Jamestown Community
Children’s Centre

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KINDY IN 2015

Here we are in the second half of the year already! This means that we are beginning to prepare for 2015. We are currently taking registrations for our 2015 Kindy group. If you have a child who turns/turned 4 between 1st May 2014 and 30th April 2015, they will be eligible for kindy in 2015. We are holding two information sessions for families of these children. The content of the sessions is the same; just choose the one which best suits you. The sessions are planned for:

Tuesday 19th August 6.30-7.30pm
Friday 22nd August 10.30-11.30am

Please contact Alison on 86641276 / Alison.Arthur669@schools.sa.edu.au to register for one of the sessions. You are welcome to bring children with you to the Friday (daytime) session. Enrolment forms will be distributed at the sessions. If you would like to complete them there and then (one more thing out of the way) please bring the following information:

- Proof of age for child (birth certificate, passport, centrelink document)
- Echims number (from the Child’s blue health record provided by CaFHS)
- Centrelink CRNs for the child and both parents
- Addresses and contact numbers for 4 emergency contact people (who are also authorized to collect the child) plus one collection authority only (who won’t be contacted in an emergency)

If you know of any children who might be coming to Jamestown CCC for Kindy next year, please spread the word about the information sessions.

PLAYGROUP

We are offering playgroup from 9-11am on non-Kindy Mondays (weeks 3, 5, 7 and 9). Parents are welcome to attend with children aged 0-5. Narelle Cootes is co-ordinating the group. Cost is $1 per session and children will need a hat, a piece of fruit to share (or milk/purees for babies) and a water bottle. There may be an additional cost to cover insurance in the form of a Playgroup SA membership fee (for those who don’t already have Playgroup SA membership through Bizzy Bugs), but your first two attendances are free. Playgroup families will meet in the Quiet Room at the beginning of each session. Playgroup families are asked to observe the following guidelines at all times whilst on site:

- Enter via the front foyer door only
- Sign in and out in the sign in book in the foyer
- Keep doors and gates shut
- Speak kindly and respectfully to children (both your own and others)
- Supervise your own child by staying with them and joining in the activities they choose
- Respect the authority of centre staff in managing routines and behavior for children in child care
Thanks to all who attended and helped organize our Official Opening on 25th June. I have had so much positive feedback about the event, including a thank you note from the Hon. Jennifer Rankine herself. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the dedicated work of the organizing committee Jenni-Lee Case, Danielle Evans, Jessie Hammat and Karen Zwar.

Thank you Mel Kitschke for taking these beautiful photos. Watch for a display coming up in the foyer and let me know if you would like a copy.
CLOSURE OF SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE AT PETERBOROUGH

The School Dental Service has been providing service to the Peterborough and District school children at the local school dental clinic. This service will shortly be closed.

Dr Greg Miller has set up a dental practice for the whole community of Peterborough, and has offered to provide dental care for children as well as adults. As a consequence SA Dental Service will cease dental care from the current School Dental Clinic at the end of July 2014. Dr Miller will then provide dental services at a new facility in the Peterborough Hospital.

SA Dental Service staff have been consulted and will be relocated to other positions within the Dental Service in Clare. They will not lose their positions because of this closure. We thank them for their loyal service over several years.

Children of families in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A are eligible for funded dental care under the Commonwealth Child Benefits Schedule (CCBS). This entitles children to $1,000 of dental care every 2 years at a dental provider of their choice. Dr Miller’s practice will utilise this funding to provide care to children previously seen at the school dental clinic. Should a child’s care exceed the $1,000 cap SA Dental Service have an arrangement with Dr Miller where additional care will be funded by SA Dental Service. This same funding arrangement will also allow children who are not eligible for the CCBS to attend Dr Miller’s practice without incurring any costs.

Families are still able to access care through any School Dental Service clinics, including Clare and Port Pirie, should they wish to do so. SA Dental Service thanks the Peterborough and surrounding District Community for the support that it has provided to our staff and the Dental Service over many years.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Please collect empty tin cans (e.g. baked beans, spaghetti) for Jo to use for a craft project with After School Care children. Sounds interesting Jo...

GREATSTART

www.greatstart.sa.edu.au is a fantastic DECD website with heaps of great ideas for parents with young children. It's well worth a look!

DECD Strategic Plan 2014 -2017

New plan to guide our preschools

Helping young South Australians to achieve their best and to be healthy and safe are the priorities of our department’s new strategic plan.

The Department for Education and Child Development’s Strategic Plan 2014-2017 outlines how we will make our public education system even stronger over the next four years.

The plan identifies six priority areas that seek to improve learning achievement, health and wellbeing, child safety, community engagement and timely access to services.

Our Chief Executive Tony Harrison says: “Our immediate priority is to lift the standard of service provided within our organisation and to the community.

“We will strive for excellence, to earn trust, to build and strengthen relationships – especially with children and young people, their parents, carers and the community.

“We will involve communities in decisions that affect them. Above all, we will listen,” Mr Harrison says.

Our preschool looks forward to working with you as we bring this new plan to life.

For more information, visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/strategicplan.

That’s all for now!

From the JCCC staff...