* Site: Wilmington Kindergarten Annual Report 2013

**Site**

- Designated Rural Preschool, stand alone building
- Site Capacity: 24
- Preschool program offered over 3 full days a fortnight to children 3.5—5 years
- Pre-entry program offered for children in the term before preschool entry—2 1/2 hours a week
- Enrolments ranging from 3 to 6 children in 2013
- No children received Preschool Support in 2013
- Feeder school—Wilmington Primary School
- High percentage of families are employed/ self employed
- Play group offered, run by parents Wednesday morning
- Unfunded Occasional Care: 2 1/2 hours per session. Tuesday AM/PM and Thursday AM
- CAYHS nurse visits centre when required

**Context**

- All staff value an environment of fun, open communication and learning
- Conversations about children’s learning and the program are continuous
- Time spent with children is optimised through caring, responsive conversation
- Successful fundraising with Wilmington Primary School in the form of a Quiz Night

**Achievements**

Improvement priorities in 2013 were:

- Promote oral language at home through the creating of the Story Book Forest
- All staff trained in Anaphylaxis Emergency procedures, Asthma First Aid and First Aid
- ECW to start and continue studying Certificate 3 in Children’s Services
- Creating wish list for Outdoor Learning Environment

Parent surveys were conducted throughout 2013. 100% of parents agree that:

- My child’s teachers make learning interesting and enjoyable
- This preschool encourages children to have a sense of pride in their achievement
- Children from all backgrounds and cultures are treated fairly at this preschool
- There is effective educational leadership within the preschool.

**Highlights**

- OPAL—Think Feet First Active Travel Program
- OPAL Excursion to Melrose for Peel, Pour, Pop performance
- CFS, Police & Post Office Visit
- PATCH Theatre performance of Me & My Shadow in Port Pirie
- Book Week Parade with Wilmington Primary School
- Messy Day with shaving cream, mud, gloop and painting the cubby house

**What are we planning for 2014?**

1. **Focus on Learning**
   - Commitment to harnessing children’s interests and using these to provide meaningful experiences and development in all areas.
   - Children’s learning is documented in a variety of innovative ways and accessible to parents.
   - Ensuring all children are being effectively programmed for in a cyclic and regular way including working with parents to inform children’s individual targets.
   - Encourage more parent involvement

2. **Upgrade facilities**
   - Complete vegetable garden with the help and input of all children.
   - Implement areas from the Outdoor Wish List
   - Add pinup boards, whiteboard and noticeboard to inside and at the front door. This will allow for display of children’s work and parent information and improve the aesthetics of the building.

3. **Leadership and Service Management**
   - Ensuring safety, inclusion and awareness of preschool children, families and staff in the review and development of centre policies and procedures embracing the National Quality Standards
   - Review and update website
   - Update Enrollment Package
**Term Table 1: Enrolments by Term**

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Excludes pre-entry.

Enrolments at the Kindergarten during 2013 have decreased due to the implementation of Same First Day. Indicators are healthy for our first intake in 2014 however it does decrease in 2015.

**Table 2: Attendance Percentages 2011 - 2013**

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Based on attendances recorded in the two week reference period each term, Excludes pre-entry. Data for Term 3 and Term 4 2013 will not be reported. It is not comparable with previous years due to the transition to the Same First Day enrolment policy for preschools in 2013 creating a break in series.

The year began with excellent attendance and well above the state average of 88.7%. Target for 2014 is to maintain attendance at 96% and above the state average.

**Table 3: Feeder School Percentage Data 2011 - 2013**

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Based on the percent of children currently enrolled who will attend school in the following year, where the expected school is known.

We struggled to get parents to join the Governing Council in 2013 due to the low numbers in the kindy. We allowed Occasional Care parents to join the committee to ensure that we had enough parent involvement.

**Fundraising**

- **Term 1:** Easter Raffle & Bulbs
- **Term 2:** Nil
- **Term 3:** Quiz Night and Canvas Artwork
- **Term 4:** Crazy Camel Calendars

The Quiz night was held in conjunction with the Wilmington School. Over 110 people attended the night. It was a great community night and from all reports everyone had a great time.

The kindy was painted over the Christmas holidays, new cupboards and new blinds were installed using grant money.

A decision was made to change the session times for 2014. It was decided to change to five full days a fortnight 9-3.

I wish then next executive all the best for 2014.

Belinda Warren
Chairperson.