

Wallaroo Preschool Centre

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Term One 2025

WE LIVE ON NCHARANGGA LAND. WE PLAY AND LEARN ON NCHARANGGA LAND.
WE THANK THE NCHARANGGA PEOPLE FOR SHARING THEIR LAND WITH US.



Diary Dates

PLEASE SAVE THESE
IMPORTANT
UPCOMING DATES IN
YOUR DIARIES



Thursday 10th April	Last day Term One
Monday 28th April	First day Term Two ❤️ + 🟡 groups
Week One	Wawa Kindy re-commences Term Two
CHANGE OF DATE PUPIL FREE DAY	Our Term Three Pupil Free Day will now be Monday 11th August. Preschool will be closed
Term 3 Thursday 28th August 2025	Preschool open No longer a pupil free day

Nha Marni to all our families and children. Wow, we can hardly believe it is the end of term one. Our Manya group, (meaning rain in Nharangga) who are in their final terms of preschool, have shown wonderful leadership and so much kindness to our newest learners by supporting them to learn, play and develop an understanding of our preschool routines. Our Warlda group, (meaning hot/heat in Nharangga) our newest enrolments, have begun preschool with an enthusiasm to learn. We have noticed the amazing connections they have developed with other children as well as such curiosity and zest for learning new things. We hope you all have a wonderful break and best wishes for a safe and happy Easter.

Our 'Family Room' is always available if you would like a quiet place to sit, a private space to speak with an educator or if you are looking for some handy brochures and information sheets.



Please check your communication trays (on top of the water bottle shelf) and read our front whiteboard each day to stay up to date with events and important messages.



Find us on

Please also check our private 'Wallaroo Preschool Families 2025' Facebook group often for reminders and information. It may be helpful to check you have your notifications turned 'on' so you don't miss any new posts.

If you have any questions or would just like a chat please approach one of our educators, we would be more than happy to support you. Belinda, Lou, Maggie, Bronny, Claire & Lisa



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Our Educators

These are the familiar faces you will see at kindy each week. We have loved getting to know our Warilda group and reconnecting with our Manya group this year. Please feel free to have a chat with us at any stage.

There will be times when an educator may be away. Wherever possible we will always try to use a familiar educator for relief to provide continuity and familiarity for children and families.



Belinda Petherick
Director/Teacher



Louise Faulkner
Teacher



Maggie Waters
Teacher



Bronny Treacy
Early Childhood Worker



Claire Hall
Early Childhood Worker



Lisa Miller
ECW/Admin



2025 GOVERNING COUNCIL

We would love to introduce our 2025 Governing Council.

Chairperson: Mel Crosby, Secretary: Ashleigh Higgins, Vice-Chairperson: Bianca Dubsky and Alex Gatty, Treasurer: Harley Morphett, Fundraising Coordinators: Janet Jamieson, Hanna Kartabani, Playgroup Coordinator: Casey Dolan, General committee: Nicole Thomas and Sasha Simpson.

This term at our meetings we have reviewed and approved our Facebook Policy, presented our 2024 Annual Report, approved our 2025 budget and financial delegations and discussed the processes for our upcoming Assessment and Rating visit.

Preschool Fee Payments

You will have received an email with your invoice for 2025 Preschool fees. It is an expectation that all fees are paid as soon as possible, and we will continue to follow up overdue accounts into the future.

At the end of your child's preschool time, as a 'thank you' for completing full fee payment, each family will receive a USB with all of your children's photos from throughout their learning at kindy, along with a copy of our end of year farewell sldeshow.

If you need to discuss payment options please speak with Belinda as soon as possible.

How do I pay my fees?



EFTPOS or cash at
Preschool
or

Online Transfer

BSB: 105-020

Account number:

102023540

or

Centrelink CentrePay

Customer Reference

Number: 555113639K



PRESCHOOL SESSION TIMES

8:45am
to
2:45pm

Our door will open at 8:45am each morning. Prior to this, our educators are busy setting up for the day and sharing important information. We ask that if you arrive before this time you support your child to apply sunscreen.

Please remember to sign your child in each day and record if there will be someone different (i.e. grandparents, OSHC) collecting your child.



At approximately 9am children will gather for our morning 'Wondering Time'. This may be a good opportunity for you to say farewell to your child if you are both feeling happy and comfortable by then. Our educators are always available to support you and your child as you say goodbye.

