

2024 annual report to the
Community

Solomontown Kindergarten

Solomontown Kindergarten number: 6666

Partnership: Pirie



Preschool director:

Monique Button

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Date of endorsement:

07/08/2025



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education

Solomontown Kindergarten had another productive year welcoming new cohorts of children and their families in Terms 1 and 3.

There were numerous opportunities for families to visit Kindy with 2 Open nights for new families in Terms 2 and 4. In Term 1, the Kindy staff held a Sensory Evening, which was extremely well attended by families as well as lots of teachers and other interested staff from other sites across Port Pirie. The staff provided information about children's regulation and gave away sensory fidget tools and provided recipes for sensory play.

Term 2 saw the Kindy raise \$150 for the Cancer Council with the Biggest Morning Tea. This event was well attended by invited special family members for afternoon tea at the Kindy. A memorable event for everyone. The Kindy also farewelled the first cohort of midyear entry children to school with a special graduation ceremony, songs from children and presentation.

Term 3 saw the Annual Art Show, which was held in the empty shop down the main street. On display were sculptures, painting, drawing and beautiful works of art from the children. There was also collaborative work with the year 3 & 4 class from Solomontown Primary who also had a display. The Mayor opened the event which went for a week with great success.

In Term 3 the Kindy also held the annual Books and Burger Drive thru night which was a very successful fundraiser with \$843 being raised. The children also participated in a fun obstacle athon raising just over \$1000 for the Kindy yard upgrade. It was a great day with families able to watch through the fence and cheer on the children as they did their laps.

A highlight of the end of the year was the Kindy's success in the Public Education Awards. Monique the Director was nominated in the Excellence in Leadership award by the Local Education Team and Regional Office. Mykayla Demarco was nominated in the Inclusive Practices award and won the award. This was a wonderful achievement for Mykayla and the site.

Thank you to members of Governing Council and thank you to the staff of Solomontown Kindergarten for another great year of Kindy.

Context Statement

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

Governing Council Report



Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2021 centre		79.8%	86.8%	70.3%
2022 centre	80.4%	64.1%	59.7%	81.4%
2023 centre	78.7%	53.2%	78.7%	84.7%
2024 centre	73%		70.1%	

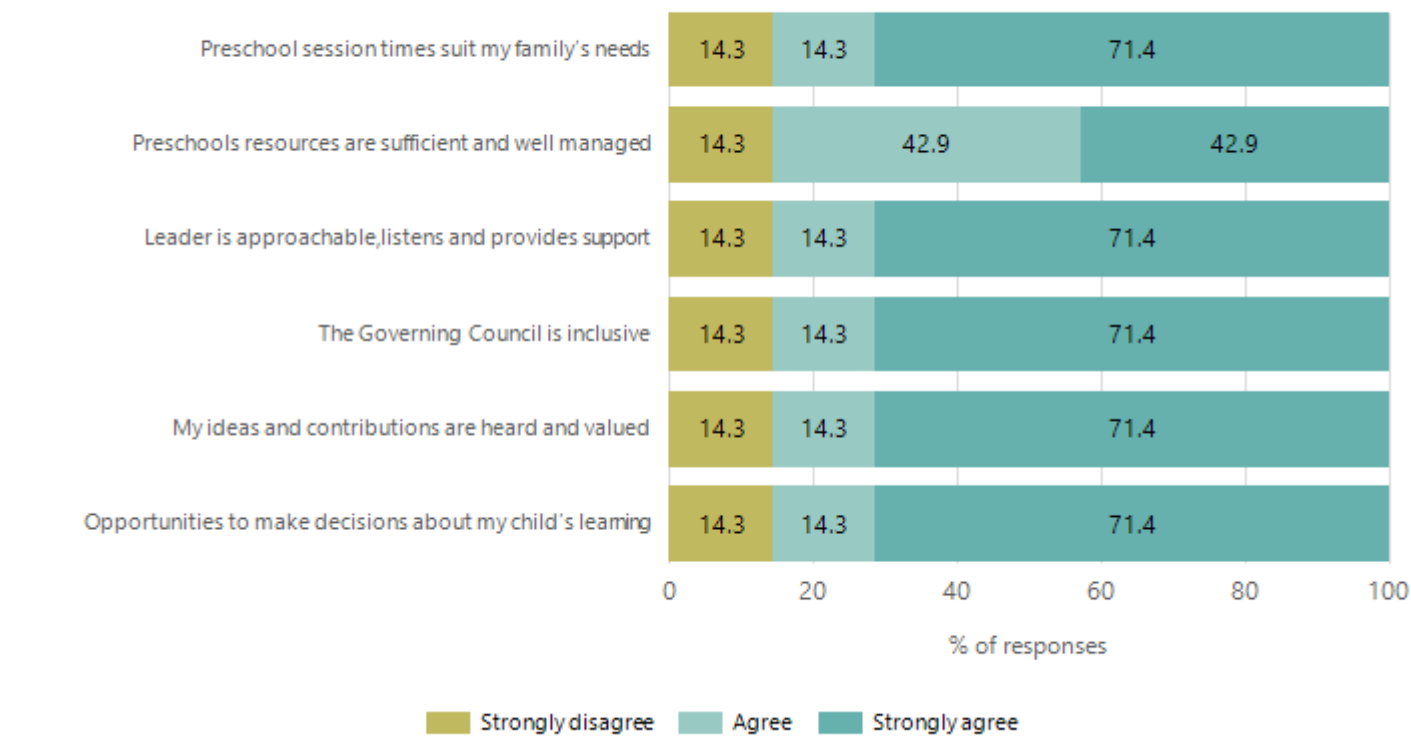
Based on attendances recorded in the two-week reference period each term. Data for eligible enrolments as described in the department's Enrolment policy. Attendance rates may differ to previous reporting with the transfer from calculations based on deemed attendance to actual attendance using booked 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.

