Staff Profiles

Leanne Lovett (Director)

Leanne has been working in Education for 17 years with children aged from Kindergarten to Year 10. She has worked in many settings including various communities on the Pitjantajtjara Lands, Townsville, McLaren Flat Primary School, Chandlers Hill Kindergarten and Coromandel Valley Kindergarten. Leanne has exceptional skills in developing and implementing effective learning programmes for children due to her experiences of working in various roles including Kindergarten Director, Literacy Coordinator, Numeracy Coordinator, Special Education Teacher and teacher (Reception – Year 7). She holds a Bachelor of Teaching in Junior Primary/Primary Education and her strengths lie heavily in developing effective literacy programs for children and supporting children with additional needs. Leanne’s passion lies in exploring principles of the Reggio Emilia philosophy which focuses heavily on: listening to the “children’s voice”; recognising that there are 100+ languages or ways that children can express themselves and communicate through; and creating engaging and inspiring learning environments. Leanne enjoys working with early years children and their families, fostering a love of learning in others, and developing strong connections with the community.

Tennille Langeluddecke (Teacher)

Tennille is a highly experienced and effective teacher having worked in various Early Childhood settings over the past 17 years. Her experience extends from Preschools, Schools, Out of Hours Care, Vacation Care and Long Day Care, both as a Teacher and as a Director. Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and a Diploma in Community Services. Tennille is highly skilled in designing interesting and engaging learning environments and providing fun, creative and innovative small and large group experiences. Tennille’s effective communication and relationship skills allow her to develop strong connections with the children and extend their learning.

Jonette Thorsteinson (Teacher)

Jonette has 30 years experience working as a Pre-school Teacher in various kindergartens in southern Adelaide. She holds a Diploma of Teaching in Early Childhood Education, a Graduate Diploma in Community and School Relations and a Bachelor of Special Education and is currently completing a BA focusing on the history of women and children in South Australia. Jonette enjoys sharing her learning with the children, and is committed to developing positive relationships with children and their families, and working together as part of the children’s educational journey.

Jo Pritchard (Atelierista/Early Childhood Worker)

Jo brings many talents and a vast amount of experience to us at Madge Sexton Kindergarten. She is a highly experienced Early childhood worker, having worked for over 12 years with the children in various Preschools in the Southern area. Jo provides specialised support to children with additional needs in her role as Preschool Support Worker, including the use of sign language. Jo is an artist in her own right and we are extremely fortunate to share her abilities and skills with the children in her role as Atelierista (Art Teacher). Jo enjoys encouraging the children to try new things, explore new mediums and shares their excitement throughout their learning journey. Jo is currently working towards her Certificate 3 in Children’s Services.

Emma Shaw (Early Childhood Worker)

Emma has extensive skills in working with preschool children including supporting children with additional needs and working with all preschool children to extend and build on their interests. Emma has completed a Certificate 3 in Education and Support and is currently working towards her Certificate 3 in Children’s Services. Emma loves cooking and shares her expertise with the children where possible, creating engaging learning experiences and encouraging the love of healthy sustainable food from the kitchen to the table.

Janet Clarke (Early Childhood Worker)

Janet has worked in Early Childhood settings over the past 27 years as an Early Childhood Worker and a School Services Officer in various Preschools and Schools and throughout this time has attended various training and professional development to further her skills. She has been with the Kindergarten for almost 5 years now and loves maintaining connections with families as they return to Kindergarten with siblings. Janet will further her skills in 2013 as she commences a Certificate 3 in Children’s Services.

Naomi Budgen (Early Childhood Worker/Pre-Service Teacher)

Naomi is currently in her third year of her Bachelor of Teaching and Learning and has been working in Early Childhood programs for over 3 years. Naomi is highly effective at building strong relationships with children and families and designing Individual Learning Programs using effective questioning and observation techniques to assess each learners needs. Naomi is passionate about providing a positive, encouraging, respectful and fun learning environment, and enjoys encouraging children to have a curiosity and love of learning that enables them to become lifelong learners.

Kalinda Glatter (Atelierista/Early Childhood Worker)

Kalinda comes to us from a diverse background, in roles such as Personal Assistant, Logistics Co-ordinator, Treasury Settlements Officer in Foreign Exchange and working in the Education Unit for the Ambulance Service at Flinders University. She has a Certificate 3 in Office/Administration as well as a Diploma in Interior Design. Kalinda has been in Early Childhood Education for almost 2 years, working initially as our finance officer, then taking on a role as an Atelierista (Art Teacher). She uses her design background to assist the children in creative play, introducing them to different mediums and making use of the children’s creativity to produce Art Focused Learning Outcomes. Kalinda enjoys creating a harmonious and beautiful learning environment for the children to thrive in. Kalinda will further skills in 2013 when she completes Certificate 3 in Children’s Services.