Centre number: 5621

Centre name: Jean Horan Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name
  : Jean Horan Kindergarten
- Centre number
  : 5621
- Preschool Director (Acting)
  : Julienne Muirhead
- Postal address
  : Ross Avenue, Flinders Park 5025
- Location address
  : Ross Avenue, Flinders Park 5025
- Telephone number
  : 8346 1668
- Fax number
  : 8351 9732
- e-mail address
  : kindy.director@jeanhorankgn.sa.edu.au
- DETE District
  : Western Adelaide Region
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
  : 8 kilometres
- Enrolment/Attendance
  : 50 – 55 children in sessional Kindergarten
- Co-located/stand-alone
  : Stand Alone
- Programs operating
  - Pre Entry
    : Integrated with Kindergarten sessions
  - Sessional Kindergarten
    : Universal Access from 2012 – 8 preschool sessions per week
Monday – Friday (no afternoon sessions on Monday and Friday)
Session Times 8.45 -11.45am and 12.15 -3.15pm
☑ Occasional Care (indicate whether funded or unfunded)
  :No
☑ Extended Care
  :No
☑ Lunch/Full Day Program
  :Available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
  Incorporates 2 Kindergarten sessions and a supervised lunch break of 30 minutes – Day runs 8.45am – 3.15pm (extra cost for lunchcare).
☑ Bilingual Support
  :Available
☑ Preschool Support
  :Available

2. Key Centre Policies

JHK Vision

Our vision is to provide a quality educational and care Early Years Centre that provides the resources and staffing to facilitate ALL children becoming involved learners in an active learning environment – a place where Children, their Families and Staff are learners together and where all Families feel a sense of belonging.

JHK Purpose

To provide an engaging play based curriculum - based on the Australia-wide Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) ‘Belonging Being Becoming’ - in a safe, friendly, and creative environment where children can develop to their potential – to learn, get-along with others and make friends (social and emotional skills), be active and develop physically, practice thinking skills (emergent literacy and numeracy) and grow in all curriculum areas to see themselves as confident and successful learners.

JHK Guiding Principles

• That children learn best through an active play based curriculum.
• That parents are valued as the primary carers and educators of their children.
• That positive relationships are at the centre of a quality learning environment.
• That every child is respected and seen as unique with their own character and learning style.

SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN - CURRENT PLANS INCLUDE
• Excellence in Learner Achievement (Literacy/Numeracy and Children’s Wellbeing) Including use of the DECS ‘Respect Reflect Relate’ Assessment for Learning and Development in the Early Years
• National Quality Agenda Standards for Early Childhood Education and Care in South Australia beginning in 2012
• Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Inquiry and Program
• Sustainable Education and further development of our Outdoor Learning Environment including establishing the garden with fruit trees and vegetables for the children to grow, harvest, eat, and cook their own produce.
• Local community Involvement and Promotion of JHK

Curriculum
• Framework used: Australia-wide Early Years Learning Framework (ELYF)
• Core Values
  Respect
  Inclusion
  Confidence
  Independence
  Curiosity
  Accountability
• Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
  Healthy Eating and Physical Activity – Promotion of Active Lifestyles
  Sustainable Education

4. Centre Based Staff
• Staff Profile (As funded by Universal Access from 2012)
  Full-time Director (1.0)
  Two Part-time Teachers (0.5)
  ECW (according to enrolment numbers and DECS funding)
• Performance Management Program
  :Formally on an annual basis, informally once a term and weekly at Staff Meetings.
• Access to special support staff
  :Preschool Support Workers and Bilingual Workers are available according to need.
5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds:
  - The Centre was established in 1953 and is located in suburban Flinders Park. It is owned by the City of Charles Sturt Council and has large indoor and outdoor learning spaces located in a park setting.

- Capacity (per session):
  - 45

- Centre Ownership:
  - Charles Sturt Council

- Access for children and staff with disabilities:
  - Access

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- N/A

7. Further Comments

- JHK is a full time Kindergarten that offers sessional kindergarten, pre-entry and early-entry and has a well attended Friday Family Playgroup. Children transition to many local public and private schools. The main feeder school is Flinders Park Primary School.

- Children attending the Centre are mainly local families representing a range of socio economic and cultural backgrounds including increasing numbers of English-Second-Language children and some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.