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Children’s Centre

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At the “Learning in Early Childhood” session on March 6th parents were interested in the graph shown below. It shows the periods during which the brain is most receptive (sensitive) to learning in different areas. We were struck by how early peak sensitivity occurs.

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**END OF TERM CELEBRATION**

In the past kindy children have finished each term with a performance for parents and a graduation ceremony for children starting school. This year is different because our kindy children will all graduate together at the end of term 4. Instead, we would like to invite all kindy families to join us at 2.15pm on Thursday 10th April to share and celebrate the children’s learning. 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.

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**WE ARE HAVING A DRESS UP DAY ON TUESDAY 25th MARCH FOR ALL CHILDREN WHO WOULD LIKE TO WEAR A DRESS UP COSTUME TO KINDY/CHILDCARE!**

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March 25
Dress Up Day

April 1
Kindy visit to Library 2.00pm

April 10
Last day of Term 1 for Kindy

End of term performance 2.15pm

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**HAVE A SUGGESTION?**

We’d love to hear your suggestions or feedback. Have a chat to a staff member or post your comment into the letterbox on the sign in table in the foyer.

**OR A COMPLAINT?**

Complaints should be raised with centre staff in the first instance. If the matter cannot be resolved at the site level, it can be taken to the Regional Office or the Parent Complaint Unit. Please refer to our Complaints Policy included with this newsletter.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

This week the Wallabies have been making pizza with Erin and the After School Care children are making fruit salad with Jo. We had lots of hungry kindy children on Tuesday so we made toasties with bacon, onion, cheese and tomato. Cooking is a great way to build skills in many areas: speaking and listening, reading a recipe, taking turns, learning about hygiene and healthy food, measuring and counting…just to name a few!

Kindy children participated in Jamestown Community School’s Sports Day last Thursday 13th March. We ran some races and did relays on the hopper ball. Thanks to all the parents who came to help and encourage us!

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2014

Each year we identify priority areas for improvement, set targets and plan strategies to support improvement across the year. This year, our focus areas are:

IN VolvEMENT
We know that involvement is a prerequisite for effective learning. How can we create a stimulating learning environment to increase children’s levels of involvement?

LITERACY AND NUMERACY
Literacy and numeracy learning begins at birth. We need to ensure that targeted literacy and numeracy experiences are part of the learning program for every child.

B - 12 PARTNERSHIPS
What opportunities might arise from our new location on a Birth to Year 12 site?

WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY
How can we use our Smart TV and Ipads in the learning program and for learning documentation?

REFLECTIVE PRACTICE
Can we summarise our Philosophy into a set of core values and ensure that all staff have access to relevant professional learning?

THE FULL VERSION OF THE 2014 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER AND WILL SOON BE ON OUR WEBSITE.

We thank Elsa’s mum for covering our new books with contact. We really appreciate the help!