We welcome all children and their families to JCCC in 2013.

We have an exciting year ahead, with the new building expected to be completed during June and our move scheduled for July! This year is also a transition year for preschools as we move towards the “Same First Day” policy, under which all children will start school together at the beginning of 2014. The cut off date for children starting school is May 1st. Children turning 5 before May 1st will start school in Term 1 of that year and children turning 5 on or after May 1st will start school in Term 1 of the following year. In preparation for “Same First Day”, we will have an intake of new preschool children (who turn 4 before 1st May) in Term 1 only this year. However, schools will continue term-by-term Reception intakes until the end of 2013 year, resulting in declining preschool numbers as children go off to school with no new children starting preschool until next year. For our centre, lower preschool numbers coinciding with our move to a larger facility mean that we will be able to offer more childcare places in the latter half of this year. Please keep this in mind and feel free to discuss your childcare needs with Karen Zwar, Assistant Director of Childcare, at any time. If you have any questions about the Same First Day policy or if you are unsure of when your child can start preschool or school, please speak to Alison or visit the “Preschool” tab of our website www.jamestownpre.sa.edu.au to find a link to a handy “calculator” which will determine your child’s start date based on their birth date.

GOVERNING COUNCIL 2013

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT!

HAVE A SAY IN YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION AND CARE...

Please consider nominating for Governing Council in 2013. Governing Council is the decision making body for our centre and consults on all aspects of educational and administrative management. A number of offices will become vacant in 2013 and we would welcome some new faces. Meetings are held twice a term, from 6:30 to around 8:30pm. No prior experience or skills are required.

GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All members of the JCCC community are invited to attend the AGM
Tuesday 5th February 2013
6:00pm at the Railway Hotel

The slab has been poured for our new centre
INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK

Vomiting and diarrhoea have been reported in our community. Parents and caregivers are reminded that we do not have the facilities or staffing to care for sick children and that a child with an infectious disease poses a risk to other children and to staff. We ask that all families observe the exclusion periods for infectious diseases. A poster showing exclusion periods for infectious diseases is included in the enrolment pack and can be accessed via the “Centre Info” tab of our website www.jamestownpre.sa.edu.au under “Policies and Procedures”. In the case of vomiting and diarrhoea, this means children may return to kindy or care 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting/diarrhoea, provided that they are eating and drinking normally. We realise that children can develop symptoms quickly and thank families for organising prompt collection of children who become unwell whilst attending the centre.

RECIPE BOOKS

The Jamestown Community Children’s Centre recipe book includes tried and true recipes from family members and the wider Jamestown community, illustrated with children’s drawings of their favourite foods.

Only $10.00 Available from the centre

REMEMBER – SUN SAFETY

Please make sure your child comes to kindy / child care with a broad brimmed bucket-style or legionnaire’s hat. We recommend shirts with collars and sleeves to protect children’s necks and shoulders. If sleeveless dresses and tops are worn they will need to be covered with a shirt during outside play. We ask that parents/caregivers apply sunscreen to children before coming to kindy / care.

CLOTHING ORDERS

Those families who ordered shirts and/or hats printed with the JCCC logo may collect their orders from the centre. Please pay for your order upon collection. Information about the styles, colours and sizes of our T-shirts, polo shirts and hats is available in the flip file on the entrance table, along with an order form. Orders will be placed each term, provided that we have at least 15 items (the minimum quantity required for a print run is 20 items and we will order up to 5 items for centre stock). A small range of stock is held on site for immediate purchase. Prices are as follows:

Hats $10.00  T-Shirts $10.00  Polo Shirts $18.00

KINDY AND CARE PROGRAM

Kindy families will find a Lunch Duty Roster and a Show and Tell Roster included with this newsletter. This term are focussing on numbers and counting, with a number song or rhyme each week and counting/numeral recognition activities included in the program. We will also be using big books to learn literacy concepts including letters, sounds and rhyme. Focus topics will include: ourselves (getting to know each other and developing a sense of belonging to the kindy group), summer (including sun safety and snake safety) and life cycles (talking about how caterpillars change into butterflies). We are reading “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” and “Butterfly Kiss”. Childcare children have been talking about Australia in preparation for Australia Day. Last week they enjoyed looking at the Australian flag making dot-painted boomerangs. The kindy and childcare programs are posted on the noticeboard at the entrance each fortnight. Please feel free to read about what we are doing and to give us some feedback or suggestions for the program.

A “SNIPPET” from the Early Years Learning Framework:

“All children have the best start in life to create a better future for themselves and for the nation.”

(Council of Australian Governments’ vision for Australian children)

COAG’s Early Childhood Agenda recognises that early childhood is a vital period of learning and development which has long term effects on individuals and on societies as a whole. In July 2009, COAG agreed to a National Early Childhood Development Strategy which was the basis of changes we have seen in the past few years including increased time at preschool (15 hours per week) for children in the year before they start school and the establishment of the “National Quality Standard” against which all preschools and child care centres are assessed.

Feeding the dinosaurs…a sensory experience with coloured spaghetti! Jo is supporting language development, thinking skills confidence and a sense of belonging as she engages the child in conversation about what he is doing.