This is the last newsletter for the term as school holidays begin on Monday 14th April. If you need care for kindy or school age children during the holidays, please phone or email Karen (Karen.zwar481@schools.sa.edu.au) as soon as possible. Families with permanent bookings who will not be using child care during the holidays also need to let Karen know via a “Notification of Changes” form available from the website. Where two weeks’ notice is given, families are just charged a “holding fee” (50% of the full fee). The school holiday program is shown below:

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**BUNDALEER PICNIC & LEARNING CELEBRATION**

Kindy families have received a notice and consent form for our end of term picnic at Bundaleer Forest on Thursday 10th April. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to join us and we will need some families to provide transport for their own child for at least one leg of the journey. Please return consent forms by Tuesday 8th April. The picnic will be followed by our learning celebration (back at kindy) at 2.15pm. We will perform some of our favourite songs and then show you the photos, artwork and learning stories in our “Magic Moments” albums. Grandparents and other relatives are welcome too.
**CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**

This week Kindy children attended the SA Museum Roadshow at Jamestown Community School. Carey talked to us about bones and we passed around the skulls of different animals. Then we looked at a slideshow of different animals and we had to guess which skull belonged to which animal. We learned that giant hairy kangaroos used to live in South Australia! It was a great session and we thank Louise Woolford for including us in this school event.

We have had a peanut butter and a Nutella sandwich come to the centre in recent weeks. Parents are reminded that an allergic reaction to nuts can be life-threatening. Please double check labels on packaged foods and don’t use nut spreads on sandwiches for children’s lunch boxes.

Thank you to Emilia Benton for her donation of “Marty’s Nut Free Party”, a picture book about a monkey who is allergic to nuts. It is one of the most popular books on our shelves and is a great way to teach children about food allergies.

**CUTTING WITH SCISSORS**

We have noticed that some of our kindy children have trouble cutting with scissors. It is fine for children over 3 years of age to use scissors with adult supervision. Cutting is a complex fine motor skill and practice makes perfect, so it would be great if you could do some cutting at home. Here are some tips:

- Use child scissors (available at newsagencies and supermarkets).
- Always supervise and teach safety rules: carry scissors with your fist around the closed blades, walk don’t run and never put scissors in your mouth.
- Thumb on top, then “open, squeeze, open, squeeze”.
- Cardboard is easier than paper, as long as it is not too thick.
- Start by making little snips on the edge of the paper then progress to cutting along lines or around a shape.
- Make it fun and keep it short and sweet, especially if your child finds using scissors awkward and frustrating.

**We wish school and Kindy children a great holiday.**
**It’s been a busy term!**
**From the staff at JCCC**