

MEET *the* TEAM

Small Friends
Playschool 2026



Laurie
Director



Sharni
Adminstrator



Sadie
Certificate 3 Educator

About us.....

Laurie our newest member of the Small Friends team as the Director and Manager. Laurie has over 10 years experience in the Child Care Industry and holds her Diploma in Children's services. Laurie will be at Small Friends 5 Days per week.

Laurie is also a Mum to 2 Girls and a Grandmother to beautiful Daisee and Theo.

Sharni has been a part of Small Friends as the Administrator for nearly 7 years, two of Sharni's adult boys attended Small Friends as students 15 years ago, wow how time flies! Sharni's working hours are Tuesday and Thursday and is available to help with all your billing and CCS queries! She holds a Diploma of Leadership and Management and supports staff, families and our small friends helping create a loving and caring environment.

Sadie is our lovely long term Certificate 3 educator, starting her traineeship with us 7 years ago, when she was only 16 ! she is currently working towards her diploma! Also a very talented baker, and cake decorator, we love when Sadie brings in her treats. Sadie's days are 3 1/2 days a week.

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Deb

Certificate 3 Educator



Sophie

Certificate 3 Educator



Katilyn

Certificate 3 Educator



Lisa

Diploma Educator

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Deb we are so privileged to have Deb as part of our team. Becoming a proud Australian in 2024, Deb has called Singleton home since 2018, following her adult children from the UK and now has five beautiful grandchildren. Deb holds her Certificate 3 and is at Small Friends on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Sophie joined the team in 2024 and has truly become a part of the our playschool family. Sophie holds her Certificate 3 and loves spending time and nurturing our children in our outside play areas, setting up creative and imaginative play spaces. Sophie is a self confessed gym junkie and has two beautiful staffy pups Ziggie and Skyla. Sophie is with us 3 days a week in 2026.

Kaitlyn we would love to congratulate Kaitlyn for her dedication to completing two Certificate 3's in 2025, both in Early Childhood and in Special Education. Kaitlyn has a passion for diversity and inclusion and the sense of community that is the Small Friends family. Kaitlyn is with us 3 & a 1/2 days a week in 2026 , and in her spare time loves running with her dog Bob.

Lisa as well as holding her Diploma, is also mum to five children, including our beautiful Kaitlyn! Lisa has a beautiful welcoming personality which our small friends children love. Lisa's days in 2026 will be Monday, Tuesday, wednesday and Thursday.

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Ange
Diploma Educator



Tania
Volunteer



Caitlin
Certificate 3 Educator

About us.....

Ange is our newest Diploma educator with over 10 years experience in childcare including working with new mums. Ange has an interest in the the natural environment and bringing recycling into learning! Outside of Small Friends Ange loves kayaking and camping and her four children! Ange is with us 9 days a fortnight.

Caitlin is with us 4 days a week in 2026 and has just completed her certificate in Allied Health! Caitlin is also one our our beautiful Certificate 3 qualified educators who brings her calm, sweet personality to our playschool. When not working or studying Caitlin is most likely at the beach surfing and loves taking her dogs along for a play in the sand!

Tania also known to the children as Tarney, was a child educator in the UK with a love of education of children with additional needs. Tania has three grown children and is proud Nanna. Tania is with us casually throughout week, we are so lucky that Tania turned up on our doorstep as she has brought so much love and experience!

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Sumee
Early Childhood
Teacher



Maddy
Certificate 3 Educator



Sophie S
Early Childhood
Teacher

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Maddi is one of the newest members of our team, and our lovely Laurie's daughter! Maddi has completed her certificate 3 in Education Support and certificate 4 in Special Needs. Maddi has a beautiful, warm, and caring personality and loves supporting children of all abilities. She loves reading and playing sports when she isn't at small friends. Her hours are casual.

Sophie.S is currently studying towards her Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and has a passion for working with young children and being a part of their learning journeys. Sophie has two beautiful daughters and their family enjoys going swimming, exploring different parks and doing art and craft activities together. Sophie will be joining small friends in 2026 as the educational leader and ECT and is looking forward to working alongside the passionate team and building relationships with the children and families at Small Friends!

Sumeet is one of our early childhood teachers and a casual staff member at small friends. She is currently studying towards a Graduate Diploma in Early Childhood Education and loves supporting children's learning and development. Sumeet loves to hike on the weekend, listen to music and cook new meals! We are very lucky to have her as a part of our team.