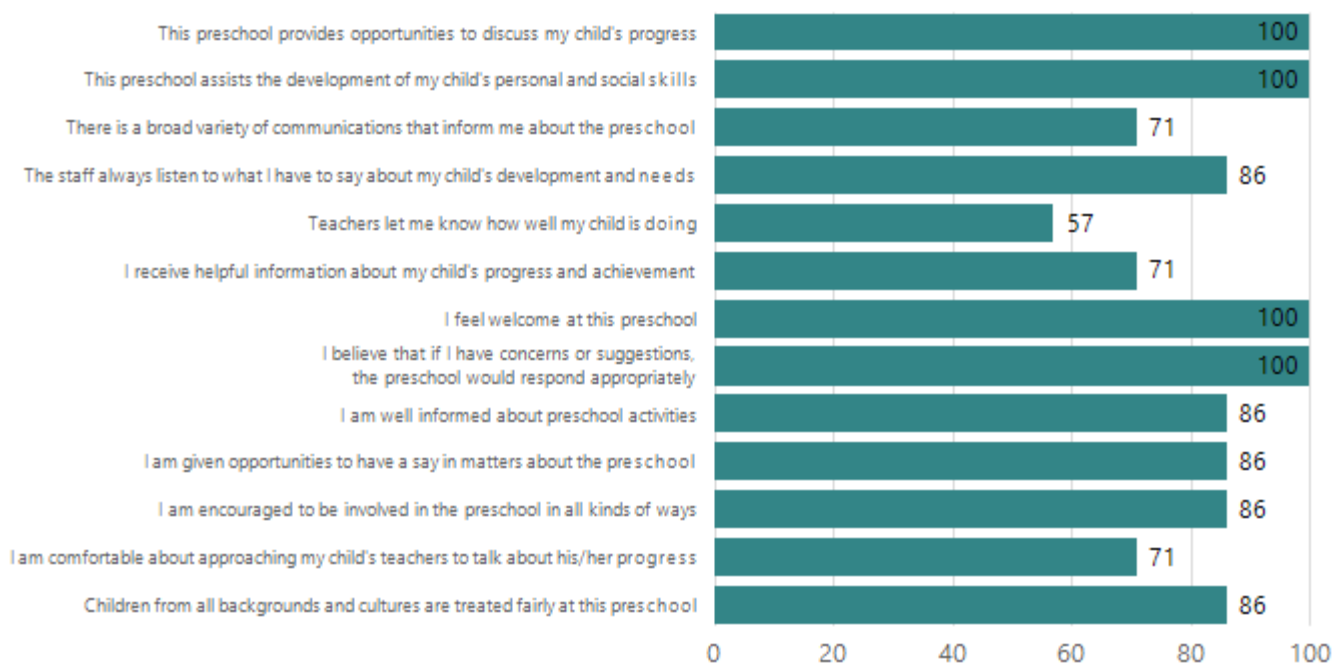
Support of Learning



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

Relationships and Communication

Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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Leadership and Decision Making

Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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

Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2021	2022	2023
0378 - Renmark West Primary School	93.3%	7.1%	78.6%
8334 - St Joseph's School - Renmark	6.7%	36%	6.7%
9999 - Unknown			

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.

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	0.0	0.0	0.8
Persons	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0

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	\$9,827.96
Grants: Commonwealth	
Parent Contributions	\$4,340.00
Fund Raising	\$2,540.48
Other	

Data Source: School supplied data.

Chairperson Report

2023 was another year of growth and fun at Renmark West Preschool, starting the year with Nadia Clarke acting as the director, before Meegan Townsend moved back into the role midway through the year. Liz Angeletti has been consistently dedicated to her ongoing role as the ECW worker. The preschool has been very luck to have Megan Peterson join the teaching team on Wednesdays for the seconds half of the year. RWPS was also fortunate to have Penny and Sarah during the year to deliver extra support to our students.

RWPS had another successful year for fundraising, raising money with the Picture Plates, Pizza and Pie drive, Sportathon and Raffle. Thank you to all families and members of the community for your ongoing generosity throughout the year.

Highlights of the year were Book Week, when the children went on a bus to the Renmark Paringa Library and took part in the Renmark West Primary School’s Book Week Parade. They also attended the Chaffey Theatre to watch the amazing performance of The Patch Theatre’s Zoom. We thank the Primary School for their cooperation and coordination to include the preschool students in these fantastic opportunities.

The end of the year was celebrated with a picnic morning tea at the Preschool and a Graduation Ceremony which was well attended by the children's families, enjoying some lovely songs performed by the children.

A big change that the Preschool will see in coming years is the expansion to accommodating 22 students due to a variation in how the floor space is measured. This is a development that will create many positives for both the Preschool and Primary Schools' community into the future. There are already some visible modifications in preparation for this around the kindy, as well as a significant amount of planning behind the scenes.

Personally I'd like to give thanks the staff and fellow governing council members for their ongoing hard work and dedication to ensuring RWPS continues to be a safe and welcoming environment for children to play, learn and grow, providing such a fantastic grounding for their school years ahead.

I wish the staff and future GC members all the best for the following year to come.

Elyse Beavis – Chairperson

Renmark West Preschool Governing Council Committee 2023