**Information for parents** on a broad range of topics is available on the Parenting SA website. You are encouraged to speak to a staff member if you would like help with a particular issue relating to your child, especially if you feel we may be able to provide child-appropriate resources to address a situation.

## **Child and Youth Health Services**

Local Child and Family Health staff arrange to carry out a general developmental/medical screening for all children aged four. One day is allocated to our kindergarten every term. Screenings include general testing of each child's hearing, eyesight, co-ordination, speech and a general health check. These checks are usually held at Woodcroft Heights Children's Centre. Staff will notify parents when an appointment is due for their child. Parents are also welcome to speak with staff to ensure your child is included.

## **Dental Services**

The SA Dental Service Clinic provides general dental care for the children. Parents are invited to bring 3 - 5 year olds to the Clinic before they acquire dental problems. If parents would prefer to make a separate appointment for a pre-school child, they should telephone the Clinic (8384 9244). Please feel free to call the Clinic for any advice concerning care of the teeth of your children or babies. All children from birth up to 18 years of age are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. Fees may apply

The Dental Clinic is open Monday-Friday 8.30am – 4.30pm.

SA Dental Service Noarlunga is located at 2 Alexander Kelly Drive, Noarlunga Centre SA 5168

## **Support Services Staff**

DECD offers specialist staff to work with children and families with special needs. These include services such as speech therapy, psychology, social work or a special educator. If you have any concerns about your child's development, please make a time to speak with the Director.

When children are referred early or as soon as possible, programs can be put in place for children to reach their maximum potential. Staff can assist with referrals to relevant DECD services, such as speech pathology, psychologists, social workers etc.