PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 2676

Centre name: Two Wells Community Children's Centre

1. General information

Centre name
Two Wells Community Children's Centre

Centre number
2676

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DECS District
Barossa

Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
46 km

Enrolment/Attendance
45 children attending regularly in preschool, 80 enrolled in the childcare

Co-located/stand-alone
Campus: school/preschool/childcare

Programs operating
Pre Entry
1 session per week
Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
6 sessions per week
Occasional Care Not Available

**Lunch/Full Day Program**
Lunch care is provided for children who stay all day

**Bilingual Support**
Available for eligible children through DECS support services

**Preschool Support**
Available for eligible children through DECS support services

**Long Day Care (childcare)**
Monday to Friday 7am – 6pm for children 6 weeks to 12 years

**Before and After Preschool**
Before Pre-School Care 7.00am to 8.45am
After Pre-School Care 3pm to 6pm

## 2. Key Centre Policies

**Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose**
At the Two Wells Community Children’s Centre we strive to provide a safe, friendly and stimulating inclusive environment that supports through play, the development of children’s life skills and competencies.

**Priorities:**
- Literacy, Numeracy, Student Wellbeing. ICT and Accreditation.
- To continue to improve communication with parents
- Transition to school
- To support and work as a campus with the neighbouring primary school.
- To support a number of children who present with speech and language issues.
3. Curriculum

Framework used

- Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) – Belonging, Being, Becoming

Core Values

- To provide quality learning based on the identified needs of the community. Taking into account children’s prior learning.

Specific curriculum approaches

- Based on quality learning, empowering students to take an active role in their learning.
- Teachers to take on the role of mentors. Helping children to feel responsible for their learning based on the decisions that they have made. – QUISP/CONSTRUCTIVIST APPROACH

Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

- MLATS – Mathematics Learning and Teaching for Success
- Art Costas – Sixteen Habits of Mind, Australian National Schools Network Research Circle.

4. Centre Based Staff

DECS Staff Profile

- Director 0.7 FTE
- Teachers - 2 part-time teachers
- ECW 0.7 FTE

Performance Management Program

- Yearly review with input from staff

Access to special support staff

- Preschool support
- Speech Therapist
- Psychologist

Childcare Staff

- Fulltime and Part-time Qualified Childcare Workers
- Casual Unqualified Childcare Workers
- Part-time Administration Officer
5. Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds

- The Children’s Centre is a state of the art building which opened in 2003. It is across the oval from the primary school and provides a ‘one stop shop’ for education from birth.

Capacity (per session)

- Preschool is staffed for 33 children per session
- Children’s centre is licensed for 24 children from birth to 12 years

Centre Ownership

- Building is owned by DECS

Access for children and staff with disabilities

- The new building has been purpose built to OH&SW standards and caters for all needs.

6. Local Community

General characteristics

- Two Wells / Lewiston is in the Mallala Council District.
- It is close to Adelaide, but is predominantly rural living. It is also in the Gawler River Flood Plain.
- The area is significant for broad acre farming, market gardening,
- The Animal Husbandry zone has horse keeping, hobby farming and dog kennelling, with holdings ranging from 1-20 hectares in size.

Work available

- Work types include, farm management, market gardening, service industries and within a short commute, work within the metropolitan area.

Languages usually spoken at home

- English
- Italian
- Vietnamese
- Eastern European

Local developments

- New developments within the township and within the Lewiston area, make this a fast growing area with many young families.
Cultural Groups

- Italian and Greek families in the district are predominantly 2nd or 3rd generation Australians. Approximately 5% are transient families. The population of Two Wells and the Lewiston district is approximately 7,000.

Parent and community involvement in the preschool

- Parent involvement is mainly as part of our governing council and sub committees related to the childcare service.
- We have a parent directed Playgroup operating each week at the centre.
- CAYHS also operate from the centre each fortnight.

Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool

- Two Wells Primary School which has an enrolment of 393 children.
- Trinity College at Gawler or St Brigid’s School

Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC

- Children may access Long Day Care and holiday care at this centre
- Family Day Care and OHSC is available in the district
- Primary School and Public Library

Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

- Local market gardens and packing sheds, dog breeding and kennelling, and hobby farming in the area.
- Shopping facilities are limited to a post office, grocery store (open 7 days), country bakery and butcher, craft, hair and beauty, hardware, 1 hotel and 1 hotel/motel, computer/internet, veterinarian, pharmacy, deli and take away shops, mechanical repairs and parts, roadhouse.

Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational

- Doctor at the Two Wells Medical Clinic and pharmacy in the main street.
- Many medical centres and dentists etc within 30 km.
- Major hospitals (with midwifery)
  - Gawler – Gawler Health Service
  - Elizabeth - Lyell McEwen Hospital
- CAYHS held fortnightly at the centre.
- Netball, football and hockey, tennis, softball, cricket clubs with a community recreation centre.
- Various clubs
- Uniting and Catholic churches
Availability of staff housing

Housing is privately owned and new estates are continuing to open. There is limited rental housing available.

- **Public Transport** - Local bus travels to Adelaide and back each weekday. (This needs to be booked prior to the day)
- **Private Transport** - Main form of transport is private car
  - Major connectors
    - Highway 1 connects to Adelaide
    - Northern Expressway
    - Two Wells Gawler Road (sealed)
    - Two Wells Mallala Road (sealed)

Local Government body

- Mallala Council located at Mallala. Phone 8527 2006

7. **Further Comments**

Establishment of new services and/or programs

Preferred Skills:

- IV Integrated Service
- BH Behaviour Management
- PL Play
- Ly/NM Literacy/Numeracy