



# SEAFORD RISE KINDERGARTEN

# NEWSLETTER

Newsletter — Term 1 2018

## Dear Families,

Welcome to Seaford Rise Kindergarten, as we look forward to another wonderful year ahead.

## Our Team of Educators

We are fortunate to have a wonderful and professional team of experienced educators, who are dedicated to the teaching profession.

Our Educators are;

**Donia Haidar:** Preschool Director

**Audrey Bley-Linn:** Lead Teacher

**Carly Smith:** Universal Access Teacher an

**Rachel Moulds:** Early Childhood Educator

**Sam O'Connor:** Early Childhood Educator

**Anita Vario:** Early Childhood Educator and Preschool Support Teacher

**Kelsey Walker:** Occasional Care Coordinator/Preschool Support Teacher

**Sharon Thompson:** Finance Officer.

## Learning Environment

We have been very fortunate to have Betterland Landscapers come in the school holidays and commence work on our outdoor learning space. They have created an engaging learning environment for

children to explore and learn about their natural environment.

Our program folder will be located on the wooden table outside. In the coming weeks we will be looking at practical ways in which we can invite families to contribute to the learning program. This will help us work together in planning for the possible.

At the kindy children are grouped into the Dolphin and Starfish group. Children attending kindy on the Mon/Tues sessions are in the **Dolphin group** and children attending kindy on Wed/Thurs are in the **Starfish group**. Children can hang their bags where they choose, we have provided name tags for each child's bag.

## What's happening this term!

Our Parent Information Night and **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30pm **Week 4**. We ask families to come along and to hear about our learning framework and to consider being part of our Governing Council. **Without a Governing Council our kindy doors cannot open.**

## Preschool Routines

Kindy doors will open at 8:30am each morning. Families need to enter the kindy from the back side gate. When collecting children, the doors will open at 3:10, however if you wish to pick up your child earlier please ensure you are here by 2:50pm, to allow children to engage in valuable learning during the last group time session.

## After hours' care

If your child will be attending after hours care at Seaford Rise Primary, can you please see a staff member and write a note in the parent diary.

## Kindy Fees

Kindy Fees are due by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February week 3**. Fees contribute to the purchasing of new resources for your child/children to enjoy and in developing and enriched learning environment. We have a fee reduction plan for families on a health care card and we also offer payments through installments. Please see Donia if you have any questions or queries.

## Reminders

**Healthy Eating** - Our healthy eating policy encourages families to pack healthy foods for their child/children. Healthy eating is essential to a child's development and helps support their learning at preschool. We will be having shared fruit Fridays! We ask families to bring a piece of fruit on the Friday morning session for a shared fruit morning tea. We recognise that not all

children can eat fruit, rolling snack time will still run as usual 😊

**Sun Safety**- the UV levels are now high or extreme, please **remember to put sunscreen on your child before they come to kindy** and that your child brings a hat and drink bottle to kindy (clearly labelled). Children also need to wear a t-shirt/shirt which covers their shoulders to ensure sun safety during outdoor play.

**Updating Information**- If your contact details have changed please let a staff member know so we can update our records. Also if your child's health condition has changed e.g. they have developed Asthma, a severe allergy or any other health concerns please inform an educator. Your child's safety is our number one priority.

**Health Care Plan**- If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, a health care plan **MUST** be provided to the kindy with a 12-month REVIEW DATE clearly indicated. The kindy can refuse to accept duty of care of a child if a health care plan with the required details is not provided.

**Emergency Evacuation/Lockdown practice**  
Each term we practice our emergency evacuations and Lock down procedures. This is to ensure that in an event of an emergency both children and educators act promptly and follow procedures efficiently.

## Grievances

If you have any questions or concerns, we are here to help and to listen. A chart of our grievance procedure will soon be displayed near the sign in/out sheets. This is part of our commitment to continuously improve on our service. If you have any questions or queries an educator will be more than happy to help.

## Vaccinations

In January 2017 the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) developed a new policy on Protecting Children against Vaccine Preventable Diseases. The purpose of this policy is to record and manage the immunisation information for each child attending government preschool in both the Kindergarten and Occasional Care Program.

Due to the development of this policy we are required to **sight and record each child's immunisation information**. If you have not provided evidence of your child/s immunisation history, please see Donia or Rachel. The government are very strict on this. Kindergartens in the very near future will not be allowed to enrol families who have not provided an up to date immunisation history for their child. Kindergartens will also face severe penalties for enrolling families who have not provided the required information.

At this stage, children at the centre who have a medical reason for not being vaccinated are required to have a GP complete an exemption form and this form

will need to be sighted by the kindergarten. However, a child with a medical reason for not being immunised will be required to remain at home in the event of an infectious disease outbreak for the required period of time outlined by SA Health.

If you have any questions or queries, please see the Donia (Our Director)

Thank You, Preschool Team ☺

**Save the date!**

**Parent  
Information  
evening/AGM  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup>  
February 6:30pm  
at Seaford Rise  
Kindergarten**