

2023 annual report to the Community

Jamestown Community Children's Ctr

Jamestown Community Children's Ctr number: 6624

Partnership: Upper Mid North



Preschool director:

Tegan Carkle

Date of endorsement:

14/03/2024



Context Statement

Information about Jamestown Community Children's Ctr 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	88.7%		86.3%	98.1%
2021 centre	96.6%	86.3%	91.7%	80%
2022 centre	84.7%	71.8%	77.5%	82%
2023 centre	87.5%	44.8%	86.3%	87.9%
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

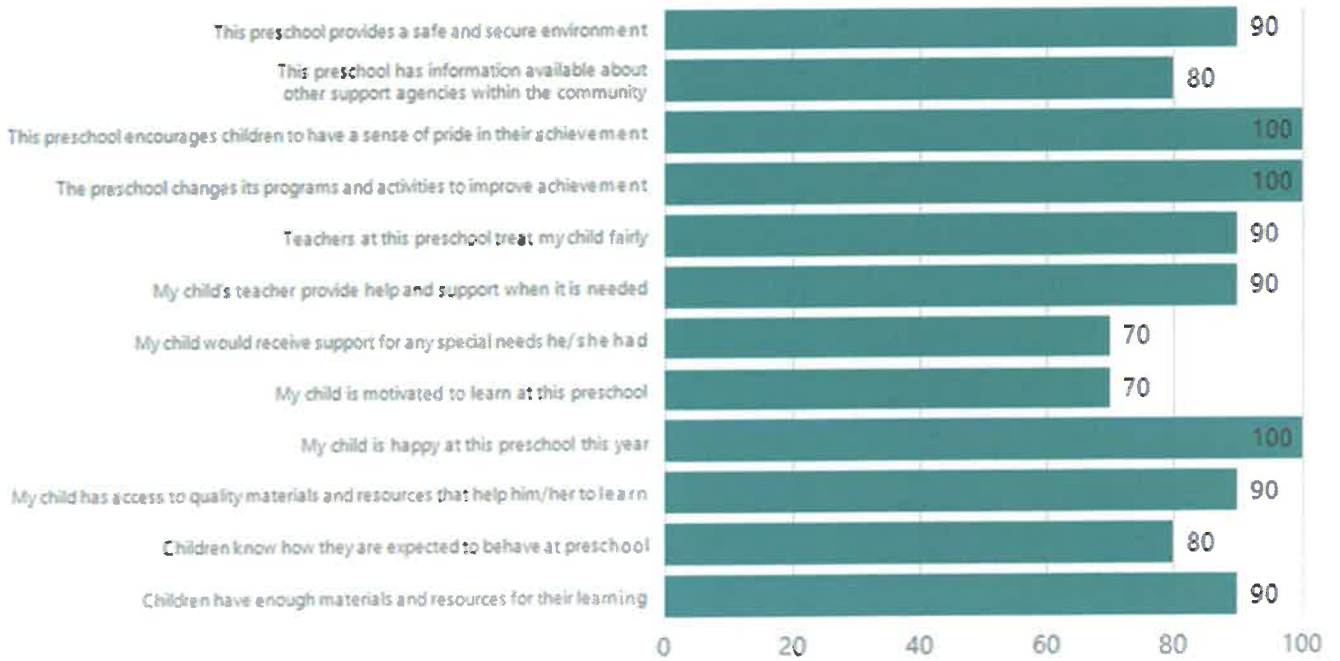
Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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

