Join us for a free, informative session focused on preparing your preschool age child for the transition to kindergarten or prep and a lifetime love of learning.

We’ll hear from Sally Ward on how parents can assess a child’s readiness for kindergarten and school and various learning environments, along with helpful advice on preparing your child for success in the classroom and beyond.

The forum will cover the following topics:

- The critical role parents play in kindergarten and school readiness,
- Making intentional choices about a school or academic program for your child,
- The process of choosing the best fit kinder or school for your child and family.

Limited spots available
Registration required by June 10th 2016
Register: fsadmin@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or 5272 4741
Sally Ward is an early childhood consultant with Early Life Foundations, joining the team in 2014. She is a preschool teacher with extensive experience in the early childhood field over the past 35 years. Sally has been the Director and teacher in metropolitan and rural community kindergartens, the Coordinator of preschool programs within a large bilingual school, and instrumental in establishing, developing and coordinating the Three Year Group program in the highly regarded Trinity Grammar School Early Learning Centre.

Sally's ability to listen, understand and provide practical advice to parents and colleagues has created strong relationships and positive feedback throughout her career. Her understanding of the pressures faced by families as they balance careers, child rearing and family life was strengthened during her time as the manager of her owner operator retail business.

Sally's work as a regional Children's Services Adviser with the Department of Human Services brings a broad perspective across all facets of early childhood development and education. This role encompassed advising, monitoring and assessing preschool, childcare, occasional care and school age care programs.

In recent years Sally's interest in multicultural, indigenous and international early childhood education has inspired her participation in a study tour to Reggio Emilia, a mentoring position in a remote aboriginal community, and involvement in preschools and schools in Vietnam, Peru and Sri Lanka.