



Dear Families,

You would remember from the last newsletter that we were waiting to hear which one of 4 possible rating levels we would receive.

I am **ecstatic** to tell you that Handley has been rated as 'Exceeding the National Quality Standard' in ALL of the 7 Quality areas (see below)

| Quality Area Rating | | |
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| QA 1 | Educational Program and Practice | Exceeding National Quality Standard (E) |
| QA 2 | Children's health and safety | Exceeding National Quality Standard (E) |
| QA 3 | Physical environment | Exceeding National Quality Standard (E) |
| QA 4 | Staffing arrangements | Exceeding National Quality Standard (E) |
| QA 5 | Relationships with children | Exceeding National Quality Standard (E) |
| QA 6 | Collaborative partnerships with families and communities | Exceeding National Quality Standard (E) |
| QA 7 | Leadership and service Management | Exceeding National Quality Standard (E) |
| | Overall rating | Exceeding National Quality Standard (E) |

We received the following letter this week... 1st August 2012.

"The Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate has undertaken a rigorous assessment of the quality of your service against the National Quality Standard for Early childhood Education and Care and School Age Care. Attached for your review is the draft assessment and rating report which has been prepared to take into account all of the information and evidence available. The draft report includes proposed ratings for each of the seven quality areas in the National Quality Standard for Early childhood Education and Care and School Age Care and the proposed overall rating.

I acknowledge the efforts of Management, Educators, staff and others involved in preparing for, and participating in, the assessment and rating process and wish you well in your important work with children and families"

*Ms Nathalie Crane
Regional Operations Manager
Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate*



At such an early stage of the National rating process, it is difficult to express the excellence that this rating means.

I am quite sure, however, that there wouldn't be too many other services that would achieve a perfect score in every single area of their operation as we have. It's our equivalent of an Olympic Gold Medal, or a perfect score in the HSC J.

This rating has been achieved because of the dedication of our staff who are always authentic in their interactions with the children, and genuinely seeking the outcome for success with everything the children do.

So, when you are talking to your friends and family, you can now proudly say, that you are a member of the Handley community that is achieving the ultimate education for your child as overseen by the National Quality Standard.

Your child is truly receiving the BEST quality teaching and learning at Handley.

Many thanks for contributing to our wonderful pre-school.

Warmest Regards

Melanie

Melanie Leever
Director