

## **GLENHAVEN PRIVATE PRESCHOOL**

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## Newspaper Article

On Wednesday 20th February, 2013 The Honourable Mr Philip Ruddock M.P. visited Glenhaven Private Preschool, during that time Mr Ruddock spoke to some of the parents and staff who raised the issue of discrimination regarding Child Care Rebates for parents of children in Preschool. At present children attending preschool are not eligible for the Child Care Rebate as the Rebates are linked to the hours a centre operates. Furthermore there are no State subsidies to allow for a reduction in fees, which children at Community Preschools are eligible.

During his visit Mr Ruddock was able to observe our high standard preschool environment and talk with some of the youngest members of his constituent.....the children at the preschool. He was even shown how to use an iPad by some of our IT wiz kids.

We appreciated the time Mr Ruddock took to visit our preschool and hope this issue can be taken further and that all parents and children be treated fairly. We believe that Early Childhood Education is too important an issue to be discriminated by government policies.