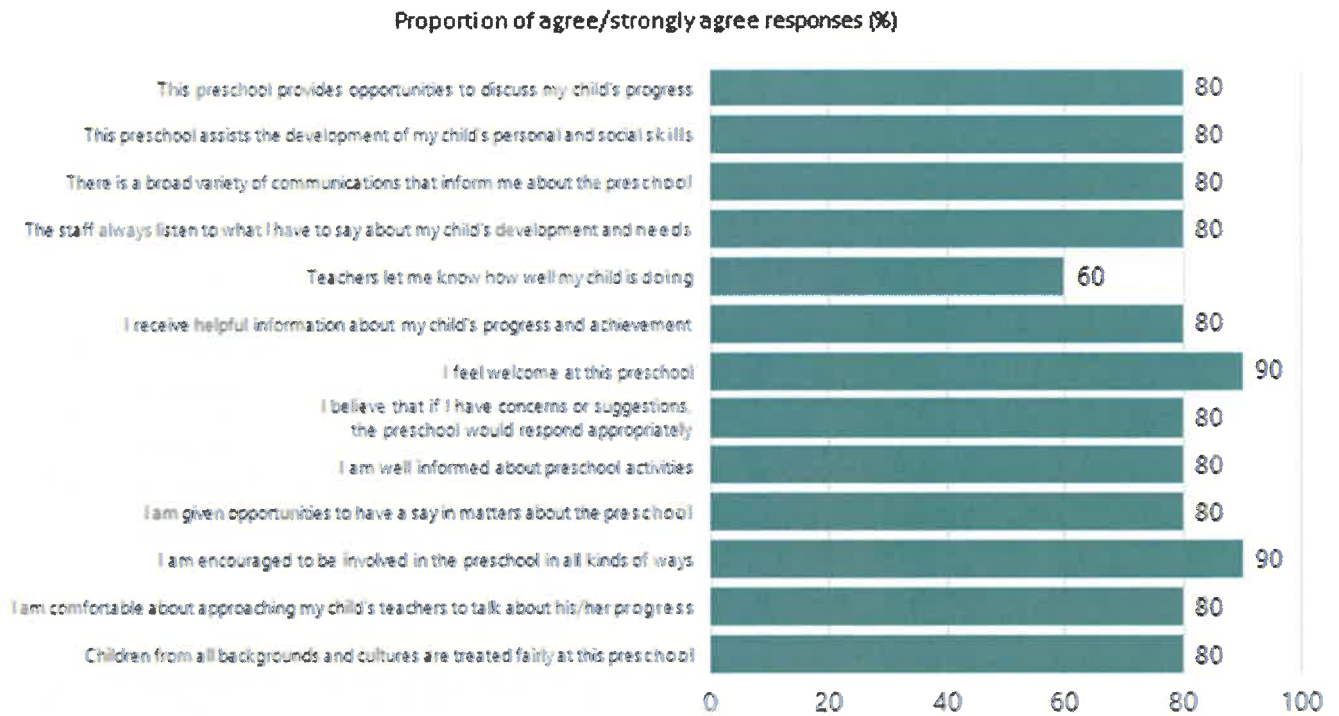
Support of Learning

Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



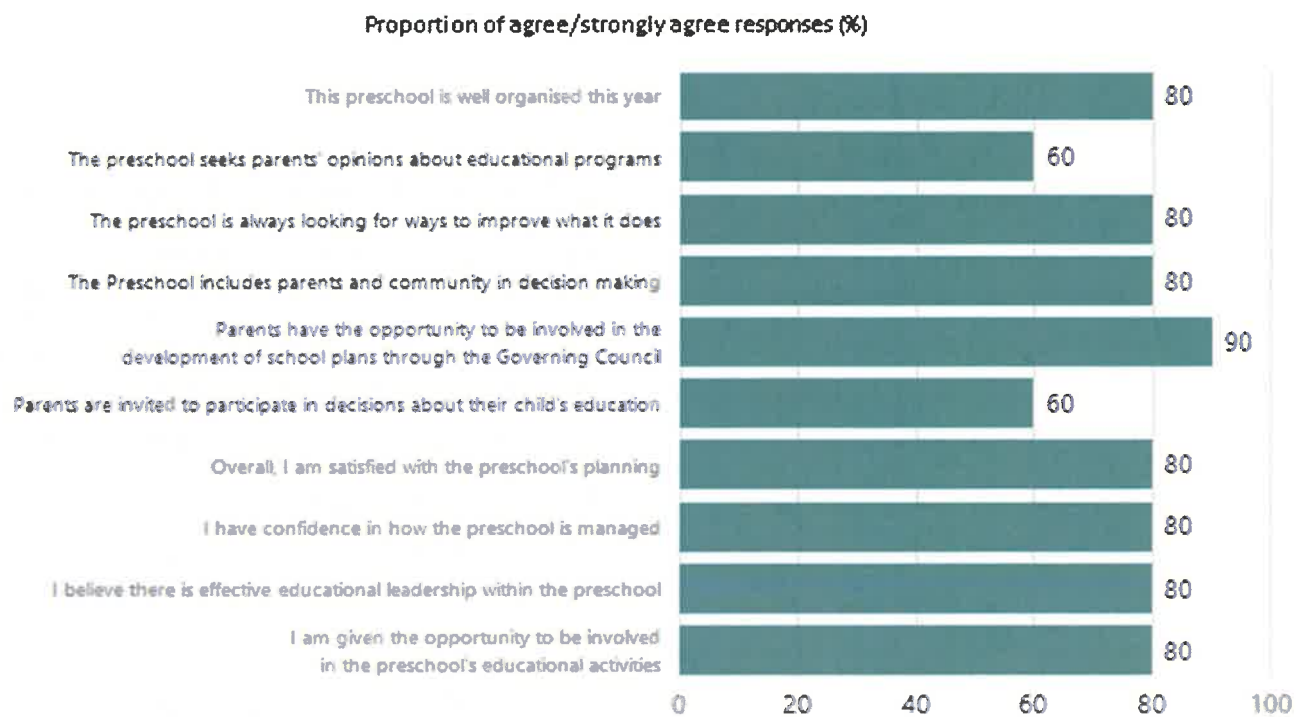
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Relationships and Communication



