



Adelaide Miethke Preschool

Newsletter - February, 2020

Phone—8345 5019

«childs name»

Welcome to all our new children and their families.

We are really looking forward to 2020 and getting to know all our new children and families. Our activities in the first term will be focused on helping the children settle into kindy and build new friendships.

Kindy starts at 8:30am. Staff will open the doors when we have set-up, completed all safety checks and done a staff debrief. From week 2 kindy **finishes at 3:30pm with pick up from 3:20pm.**

We want to reassure you that if your child does become upset we WILL ring you. If you are unsure you are always welcome to call us.



Contact details

If any of your details (including email) have changed please let us know and remember to keep your emergency contacts details up to date throughout the year.

SHARING INFORMATION WITH FAMILIES

EMAIL will be our main method of communication with families this year. This will include emailing newsletters, learning stories and other information.

Please keep your email address up to date.

You are welcome to provide more than 1 email address.

Hats and Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen each morning and remember to pack your child's hat. We check the UV rating each day as part of our morning routine. Sunscreen will be reapplied at lunch time as per our sun-safety policy.



At the end of the session please remember to sign your child out and to take home your child's

HAT, DRINK BOTTLE, CRAFT & PAINTINGS.

Snack time and lunch.

Please bring a piece of **fruit or vegetable** each day for snack time. Children should place their fruit or veg in the basket on the counter. Some ideas include apple, kiwi fruit, banana, orange, cucumber, grapes, tomatoes, capsicum, pineapple, mango, mushroom, carrot snow-peas and melon. Parent help to cut our snack is always welcome. Please see Carol or Alka if you can help.



At lunch time we sit at the tables to eat. Children are encouraged to eat their main lunch item (sandwich) first. Please pack a healthy lunch with NO more than 2 small treats. Each morning please ask your child to put their lunch box on the counter next

Please DO NOT send foods containing nuts.



Includes muesli bars & nut-butter products.

Spare Clothes

While we do have spare clothes at kindy it is helpful if you can pack a change of clothes in your child's kindy bag so that if they are wet or soiled we can change them into their own clothes.

Celebrating Birthdays



We celebrate **birthdays** at kindy by singing happy birthday and giving the child a special certificate. Families are not able to bring cake or chocolates to share as we have children with allergies who can not eat these foods. Please save these for your celebrations at home.

Sickness and attendance

Regular attendance is very important to ensure children build friendships and learn however children who are sick should be kept home. This includes children who have vomited or had diarrhoea within the last 24 hours or have a high temperature. See policy for more information.

Annual General Meeting

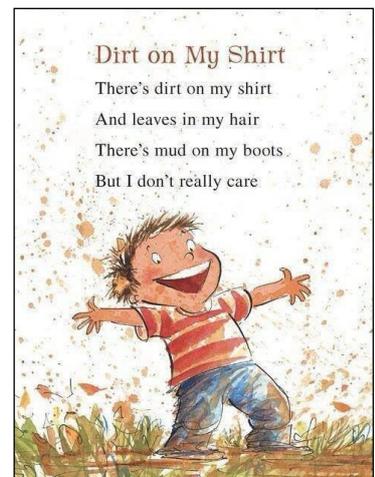
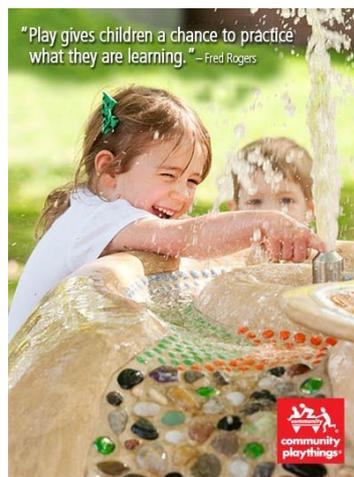
Tuesday, 18 February @ 7pm

The centre has a Governing Council that supports staff with the operation of the kindergarten, fundraising and events.

We are very keen to have parents from both kindy and occasional care join the Governing Council in 2020.

We meet twice each term for 2 hours in the evening.

If you'd like to join please speak to a staff member and come along to the AGM.



Term 1 - Dates to remember

Tues, 18 February	Governing Council AGM - 7pm
Mon, 24 February	State-wide Leaders Days (Suzanne attending)
Tues, 25 February	Literacy Leader Day (Suzanne & Jess attending)
Mon, 11 March	Public Holiday - Adelaide Cup
Friday, 12 April	Term 1 ends

Adelaide Miethke Preschool Staff Profiles

As an introduction we have included these profiles so you can get to know us a little better. In the next few weeks we will let you know who your child's lead educator is so that you can touch base with them if you have any concerns or questions.