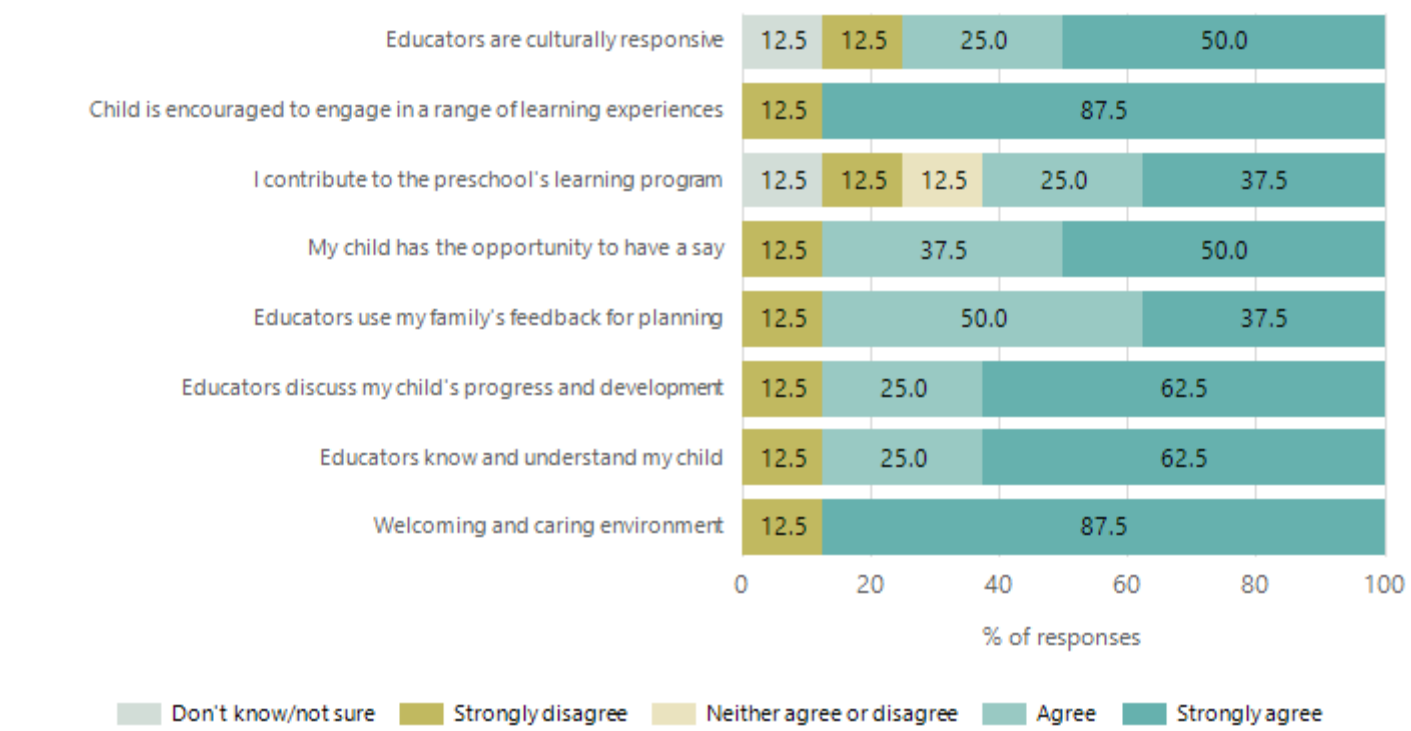
Preschool Family Opinion Survey

Governance, Leadership and Management



