We would like to welcome you, you child and family to Moorak Preschool. During your child’s time with us we will provide them with the foundations they need to be successful in their schooling. We value your child’s learning and open communication between staff and families.

Staff
Principal: Di Doman
Teacher: Lauren Baudinette
Early Childhood Worker: Alison Rowley

Session Times
Monday, Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays. 8:45am-3:15pm.
Children are entitled to receive 15 hours of preschool per week. This equates to 2.5 days per week. To make it easier for families we run on Mondays and Tuesdays (odd weeks) and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (even weeks).

Playgroup
A play group session is offered each Friday morning (9-10:30am). $1 cover charge per week.

Same First Day Policy
All public preschools and schools now only have one intake at the beginning of term 1 each year. If your child turns 4 before 1st May, then they will start at the beginning of the school year. Children born on or after 1st May will begin preschool the following year.

Pre-Entry: Pre-entry is offered to all children in term 4, the year before they start preschool. Further details regarding pre-entry session times and dates will be mailed to enrolled families early in term 4.

Preschool Fees
Pre-entry - $20
Preschool - $50 per term.
Accounts are issued at the start of each term. Fees to be paid at the front office.

Daily Routine
8:45 Welcome
9:30 Healthy Snack
11:00 Recess
11:20 Group Time
1:10 Supervised Eating (lunch)
1:20 Lunch
2:00 Group Time
3:00 Pack up
3:15 Dismissal

Throughout the week we have designated literacy, numeracy and child protection times where intentional teaching programs are implemented.
Parent and Family Participation
We encourage all families to participate in our preschool program in a number of ways. This includes volunteering, special activities, excursions, parent club and governing council.

Child and Youth Health Screenings
A nurse from CAFHS conducts preschool health checks for all children 4 years and 3 months old. You will be contacted when your child is due for their check.

BankSA Banking
All children are able to start a bank account with BankSA. Each Tuesday a representative from the local branch collects all money and deposits it into your child’s account.

Learning Portfolios
Every child is issued with a learning portfolio that documents their learning throughout the year. It is a visual record that contains work samples, learning stories, photographs, annotated art work, etc. Please feel free to look through your child's portfolio regularly and share your child's learning with them.

Curriculum
At Moorak Preschool our curriculum is devised by a number of factors including individual children’s interests, value added programs, parent input and the learning outcome contained in the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). All students also partake in activities and group times that target literacy and numeracy skills and concepts weekly. We are mandated to also implement the Keeping them safe: Child Protection Curriculum.

Importance of Play
We often state that play is important for young children, but it can be difficult to see at times how simply playing can prepare children for formal schooling and into the future. However play is how children begin to understand how things work and the world around them. Children’s play unlocks their creativity and imagination, and develops reading, thinking, and problem solving skills as well as further develops motor skills. It provides the base foundation for learning. The importance of play is also recognised in the EYLF. Play and hands-on learning opportunities will help children to explore concepts, items and scenarios and consolidate their learning.

Transition
Throughout the year the preschool integrates with the reception class and the wider school community. Formal transition visits occur in the last half of term 4, increasing in duration. Children moving to other schools will need to contact their respective school to determine school visits.

Additional Information
Library Borrowing. Preschool students are able to borrow from the school library on a weekly basis.
Note Pockets. All children are allocated a note pocket. All newsletters, notes and other correspondence will be placed in your child’s pocket.
Foils. Children are able to have their lunch heated up each day. Food to be warmed up must be wrapped in alfoil with their name and ‘preschool’ clearly written on it.