Suzanne Dawson - Centre Director

B. Ed Early Childhood Education

I have been Director/Teacher at AMK since 2014 and love working here. The Director role includes managing all aspects of the centre including curriculum, admin, finance, staffing and leadership. I teach Group 2 (Wed and Thurs). I was previously the Director at Marie Dunstan Preschool and before I had children, at West Lakes Early Childhood Centre. I also worked in Whyalla for a number of years. I am married to David and have 2 teenage daughters (Ellen & Lara). We are currently building a new home and hope that it will be finished by mid-2020. We enjoy travelling, are kept very busy with our girls' sporting commitments and enjoy catching up with friends. This year we are hoping to begin walking the Heysen Trail with the Friends of the Heysen Trail group.



Jessica Gripton - Teacher

B. Ed Early Childhood Education

Hi I'm Jess and I have been teaching here at Adelaide Miethke for 6 years. I absolutely love coming to work everyday and experiencing the children's zest and love for life and adventure! I love spending my time in the outdoors particularly at the beach and camping in nature, and connecting children with the outdoors and nature has also become an interest of mine over the years! 2020 is going to be a big year for my fiancé, Matt and I as we not only build the house of our dreams for ourselves and our two fur pups but we will also welcome our first baby into the world in June!



Monica Woolford - Teacher

B. Ed Early Childhood Education

Hi everyone, I'm Monica Woolford and I'm very happy to be working alongside the educators at Adelaide Miethke Preschool. We have recently relocated from Jamestown in the Mid-North to live in Ottoway with my husband and our 4 kids who love the outdoors and many sports. We have a pet Labrador dog and a cat who wait patiently for the kids to get home from school each day to play with them. I have spent 5 years as a Junior Primary teacher in SA before spending time at home as mum. I then spent several years as a Preschool teacher and then as Director for the past 4 years at Peterborough and Laura sites in the Mid-North. I look forward to building a relationship with your family and watching your child learn as preschool teacher in 2020.



Carol Jones - Early Childhood Worker

Certificate 3 - Children's Services

I am a mother of three big kids, the youngest is in her last years of high school. My family have been keen travellers in Australia and abroad, and are constantly planning a new adventure. My partner and I appreciate live music and are often found at music events in Adelaide or heading interstate to see a favourite band. I have been working at Adelaide Miethke Preschool for 9 years now, previously I worked for 12 years supporting children with additional needs. I am an ECW in the kindergarten, working with all children across the day and alongside teachers in planning. I really look forward to getting to know our children and families this year.



Alka Alka - Early Childhood Worker

Certificate 3 - Children's Services

Alka began working with us a few years back as a bilingual assistant. Following that her daughter attended our kindergarten and 2 years ago Alka began working as our 0.5 ECW with group 1 when the centre's numbers increased. It is wonderful to have Alka in our team as she is able to support our Hindi and Punjabi speaking children and families in their first language. We have seen how this language support can benefit children to help them settle in and build a sense of belonging.



Karyn Desmond - Early Childhood Worker Preschool Support

Dip. of Early Childhood Education

Karyn works at a number of preschools in the western suburbs in a preschool support role. She is very experienced at supporting children with additional needs including speech and language. She particularly enjoys working with families to help them understand how they can support their child's learning at home. Karyn works with us on Wednesday and Friday.



Leesa Taleporos - ECW Occasional Care & Preschool Support

B. Ed Early Childhood Education

My name is Leesa Taleporos. I have a Bachelor of Education (Early childhood and Special Education) and a Bachelor of Disability Studies. I've been involved in Early Childhood Education for nearly a decade. My experience includes leading a pre-kindergarten program, teaching in kindergartens and being a Mum to my 3 year old daughter. I enjoy spending quality time with my family: Daniel, daughter Charli and our Labrador Ralph. I like to spend time outdoors caring for our garden and plants and love reading and learning new things. I look forward to working with families and staff to ensure every little person attending has a wonderful year full of learning, development and fun! I will be working in the Occasional Care Program each morning and in the kindy each afternoon.



Veenus Sharma - ECW Occasional Care

Diploma of Early Childhood Education & Care

I completed my Diploma in October 2017 and have been working with the children since 2018. I chose this career as I love to work with children & helping them discover and understand the fascinating world we live in. I enjoy each day as it is a new learning experience for both myself and the children within my care. I speak three languages, Punjabi, Hindi and English. I will be working in the Occasional Care Program and over lunch with both Group 1 and 2.



Chloe Drewett - Volunteer & Relief ECW

Certificate 3—Children's Services

Chloe volunteers in our centre each Wednesday and works with us as a casual relief ECW when needed. Chloe completed her Cert 3 in 2019.