

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindergarten was first opened in 1961. The Kindy was named after the late Michelle De Garis who was an assistant teacher at the previous Naracoorte Preschool site. The Kindergarten currently has 7 friendly staff members who are there to meet all of your child's needs.

Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy is a strong advocate in healthy eating. "Healthy Snack Time" is held each morning. Children are asked to bring along fruit or a healthy snack alternative to eat on the mat.

Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy is a sun safe Centre. All staff are trained in First Aid, Asthma and Anaphylaxis, KidsMatter, Responding to Abuse and Neglect and SMART (Strategies for Managing Abuse Related Trauma). Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy is an "Asthma Friendly" site.

Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy works closely with other community professionals including Community Health, Naracoorte Physiotherapy, local schools, child care centres and other pre-schools.

The Kindy is a fully operational "Solar School" in which electricity is generated from the solar panels to run the Kindy's power.

Please feel free to phone or come into the Centre if you have any questions or wish to enrol your child.

## PERSONALISED LEARNING PATHWAYS

Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy follows the Early Years Learning Framework—Belonging, Being, Becoming. The Framework has five Learning Outcomes. Children have a strong sense of identity; Children are connected with and contribute to their world; Children have a strong sense of wellbeing; Children are confident and involved learners and Children are effective communicators. As part of the pre-school your child will be involved in many learning opportunities. They will build up a Personalised Learning Pathway which is available for you to view at anytime. This is built up during your child's time at Kindy. It will include a Child Profile, Developmental Checklist, Speech and Language Link, Personalised Learning Plans, Structured Learning Activities, All About Me, Literacy Quilt, Numeracy Quilt, Concepts of Print, Writing Concepts, any referrals and/or individualised programs.

A Developmental Summary will be written at the end of your child's pre-school time. A disc of photos throughout their Kindy time will also be included.

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## MICHELLE DE GARIS MEMORIAL KINDERGARTEN



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## STAFF AT MDMK

**Director:** Geraldine Mathieson has been at the kindy for 32 years and director for the last 27 years. She has a Bachelor of Education in Special Education.

**Teacher:** Chantelle Weckert has held the position of teacher at the Kindy since 2009. She has a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education.

**Occasional Care Co-ordinator:** Jayne Castine has held the position since 2009. She is working towards her Certificate 3 in Children's Services.

### **Early Childhood Workers:**

Keryn Proud has held the position since July 2009. She has Diploma in Children's Services.

Deb Henschke has held the position since 1994 She has a Certificate 3 in Education Support, studying Certificate 4. She implements pre-school support programs.

Nicole Dupree has held the position since 2012. She is working towards her Certificate 3 in Children's Services. She implements pre-school support and Bi-Lingual programs.

Susie Sutherland has held the position since 2012. She is working towards her Certificate 3 in Children's Services. She implements pre-school support programs.

### Sessional preschool

Children are entitled to 5 sessions at 15 hours per week 1 year prior to commencing school. We run transition programs with *a//* local schools.

**Times:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

9am-12pm (Morning Session)

1pm-3:30pm (Afternoon Session)

9am-3:30pm (Full day)

**Cost:** \$75.00 per term (\$15.00 each session)

### Pre entry

This is currently available to children for one session a week the term prior to commencing pre-school.

**Cost:** \$15.00 per term

### Lunch Program (BYO)

A lunch program is available four days a week for children attending pre-school. Children are supervised and food is monitored by staff. This is free of charge.

### Bus service

A bus service operates Tuesday and Friday for eligible pre-school children. Children are accompanied by a qualified teacher as they travel across town to and from the Kindy. This is a free service for pre-school children.

### Occasional care

Occasional care is available to children aged 2-5 years. "Now and then" child care that is integrated with the pre-school program, it is a great introduction to Kindy.

**Times:** Tuesday & Fridays 9am — 12pm

Thursdays 9am—12pm & 1pm—3.30pm

**Cost:** \$5.00 per child full fee

\$1.50 per child concession

1/2 price siblings

### Come and Play

Come n Play is a Playgroup based program integrated with the pre-school sessions. This is a great opportunity for parents and their children aged 0-5 years to participate in Kindy activities. It is also great for introducing your child to the staff and surroundings of the Kindy.

**Times:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

10am-11.30am & 1:30pm-3pm

**Cost:** \$2.00 per family

### **Website:**

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