

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 08/2018

Centre number: 3647

Centre name: Madge Sexton Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name :Madge Sexton Kindergarten
- Centre number :3647
- Preschool Director: Leanne Lovett
- Postal address: 249 Main Road, McLaren Vale. 5171
- Location address: 249 Main Road, McLaren Vale. 5171
- Telephone number: 8323 8684
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- Email address: dl.3647.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Department for Education Partnership: Sea and Vines
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 38 Kilometres from GPO
- Physical Capacity: 55 (110)
- Stand alone operating but co-located with McLaren Vale Primary School
- Programs operating
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - 2 groups of 2 full days and 1 x 2.5 hour session
 - Group 1: Mon pm/Tuesday all day/ Wednesday all day
 - Group 2: Thursday all day / Friday all day / Mon am
 - ❖ Occasional Care (indicate whether funded or unfunded): N/A
 - ❖ Extended Care: N/A
 - ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program: 2 Full Days with LTC each week, per group.
 - ❖ Bilingual Support: Available through DECD
 - ❖ Preschool Support: Requested from Department for Education when required.
- Partnerships 21 status: local management

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
 - Learning Dispositions
 - Literacy / Numeracy
 - Reggio Emilia Prototype Site
 - Preschool Outdoor Learning Area Demonstration Site (nature play)

3. Curriculum

- Early Years Learning Framework (BBB)
 - Respect, Reflect Relate (RRR)
- Specific curriculum approaches
 - Reggio Emilia influences – voice of child strong in learning programmes, strong sense of belonging, identity & connections
 - Respect for the child
 - Strong Art/Creativity focus – supported by atelieristas (art focus teachers)
 - Strong literacy focus - Oral language & pre-reading & writing
 - Strong numeracy focus – Big Ideas in Number
 - Nature play principles

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile (2016)
 - 1.0 Director
 - 1.0 / 0.6 Teachers
 - 2.0 ECWs (4 Part Time E.C.Ws. comprising positions)
 - Preschool Support Worker 0.4
- Performance Management Program: Reviewed annually
- Access to special support staff

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds: co-located into a new building, on the site of the McLaren Vale Primary School.
- Capacity (per session):55 children
- Centre Ownership: The premises are owned by Department for Education
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: Indoor and outdoor wheelchair access. Wheelchair access through main gate.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments): The centre is situated in McLaren Vale in the Onkaparinga Council which is a semi-rural wine growing area. Families using this centre come from a variety of Anglo Saxon and multicultural backgrounds. It has a growing number of single parent families and the majority of parents are working or studying.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool: The community and parents are strongly involved in the centre management and show an interest in the children's progress and development. Staff aim for "partnerships" with parents, not just superficial parental involvement.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool: McLaren Vale Primary School, McLaren Flat Primary School, Tatachilla Lutheran College, Galille Catholic School, Southern Vales Christian College, All Saints Catholic School, Kangarilla Primary School.
- Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC: McLaren Vale Childcare Centres – Local Kids and Blossomvale. Montessori Children's Centre, McLaren Vale. OSHC at McLaren Vale Primary, McLaren Flat Primary and Willunga Primary.
- Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational: The centre, being situated in a small town, is close to all usual facilities.
- Availability of staff housing: N/A
- Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality: Limited public transport (bus) available.
- Local Government body (name, phone number), availability of publications describing the local area (with source, cost), characteristics, level of involvement: Onkaparinga Council