In the afternoon children will gather all together for a story or song at approximately 2:30pm. If you arrive early please be respectful as this is still an important learning moment in your child's day at preschool. You are welcome to quietly join us on the mat to listen and engage with our end of day group. You may notice some children will have packed their own bags and other children are still learning to do this independently. It is a good idea to check before leaving your child has all their belongings (water bottle, food containers, clothing and hat).



Between 2:30pm + 2:45pm we will individually farewell each child, once we can see their special person who is picking them up. You need to ensure you have arrived to collect your child by no later than 2:45pm each day. We understand occasionally things come up which may cause you to be running late as a once off. If this happens, please give us a call or a text so we can reassure your child you are on your way to collect them.

If there is a reason you need to leave earlier on a certain occasion please let an educator know so we can say goodbye to your child as you arrive.

We know your child will be so excited to see you at the end of the day, if they do run to greet you before being farewelled from the group, please support them to come back to the mat and sit with them while we say goodbye. This will support your child to understand our end of day routine whilst also allowing them to be with you!

Part of our intentional teaching with the children each day incorporates learning about our feelings and emotions. This forms part of our 'Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum' which is integrated into our preschool curriculum.

Our educators support children to recognise how their body is feeling and how they express and learn to manage their emotions in different situations. Children are increasing their vocabulary to name their emotions such as sad, angry, frustrated, joyful or tired. Children are learning that all emotions are okay and sometimes we just need a little support to manage them.

You may notice our educators:

- Naming and acknowledging children's emotions.
- Using a quiet and calm voice.
- Getting down to children's level.
- Offering physical reassurance.
- Respecting and allowing the need for personal space by staying nearby.



What strategies have you noticed that help you support your child with their emotions?

★ Keeping Safe: Learning About Emergencies ★

As part of the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum, our kindy learners have been exploring the concept of emergencies. The children have been sharing their understanding of what an emergency is and identifying people who can help us.

Our preschool learners and educators welcomed local ambulance officers Kirra and Sam, who visited with their ambulance truck. The children were invited to ask questions and explore inside the ambulance.

Here are some insights from our young learners:

- "Ring 000 and then press the green button."
- "It takes people to the hospital."

We regularly carry out emergency procedure rehearsals with our kindy learners to ensure we are well prepared and know how to keep ourselves and others safe during an emergency at preschool. A big thank you to Kirra and Sam for taking the time to visit our preschool.





DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN RECYCLE YOUR EASTER FOIL?

We support the children to consider how they can responsibly dispose of all their rubbish, food scraps and containers at preschool. You can support this learning too at Easter time.

The best way to recycle Easter egg foil is to scrunch the foil up into a small fist-sized ball before placing it in the recycling bin. This makes sure the small bits of foil don't get lost in the recycling process. If it's got chocolate on it, rinse it off first and if it's still too dirty then it's better in the red, waste bin.

If you haven't consumed enough chocolate to make a fist-sized ball of foil, you can place the foil pieces into an aluminium drink can to contain them before placing it in your recycling bin.



Q. How does the Easter Bunny stay fit?
A. Eggs-ercise and hare-robics!

Happy Easter

THANK YOU TO OUR TERM ONE
LAUNDRY LEGENDS...HERE ARE OUR
HELPERS FOR TERM TWO

Laundry Legends

Welcome to our weekly laundry lottery!

Each week one lucky preschool family gets to be the laundry hero and do one load of washing for us.

It's an easy-peasy job that involves washing towels, hats and maybe a few hi-vis vests when we've been out and about in the community.

When it's your week to shine, just grab the laundry bag on your child's last day of the week (either Wednesday or Thursday). Then, work your magic and return the clean, dry, and neatly folded laundry on your child's next attendance day. If your week doesn't work for you, no worries! Just give us a shout and we'll find a swap for you.

Thanks for being part of our laundry team!



Term Two	
Week	Family
1	Aurora
2	Phillip
3	Lexi
4	Ava
5	Poppy
6	Indica-Rose
7	Valerie
8	Zayde
9	Kylo
10	Pippa



Wawa (Beach) Kindy

We were so excited to recommence Wawa Kindy this term and introduce our Wawa to our newest preschool learners.

