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THE POWER OF “YET”

In our staff meeting this week we talked about the importance of having a “growth mindset”*. This is basically just a belief that everyone can learn. Our abilities are not fixed and what is often seen as “talent” is really the result of hard work and perseverance. If we have a growth mindset, we see failure and setbacks as part of the learning process and not as indicators that we are “not good at” something. The word “YET” is powerful. When a child says they “can’t do it”, just add “YET” to show them that they can learn to do it one day. We have been talking to the children about learning. Here are some of the “learning behaviours” we are talking about…

★ Have a try ★ Think and concentrate
★ Keep thinking and trying different ways when it gets hard
★ Ask questions ★ Notice how other people do it

Did you know…

Oprah Winfrey was called “too emotional and not suitable for television.”

Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team because of a “lack of skill”.

Einstein didn’t talk until he was 4 or read until he was 7.

Beethoven’s teacher said, “As a composer, he’s hopeless”.

JK Rowling’s “Harry Potter” was rejected by 12 major publishers.

Thomas Edison’s teacher said he was “too stupid to learn anything”.

*If you’re interested, google Carol Dweck’s TED talks. There are a few and they’re all really good.

DIARY DATES

• Tuesday 4th August
  Governing Council
  6.30pm

• Monday 24th August
  Book Week Dress Up Day

• Tuesday 1st September
  Governing Council
  6.30pm

• Tuesday 15th September
  PATCH THEATRE EXCURSION TO PORT PIRIE (KINDY CHILDREN)

Permission/information forms to be sent home in a few weeks.
REMINDER – Kindy Begins at 9AM

Kindy begins at 9am. Please book a “Before Kindy Care” spot if you are going to drop your child at kindy before 8.50am. This is an equity issue. Dropping children early is not fair when other families have paid for Before Kindy Care. You are welcome to come early if you stay with your child until 8.50am.

WARNING – Lithium Batteries in “Light Up Shoes”

You may be aware that lithium batteries (the small round silver disc-style batteries) are very harmful if swallowed and have caused a number of child deaths. At their recent First Aid Course, Erin and Kim found out that the “light up shoes” that are very popular with young children contain lithium batteries. We don’t want to say you can’t wear light up shoes to the centre but we do request that you check them regularly to make sure the battery is fully enclosed.

BOOK WEEK – WEEK 6 (24th – 28th August)

Our Dress Up Day is Monday 24th August. All children are invited to come to kindy and child care in fancy dress on that day. Kindy, Wallabies and possibly Joeys (if they are keen and we can manage the staffing) will be joining Jamestown Community School in the Library shortly after 9.00AM for a story and Dress Up Parade. You are welcome to join us. Re: PHOTOS... We understand that you can’t always manage to snap a picture of your child on their own so we ask that you seek consent from other parents if their child is in a photo that you plan on sharing electronically, e.g. on Facebook. Not all our children have consent to be photographed while at kindy or child care.

ADVANCED NOTICE - PROPOSED PUPIL FREE DAY

At Governing Council next week staff will request a Pupil Free Day on Friday 11th September to undertake collaborative learning. If the day is approved, we will get a notice into your pockets next week.

TAFE STUDENTS

Christina Callus will join us again on Mondays and Wednesdays this term for another placement for her Diploma in Children’s Services. Many of you will know Christina as she is one of our child care “mums” and she did her first placement with our Puggles and Joeys earlier this year.

Katrina Amey will join us on Tuesdays from 18th August to do her Cert III in Children’s Services Placement. Katrina has had a grandchild at the centre in the past and has a background in aged care.

To finish, just a quick reminder to kindy families to book a “chat” with kindy staff ASAP if you have not already done so. We would like to touch base with 100% of our kindy families if we can!