

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 24.5.2017

Centre number: 5629

Centre name: Le Fevre Kindergarten Inc

1. General information

- Centre name
:Le Fevre Kindergarten Inc
- Centre number
:5629
- Preschool Director
:Diane McDonnell-Smith
- Postal address
:14 Hughes Street BIRKENHEAD 5015
- Location address
:14 Hughes Street BIRKENHEAD 5015
- Telephone number
:84494580
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:82423496
- e-mail address
:dl.5629_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- DECD Partnership
:Le Fevre Peninsula Partnership
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
:17kms
- Enrolment/Attendance
:50
- Co-located/stand-alone
:stand- alone adjoining Le Fevre Peninsula Primary School
- Programs operating
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
4 year old children in the year prior to starting school are eligible for 5 3 hour sessions of preschool per week. Children are eligible for 15 hours (or 5 sessions) of preschool per week . Children start kindergarten in term 1 if they turn 4 on or before May 1 of that year. If they turn 4 after May 1 they will start in term 1 on the following year.
 - ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program
:full day option available, limited lunch places available

- ❖ Bilingual Support
:available through DECD when necessary
- ❖ Preschool Support
:available through DECD and centre, when necessary, currently speech and language support and early intervention support

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/ Quality Improvement Plan
 - Literacy/Numeracy
 - Student Well-being
 - Assessment and Reporting
 - Environmental Awareness
 - German language learning program

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
Introducing the National Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values
: At Le Fevre Kindergarten, we respect and value each child as an individual with unique talents, interests and skills. We believe children learn best through PLAY and SOCIAL INTERACTION
- Specific curriculum approaches
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- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
 - : Early years partnership network inquiry
 - : Joint art project with local school in 2017

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
 - : currently 1 full time director
 - :1 full time teaching position
 - :.5 Early Childhood Worker which does increase to a full time position depending on site enrolments
 - :Lunch time carer
 - :+ support workers
 - :Additional staff for universal access.
- Performance Management Program
:yes
- Access to special support staff
:upon referral to DECD

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
: Modern brick building opened in 1975 consisting of main room, bathroom, office, withdrawal/library room, kitchen and storeroom. There is a large verandah enabling year round use. The grounds consist of a grassed area and a shade cloth barkchipped area with climbing equipment and swings. There is a covered sandpit, and a covered digging patch. There is a garden area around the boundary of the grounds. The centre is air conditioned and heated. There is a staff carpark at the rear of the building. There are 4 outdoor storage areas
- Capacity (per session)
:34
- Centre Ownership
:DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
:yes
- Other
:off street staff car parking
Access to school oval and playground

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
: The Port Adelaide/Enfield council region, in which the Kindergarten is located, reflects wide cultural and socio-economic diversity. The Kindergarten represents a range of socio-economic backgrounds, family compositions, ability levels, and some cultural diversity, with families from Birkenhead, Semaphore, Exeter, Port Adelaide, Rosewater, Largs Bay, Ethelton and Peterhead. All families currently enrolled speak English as their first language.
New Port River Development – housing, recreational
Census shows English as the main language with Italian, Greek, German, Croatian speaking families.
2% Aboriginal population.
- *Parent and community involvement in the preschool*
: :Active parent involvement in Governing Council and Fundraising committee. Parents are encouraged to become involved in preschool activities – and are invited to participate in cooking, gardening, working with children, resource preparation, library maintenance, computer work. There is an active Governing Council with a fundraising subcommittee. Parents participate in information sessions and are encouraged to meet with staff to discuss their children's involvement at preschool.
There is a large parent run playgroup held at the centre on Fridays 1pm to 2.30pm

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
 - Le Fevre Peninsula School
 - Semaphore Dominican
 - Largs Bay JPS
 - West Lakes Shore JPS
 - Mt Carmel College
 - Our Lady of the Visitation
 - St Michaels
- Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC
 - : OSHC at local school
 - Government and Non Government Child care facilities
 - Family Day care
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
 - : Port River Industrial – Adelaide Brighton Cement, Australian Submarine Cooperation,
 - Port Adelaide Shopping Precinct, Semaphore Rd, West Lakes Mall
- Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational
 - : Port River, Semaphore Beach, local parks, Port Adelaide tourist precinct, Maritime Museum, Lighthouse, Port Markets, AAMI stadium
- Availability of staff housing
 - : Privately owned, private rental and governmental rental accommodation is available in the area
- Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality
 - : Bus and train from Glanville Railway Station – accessing local area, Port Adelaide, Semaphore, West Lakes and city,
- Local Government body (name, phone number), availability of publications describing the local area (with source, cost), characteristics, level of involvement
 - : The kindergarten is located in the Port Adelaide/Enfield Council area.
 - Civic Centre/Administration
 - 163 St Vincent St, Port Adelaide
 - PO Box 110
 - Port Adelaide. 5015
 - 84056600

Le Fevre Kindergarten has been assessed as meeting the National Quality standards in 2012.