We have had a cold, wet start to the term. Luckily our heating is fantastic and it’s lovely and cosy inside the building! Please continue to send hats (and sunscreen if your child can’t use ours). Between April and September we check the UV levels daily on www.bom.gov.au and use sun protection only during the part of the day when the UV level is 3 or higher. This week it has been between around 10.30am and 2pm. Before April and after September we use sun protection whenever we go outside.

**CHILD CARE FEES**

Please be aware that child care fees are charged when permanent bookings fall on public holidays. This is to cover the cost of permanent and contract staff who are paid on these days. We invite families to change their booking (at no extra cost) to another day within the public holiday week if the regular booking is affected. The change must be negotiated with Karen to ensure that a place is available. We ask that you contact Karen a minimum of one week prior to the public holiday to change the care day. However, it is advisable to do so as early as possible as we have limited vacancies.

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

Our new children’s centre will be opened by the Minister for Education and Child Development, the Hon Jennifer Rankine, on Wednesday 25th June. The event will include a tour and morning tea for official guests followed by an official opening ceremony. Pop the date in your diary and more information will be available in our next newsletter. Our child care service will operate as usual on the day.

Q: What do you get if you cross a rabbit with a tiger cub?

A: I don’t know but it’s pretty cute!

**FOR YOUR DIARY**

**May 9**
Mothers Day Raffle
Trading Table – in main street

**May 14**
Governing Council 6.30pm (note change from Tuesday to Wednesday)

**May 22**
Open Morning 9.00 - 11.30am
CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

We have many children who love to make and create things at the centre. Painting, box construction and paper craft have all been popular this week as the weather has kept us inside more than usual. The children expressed their own unique interests through their creative projects and staff supported them with choosing materials and tools and talking through problems and possible solutions until the children were happy with their creations. Some projects also involved lots of practice using scissors, textas, sticky tape, glue and even staplers.

LITERACY KITS are available for loan from the portable white board outside the entrance foyer. These are book and activity kits for parents and children to enjoy together. They contain a book, “props” for acting out the story, craft materials and list of suggestions for activities based on the book. They are a great focus for reading and playing with children and in doing so, supporting their literacy development. Just record the kits you borrow in the scrapbook on the whiteboard and tick them off when they are returned. If you have used any craft materials in the kit, hand them to a staff member to be re-stocked.

OPEN MORNING

In conjunction with Jamestown Community School, our centre will hold an Open Morning on Thursday 22nd May between 9.00am and 11.30am. Parents, grandparents and other family members and friends are invited to come and see the centre, spend some time with the children and let them show you what they do during their kindy / child care day. Morning tea will be available in the Jamestown Community School Resource Room between 10.10 and 10.30am. RSVPs are not required for this event but for security reasons we ask that you enter and leave via the front door only and that you sign the visitors’ book in the foyer.

FUNDRAISING

MOTHERS DAY raffle tickets must be returned (sold or unsold) by this Friday 9th May.

Remember also to support our TRADING TABLE in the main street on Friday 9th May by dropping off baked goods, either to the centre before 9am, or directly to the trading table. Please include a list of ingredients.

That’s all for now!

From the JCCC staff...
Don’t give out any **private information** over the internet or through mobile phones about you, your family, friends or other people that you know.

People may pretend to be someone they are not online. It is important you **know** and **trust** the people you chat to and accept as ‘friends’.

Use a **strong password** (a combination of upper and lower case letters, symbols and numbers) eg P@$w0rd

Make sure your social networking profile is set to **private** (check your security settings).

Think about all of the information you share online. Even small details like your screen name may give away your **identity**.

Think before you share. Once it’s on the internet you can’t take it back. You create a **digital footprint**.

Don’t hide behind a computer screen, if you wouldn’t say it to their face, **don’t say it at all**!

Never meet up with **strangers** offline, especially if you have only met them online.

**Respond quickly** if you feel uncomfortable while online. Close the program and tell an adult you trust.

**Report** any suspicious or dangerous online contact to police on 131 444.