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
0407 - Spalding Primary School	3.1%		
0777 - Jamestown Community School	46.9%	5.6%	25.7%
9034 - St James' School	18.8%		
9999 - Unknown	31.3%	91.7%	74.3%

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	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	1.0	0.0	0.8
Persons	0.0	1.0	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	\$396335.88
Grants: Commonwealth	
Parent Contributions	\$10010.00
Fund Raising	
Other	\$5569.55

Data Source: School supplied data.

2023 JCCC Chairpersons Report

2023 was a busy year of growth and responsibility in decision making for our Governing Council.

As a committee we have worked through the requirements for our site to have a person of management and control (PMC) and have addressed the need for two separate committees to govern our integrated site. Our director has been able to access support from the rural integrated services team and connect with centres in similar positions to ours. As a governing council, we acknowledge the difficulty in running an integrated site (government administered preschool and community run childcare) and look forward to continuing this partnership into the future.

We have continued to hold regular finance meetings to focus on continued stability in this area. As a governing council, our financial sustainability and responsibility to our community has continued to be at the forefront of our minds and we have been able to find solutions that work for our centre.

Staff retention, recruitment and working arrangements have continued to be discussed. As a committee we wholeheartedly believe in supporting our educators in the work they do and we have made it possible to offer our childcare staff wages in line with the Early Childhood Worker (ECW) salary. This allows for us to be competitive in this early childhood space and attract and retain educators of high quality and commitment.

The challenges of offering mid-year kindy intake have also been a regular point of discussion. This affects not only on our kindy groups and allocations, but also impacts on our childcare offerings. This will continue to be worked through as mid-year school intake takes effect in 2024.

Our committee has continued to actively fundraise to assist in funding outdoor learning area projects and equipment. This has also allowed us to engage in the local community and we thank the fundraising committee for their work in this area. Fundraising was highlighted by providing meals at the national shearing championships, face painting at the show, a mother's day raffle, trading table, and the gin drive at the end of the year.

As a centre we have said farewell to Jess Smith as our preschool teacher and welcomed back Rachel Redden to this role after leave. We have also welcomed Linda Broad, Claire Longbottom and Hannah Watson to the childcare team. I wish to thank all of the educators at our centre who provide such strong foundations for the children in our community. We truly would be lost without your dedication, care and expertise in your field.

As a chairperson, I wish to thank the whole committee for their dedication to our centre. It is important voluntary work that we do for the betterment of our community and its children. I truly believe that all of us have this in the forefront of our minds when we come to meetings and that we are able to have open and important discussions and make decisions that reflect our community's values. I feel very proud of our committee and the work we have done and wish everyone the best as we move into 2024.

Ellie Stacey