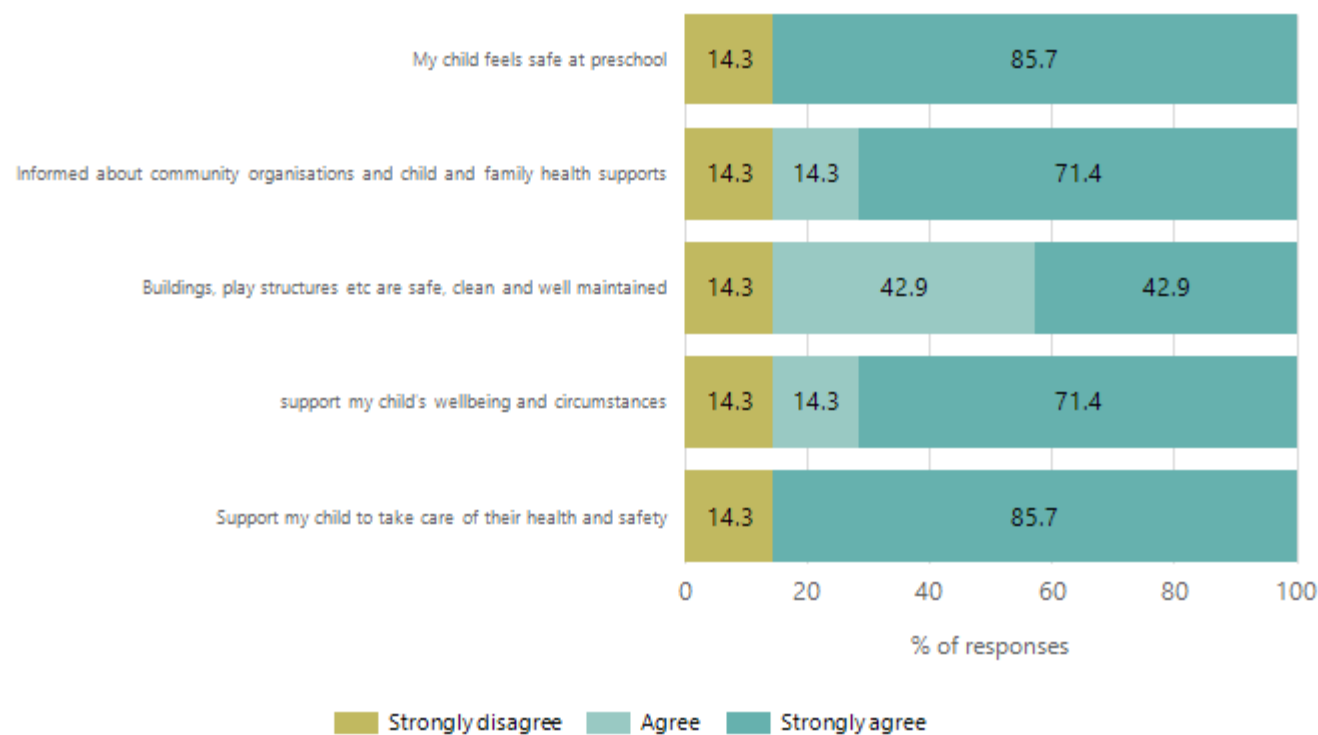
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Quality of Teaching and Learning



