PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT Updated: 19/08/2015

Centre number: 6624

Centre name: Jamestown Community Children’s Centre

1. General information
   • Centre name
     : Jamestown Community Children’s Centre
   • Centre number
     : 6624
   • Preschool Director
     : Alison Arth
   • Postal address
     : 1 Humphris Tce, Jamestown, SA 5491
   • Location address
     : As above
   • Telephone number
     : 8664 1276
   • Fax number
     : 8664 1895
   • Website Address
     : www.jamestownpre.sa.edu.au
   • e-mail address
     : dl.6624_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
   • DECD Partnership
     : Upper Mid North
   • Geographical location –
     : 230 kms from Adelaide GPO (km)
   • Enrolment/Attendance
     : 29 children enrolled in preschool, regular attendance
     : 60-70 families using childcare on a permanent or casual basis
   • Co-located/stand-alone
     : Co-located with Jamestown Community School
   • Programs operating
     : Preschool for children in their eligible year
     - 5 full days per fortnight - Tuesday and Thursday every week and Mondays in alternate weeks
     - Lunch program for preschool children
     - Bus Duty: supervised walk to and from school bus before and after preschool sessions
     - Preschool Support for children with additional needs
     : Long Day Care 5 days a week for 50 weeks a year, 8.00am-6.00pm, for children aged 0-5 years [available as half day (8.00am-1.00pm or 1.00pm-6.00pm) or full day bookings]
     : Before School Care 8.00-8.40am for school age children 4-12 years
     : After School Care 3.00-6.00pm 4-12 years
     : Vacation Care for school age children 4-12 years
2. Key Centre Policies

• Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose

Our Philosophy (reviewed in 2014) is as follows:

“Play is Our Work”
Belong – Every child, family and educator is welcomed and valued
Discover – Every child, family and educator is on a unique learning journey
Grow – Dream big! Anything is possible…
“Nothing without Joy”

Curriculum

• Framework used
  : Early Years Learning Framework
  : Respect, Reflect, Relate
  : Preschool Indicators of Numeracy and Literacy
  : National Quality Standard

• Core Values
  : Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
  : Partnerships with families
  : High expectations and equity
  : Respect for diversity
  : Ongoing learning and reflective practice

• Specific curriculum approaches
  : Holistic approaches
  : Responsiveness to children
  : Learning through play
  : Intentional teaching
  : Learning environments
  : Cultural competence
  : Continuity of learning and transitions
  : Assessment for learning

• Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
  : Transition program to Jamestown Community School (R-12) and St James School (R-7).

4. Centre Based Staff

• Staff Profile
  : Director (Band A-3)) 1.0 (full time)
  : Preschool Teacher 0.5 / 0.6 under Universal Access
- ECW 0.5 / 0.6 under Universal Access [when warranted by average attendances]
- Assistant Director of Child Care 1.0 (full time)
- 2 group leader positions for Diploma Qualified Child Care Workers (contract)
- 2 child care positions for Certificate III Child Care Workers (contract)
- Additional hours for Diploma and Certificate III Child Care Workers on a contract or casual basis as required

- Performance Management Program
  - Self-evaluation and performance conversations with line managers twice yearly

- Access to special support staff
  - Funded preschool support is available for eligible children with additional needs

- Other
  - Contracted Cleaner (daily) and Gardener (1-2 hours per week as required)

5. Centre Facilities
- Buildings and grounds
  - New purpose built children’s centre (opened in 2013)
- Capacity (per session)
  - 53 children (any combination of preschool and child care children)
- Centre Ownership
  - DECD building; DECD grounds
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
  - Wheelchair accessible
- Other
  - Co-location with Jamestown Community School allows for access to Community Library, School Stadium and other school facilities

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)
- General characteristics:
  - Majority of families are Anglo/Australian with a small percentage of single parent families and/or unemployed. Jamestown is a farming area with many associated businesses. Other industries include a small Forestry industry and timber mill and a development of small vineyards and olive plantations. The town is well serviced with a range of shops and services.
- Parent and community involvement:
  - Governing Council of parents and staff meet regularly and play an important role as they work closely with the Director in providing a high quality education and care service. There is strong family and community support for the centre.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:
  - Jamestown Community School
  - St James Catholic Primary School
  - Spalding Primary School.
• Other local care and educational facilities,
  : CYH, Bizzy Bugs [kindergym], Story Time & Rhyme Time ‘[library program],
  Family Day Care, Jamestown Community School, St James’ School
• Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  : Supermarket, butchers (2), garden centre, bakery, newsagent, jeweller, car
  dealers (3), insurance agents (2), pharmacy, banks (3), clothing store, shoe
  shop, takeaway (1), coffee shop, furniture and electrical, hardware (2), tyre
  centre (2), crash repaire [1], 4 hotels – 2 with motels, small Christian
  bookshop, airstrip, hairdressers (2), craft and quilting store, optometrist, gift
  shop, fruit and vegetable shop.
• Other local facilities,
  : Well-staffed medical centre and hospital with visiting specialists, ambulance,
  dentist, police station, CFS, extremely active sporting clubs including
  basketball, netball, football, tennis, cricket, golf and table tennis, Library,
  Gym, hydrotherapy pool, swimming pool, caravan park, a variety of church
  denominations, RSL, CWA, Apex, Probus, Aged Care facility (Belalie Lodge)
• Availability of staff housing
  : Private rental.
• Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres
  : 2½ hours to Adelaide
  : ¾ hour to Port Pirie and Clare on good roads
• Local Government body
  : Northern Areas Council 8664 1139.
  : Local area booklet available from the Council.

7. Further Comments
• Partnership/incorporation arrangements with other groups
  : Jamestown is part of the Upper Mid North DECD Local Partnership
  : Employment of School Services Officers as Finance Officers based at
  Jamestown Community School for preschool (using EDSAS) and child care
  (using MYOB)
  : Child Care is funded through the Federal Government (DEEWR) and the
  Child Care Benefit and Rebates apply for families using the service