



# SEAFORD RISE KINDERGARTEN

# NEWSLETTER

Newsletter — Term 1 week 3 2018

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful getting to know you all over the past two weeks. The start of preschool can be filled with a range of emotions for both parents/caregivers and children.

### **Helping Children Manage Separation.**

Separation anxiety is a very normal part of children's development. As children grow and begin kindergarten they may find it difficult to separate from a parent/caregiver. Through past experience we have found that children who demonstrate separation anxiety benefit from quick 'drop offs' to an allocated educator, to help them settle into the preschool routines.

Below is a link to the Early Childhood Australia website which has wonderful information about how to help children manage feelings of anxiety. If you have any concerns or queries, please speak to an educator. Working together in a united partnership will help provide children with successful outcomes and support future learning.

(<http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/parent-resources/separation-anxiety/>)

### **Preschool routine**

In the morning educators are busy setting up the kindy ready for the day. The doors will open at 8:30am and our first group time will start around 9:00am. In the afternoon we encourage families who wish to collect their child/children early to do so by 2:45pm, before our final group time begins. Group times are an important and valued part of our preschool routine.

### **Global Citizenship**

Developing a strong sense of citizenship is at the heart of our teaching and learning. Children are global citizens and part of citizenship is to contribute positively to the community. This can be demonstrated by showing respect for each other and for both natural and constructed environments.

## Quality Improvement Plan

A display of the QIP requirements is located near the kitchen bench. There is an opportunity for families to write down suggestions for us to continue to enhance our service. Feedback is always valued and appreciated.

## Parent Engagement- Working together to build a successful learning community

*'It takes a village to raise a child'*. This old African proverb encompasses the importance of building strong partnerships. We invite parents/caregivers to come into the kindy and share their knowledge, experiences, culture and interests with the children. Please see Donia our Director to organise a time. A parent/caregiver/grandparent is also welcome to come in to our end group time and read a story to the children, which they will all enjoy.

## Grandparents/Special Friends Day!

This has become a much loved annual community event, where grandparents/special friends are invited to spend an afternoon at the kindy. This will be held in week 11 on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April for the Dolphin Group and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April for the Starfish Group. More information will be provided closer to the dates.

**Copies of our *Effective Routines and Transition Policy, Behavior Guidance Code and Quality Improvement Plan* have been placed on the Community Notice Board for families to take home.**

Kind regards,  
Preschool Team

## Save the dates!

- ❖ *Parent Information evening/AGM Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 6:30pm at Seaford Rise Kindergarten*
- ❖ *Easter Good Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March*
- ❖ *Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (there will be no preschool sessions on those days)*
- ❖ *Grandparents/special Friends Day Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April*  
*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April*
- ❖ *End of term Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April*
- ❖ *Beginning of term 2 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April*