Children have already shown so much responsibility and adaptability as they follow our routines and expectations for this exciting experience and been very curious to explore our beautiful coastline. We look forward to continuing Wawa Kindy during term two where the changing in seasons will provide opportunities to notice changes and explore the coastline from various perspectives. As per our risk assessment, our preschool learners will continue to visit Wawa Kindy in all weather unless it poses a risk to children's safety. Our preschool will provide appropriate wet weather attire for wet conditions. **Please ensure you have dressed your child with enough layers for warmth as the weather becomes cooler**



At our preschool we refer to children's drawing and writing as 'mark making'. We value and provide opportunities for children to authentically engage with this in a variety of ways throughout each day.

This may look like children:

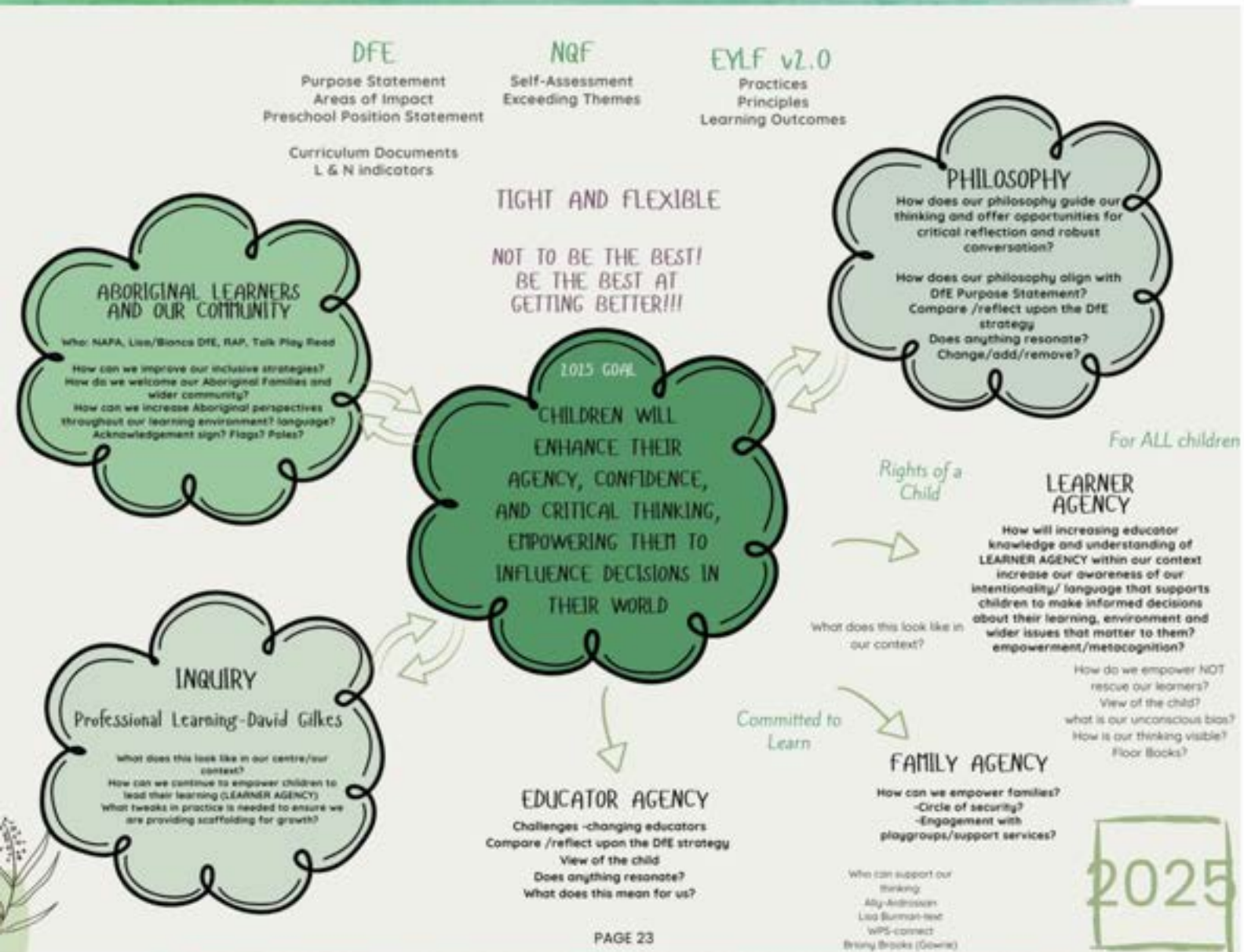
- Using a stick to make marks in the sand.
- Exploring with mixing and creating varying shades of paints to use within their artwork.
- Using their three, four and five year old writing to name their artworks.
- Being authors and illustrators of their own books.
- Writing a menu in our mud kitchen.



