

Resource 3

Sample letter to parents

School/class letterhead

Date

Dear Parents

During the coming weeks our class will be exploring an exciting new unit of study titled “**Children’s rights, children’s lives**”. We will be talking about what it is like to be a child living in Australia today, and considering how that experience is different from that of children who live in other places or who have grown up during other times.

Most importantly, we will be learning about children’s rights and responsibilities. In line with the Queensland Studies of Society and the Environment (SOSE) curriculum, this will involve some discussion of beliefs and values.

Whenever conversations are opened about beliefs and values, people are certain to disagree. We will be encouraging students to consider and reflect upon a range of points of view and learn to explain their own.

If your child starts to ask probing questions at home, then we are doing our job well and some deep thinking is going on. We hope that this unit will result in many rich conversations about family beliefs and values at home, which will enrich our learning at school as well.

As part of the unit, students will be involved in a range of exercises and activities, including research about people and organisations that work to help children and young people. Students will complete projects to help us assess their new learning, and we look forward to sharing these with you at semester’s end.

Development of the unit has been supported by materials from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. If you would like to learn more about the activities and resources we will be exploring, log on to the Commission’s website at www.cccypcg.qld.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Class teacher