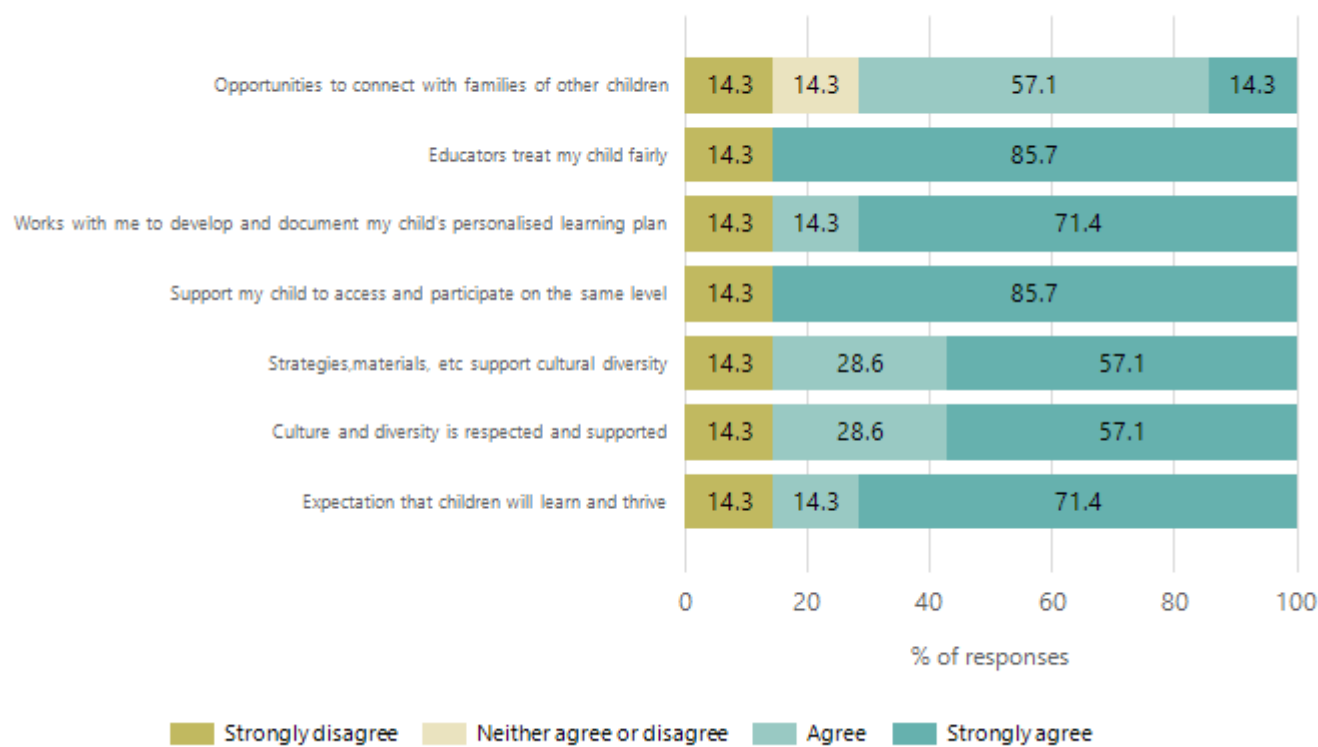
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Safety, Health and Wellbeing



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
0406 - Solomontown Primary School	49.0%	23.7%	23.8%
0685 - Risdon Park Primary School	17.7%	5.1%	3.2%
8021 - St Mark's College:Benedict Campus	3.9%	10.2%	7.9%
9039 - Mid North Christian College	3.9%		3.2%
9999 - Unknown	21.6%	54.2%	60.3%

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, 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	1
Postgraduate Qualifications	3

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	3.3	0.0	1.8
Persons	0.0	4.0	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	\$672,290.29
Grants: Commonwealth	00
Parent Contributions	\$9,185.00
Fund Raising	\$3,613.25
Other	\$9,118.16

Data Source: School supplied data.