1. General information

- Centre name: Pinnaroo Kindergarten
- Centre number: 6539
- Preschool Director: Kelli-Anne Harvey
- Postal address: PO Box 117, Pinnaroo, SA, 5304
- Location address: 6 Railway Terrace North, Pinnaroo
- Telephone number 8577 8227
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- e-mail address: kindy.director@pinnarookgn.sa.edu.au
- DECS Region Murray and Mallee
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 245kms
- Enrolment/Attendance: Current enrolment of 18 children.
- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand-alone
- Programs operating
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children:
    3 Sessions per week are offered at the Preschool for children aged 3.5 to 5 years old. These sessions occur as a ½ day on Mondays and a full day on Wednesdays.
    Monday: 8:45-12:30
    Wednesday: 8:45-3:00
Lunch/Full Day Program:
On Wednesday the Preschool offers lunchtime supervision. 100% of children access this. Approximately 40% of our children catch school buses.

Preschool Support:
Provided for those children who meet the requirements.

Partnerships 21 status:

2. Key Centre Policies

Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose:
Our Vision: All children will develop positive & confident learning dispositions for successful lifelong learning.

Our Purpose: To provide a quality, fun, play-based active learning environment, rich in experiences that enable children to develop a confident self identity and worth in collaboration with their families and local community.

3. Curriculum

Framework used: Being Belonging Becoming
All staff at the Preschool are trained in the new national Early Years Learning Framework Belonging, Being, Becoming. The framework is used to plan and program for individual children’s needs and report on developmental learning outcomes.

Core Values
Respect Fun Confidence and Creativity

Specific curriculum approaches
Pinnaroo Kindergarten provides a program in which children are engaged in a stimulating, active learning environment where they learn and develop through play.
We also have a focus on Literacy and Numeracy.
To support families we have established a new Literacy Kit Library. Parents are able to borrow and use kits at home.
Library sessions also occur with the Community Librarian.
Children also have take home pets in which they record their adventures in a journal and their share with their peers.
4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile:
  0.5 Director & 0.35 ECW. Support worker as required.
- Performance Management Program:
  Staff meet with the Director once a term to ensure personal goals are being achieved and support is provided.
- Access to special support staff
  When required Preschool Support staff are employed to work with children with special needs. Children with special needs are eligible for support by the DECS through Regional Support Services.
  The Murray Mallee Community Health Service also services us. Early Entry may be granted dependent on the needs of the child and staffing numbers. Early Intervention grants are used to employ a person to work with children who have identified needs.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds:
  Pinnaroo Kindergarten is a well appointed brick building comprising of a large open play area, wash room, office and storeroom. The outdoor area is spacious and features a large sandpit, beautiful lawn area, playground tunnel and shady forest area.
- Capacity (per session)
  32
- Centre Ownership
  DECD.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

  Pinnaroo is a small rural centre – population approximately 620. The town is traditionally an agricultural town surrounded by farms with sheep, cattle and grain. The town has good food shopping facilities and services.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool:
  The Preschool receives excellent support from parents and the wider community.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  Pinnaroo Primary School.
• Other local care and educational facilities:

• Mallee Child Care on the Go Service, Pinnaroo Primary School, TAFE, Community Library.

• Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:
  Shops include a supermarket, bakery, newsagent, plant nursery, ANZ bank, post office, 2 hotels and a 24 hour roadhouse.

• Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational:
  Recreational amenities include a swimming pool, golf course, lawn tennis courts, football oval, netball courts and a gymnasium. Medical facilities include a visiting doctor, hospital, a visiting dentist and a chemist shop.

• Availability of staff housing:
  Limited.

• Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality:
  Limited bus service. Private car essential.

• Local Government body (name, phone number), availability of publications describing the local area (with source, cost), characteristics, level of involvement
  Southern Mallee District Council 8577 8002.

7. Further Comments

• Partnership/incorporation arrangements with other groups:
  Playgroup is run on Friday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.
  Childcare is run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 5:15pm.