Centre number: 6629
Centre name: Port Wakefield Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name: Port Wakefield Kindergarten
- Centre number: 6629
- Preschool Director: Mrs. Chris Manners
- Postal address: 22 Mine Street Port Wakefield S.A. 5550
- Location address: Thomas Crescent
- Telephone number: 88671187
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- e-mail address: kindy.director@ptwakefldkgn.sa.edu.au
- DECD District: Lower Mid North Partnership
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 100km
- Enrolment/Attendance: 10 children
- Co-located/stand-alone: stand alone
- Programs operating:

  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
    : 10 sessions (30 hours)/fortnight. Universal Access
Occasional Care
funded for 2 year olds for 1 session/ week

Lunch/Full Day Program for 4- 5 year olds

Preschool Support
:DECD Speech Pathologist, Pre-school Support Services

2. Key Centre Policies
- Centre Priorities- OUR PURPOSE is to engage every child so that they achieve at the highest possible level of their learning and well being through quality care and teaching. OUR VALUES – Teamwork, Learning, Honesty, Respect. We value the importance of a play –based approach to learning using the Early Years Learning Framework.

3. Curriculum
- Framework used: EARLY YEARS LEARNING FRAMEWORK
  Core Values
  :To provide a safe and caring environment where children and families are valued and respected.
- Specific curriculum approaches
  :play based programs, literacy/numeracy development, child interest
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
  -social skills/transition/interest groups /PLAY based learning with JP class
  – integrating Pre-school with the First Years of School Project
- LITERACY AND NUMERACY.-PrintKnowledge, Oral language, Phonemic Awareness –TROLL Teacher rating of Oral Language-STRIVE FOR 5
- Development of joint curriculum planning focusing on the value of play, literacy and numeracy in the Early Years
- We value the well-being of our children using the Social Emotional Program of YOU CAN DO IT.and Child Protection programs.

4. Centre Based Staff
- Staff Profile
  :.6 Director, .5 ECW
- Performance Management Program
  Performance Planning and Development
  ECW roles/responsibilities:
- Access to special support staff
  :DECD speech/pre-school support workers
• Other
  Lower North Health Services: speech pathologist, occupational therapist, dietician.

5. Centre Facilities

• Buildings and grounds
  The pre-school operates within premises which are 100 years old. There is a very shady yard with playground equipment, garden beds, sandpit, pergola and verandah areas and two storage sheds. The local primary school is next door, separated by a safety fence.

• Capacity (per session)
  18 students-

• Centre Ownership
  Building owned by local council

• Access for children and staff with disabilities
  Accessible for staff/children with disabilities

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

• General characteristics
  The town of Port Wakefield has a population of approximately 600 people. The main employment avenues are the road houses, Defence Department, Primo Meats, fishing and general services. The Proof and Experimental Establishment, located 10 kms from the town provides employment for both Defence Force personnel and civilians. These factors contribute to the movement of students of different backgrounds and needs.

• Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  The Port Wakefield Primary School and Kindergarten have a joint Governing Council. There are parent reps and a Playgroup rep on the council and the Director presents a kindy report and the global budget at each meeting.

• Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  Port Wakefield Primary, Horizon Christian School- Balaklava

• Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  Local deli/newsagent, road houses, TAB, hotels, post office, police, caravan park, RAA mechanical workshop

• Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational
  Doctor available 2 days/week. Football, netball, bowls, golf, darts, social tennis, croquet, cricket and basketball
• Availability of staff housing
  : none

• Accessibility to Adelaide
  : On the main dual lane highway to Adelaide. Buses run twice a day to Adelaide.

• Local Government body
  : Wakefield Plains Council Balaklava

7. **Further Comments**

• shared approach to management and administration between the pre-school and the primary school.

• 2014— integrating Pre-school with the First Years of School Project