Quality Improvement Plan 2025

Our QIP helps our preschool to document the strengths of our centre and to identify areas for continual improvement we can work towards.

We are excited to share our 2025 QIP with our community and will continue to share our progress throughout the year.



We would love to hear your thoughts and questions.

As part of our continual improvement we will ask for your feedback and ideas throughout the year. This may be in the form of surveys, as a response to your child's analysis of learning or through shared dialogue.

Please don't hesitate to speak with Belinda at any time.

A little reminder:

We know many children (and their siblings) love to climb on the blue handrail out the front of kindy. Unfortunately this is not a space that has been designed for climbing on and is unsafe should they fall onto the concrete. Please discourage your children from climbing and swinging on this rail as they enter and leave preschool each day.

CAFHS VISIT TERM TWO

Our local CAFHS nurse will be visiting some children next term. We plan for all children to have had an opportunity to see CAFHS for hearing and vision checks. Please see Belinda if you have any concerns regarding your child's development and we can support you as necessary.

Sign in sheet: Notes column
If someone other than yourself is picking up your child (grandparent, childcare, friend etc.) please write this in the 'notes' column in the morning. They will also need to be listed on your child's enrolment form. Please let them know our educators may ask for photo ID if we haven't met them before. This is a precaution to ensure your child's safety.

A reminder to also check the 'notes' column at the end of the day as sometimes this will say 'see staff' if we need to speak with you or if your child has a set of clothes to collect from the adult bathroom.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in a FAMILY PHOTO for our display, we hope these are a great source of comfort and connection to home for children on their first days at preschool and throughout the year. We encourage you to send in a family photo if you haven't done so yet.



Drakes
Community Dollars

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1800 878 837



As a fundraiser for our centre we are a participant in the 'Drakes Community Dollars' program. Download the 'myDrakes' app to your phone and under 'Settings' search and select 'Wallaroo Preschool Centre' as your 'Community Dollars' organisation.

Then simply open the app and scan your barcode each and every time you shop at Drakes to help raise funds for our preschool.

Alternatively we have barcoded tags for yourself and/or other family and community members, please take as many as you need. The more people who shop and scan, the more our preschool benefits.



Community Information



PLAY YOUR PART IN THEIR FLYING START

The State Government is rolling out preschool for 3-year-olds, so there's never been a better time to explore a career in early childhood.

FINANCIAL INCENTIVES | FLEXIBLE WORK OPTIONS
MEANINGFUL CAREERS

Government of South Australia



Learning Together
PLAY GROUP
FROM BIRTH TO SCHOOL

9am - 10:30am
Every Monday morning

FREE
Wallaroo Primary School
Hughes Street Wallaroo
Library - enter off
playground
Ph 88 232 190
for queries

Healthy snack provided

Karen Lee Dance Academy
KIDZ Education on the Yorke Peninsula

REGISTER NOW
Term 1 starts 3rd February

Ballet | Tap | Creative | BoyZonly and more...

Let your inner dancer shine!

Tiny Tots up to Adult Classes available!

Classes in Moonta and Kadina | Contact us: kida@dodo.com.au
@Karen_lee_dance_academy | Karen Lee Dance Academy

Sports Voucher Plus \$200

PLAYGROUP

Wallaroo Preschool



AT WALLAROO PRESCHOOL CENTRE 11 ELIZABETH STREET, WALLAROO



Children birth to preschool age all welcome.

Friday mornings during term time.

Arrive anytime between 9:30am and 11:30am.

First visit free. \$2 per child, \$1 per additional siblings.

If your child will attend Wallaroo Preschool Centre in the future this is a wonderful opportunity to come along for a play and become familiar with our centre.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

KADINA LIBRARY
1 PM - 3 PM

Tues 15th April - MAKE AN EASTER BASKET
Wed 16th April - MAKE AN EASTER DECORATION
Tues 22nd April - FROG CRAFT
Wed 23rd April - DESIGN A SNAP BAND/BRACELET

WALLAROO LIBRARY
COLLECT A CRAFT PACK DURING OPENING HOURS

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP FOR UPDATED INFORMATION. SEARCH: 'WALLAROO PLAYGROUP'





Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

FIND US AT:

Kadina Uniting Church Hall
Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30am
6 sessions per school term

Contact Georgina for Term Two dates

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Unwind and
share experiences
with others who
understand



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