Our Easter raffle raised over $670...

1st Prize: Sonya Paynter
2nd Prize: Bridie Mead
3rd Prize: Zara Cooper

CONGRATULATIONS!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 25th April
ANZAC DAY Holiday

Tuesday 8th May
Governing Council

Tuesday 5th May
Pupil Free Day
(pending Governing Council approval) & Governing Council

Preschool Attendance Data will be collected in WEEK 2 and WEEK 3 this term. Please make every effort to get children to all sessions!

KINDY LUNCH DUTY

Week 1
Tuesday 24th April:
Charlie K and Henry C

Wednesday 25th April:
ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

Thursday 26th April:
Levi H & Summer M

Week 2
Tuesday 1st May:
Harrison W & Annabel S

Wednesday 2nd May:
Tyson B

Thursday 3rd May:
Jemima M & Laura F

March 27th 2012, Term 2 Week 1

PRESCHOOL AND CARE PROGRAM

This Term our topic focus is “All About Me” which relates to Early Years Learning Framework Outcome 1: “Children have a strong sense of identity”. But what do we mean when we talk about “identity”?

Fig. 1: How children express a sense of identity.

Through our centre program we will be talking about...

- Faces
- Feelings
- Favourite things
- Friends
- Families

FAREWELL ANGI

I am sad to advise the community that our much-loved child care worker Angi Fischle will not be returning to JCCC in the near future. Angi returned to Germany late last term following the refusal of her application under the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme. This scheme grants work conditions to skilled workers in regional areas where their skills are essential to a particular organisation. Angi’s application was refused on the grounds that although Childcare Team Leaders are considered for work conditions under the scheme, Childcare Workers are not and while Angi is qualified to be a Team Leader, this was not the position she held at Jamestown CCC. Angi has spent time with her family considering her options and has decided to stay in Germany for the time being. We thank Angi for her dedication and contribution to our centre and wish her all the best in the future.
WEBSITE

We have a new website at which the community can access both preschool and childcare information. This site replaces two existing sites (one for preschool and one for care) and is intended to be a one-stop-shop for all users of services at JCCC. The website has been designed and created by Tracey Dewell at no cost to the centre and we thank her for her expertise and generosity. Tracey and I will continue to add new material (including recent photos) to the site throughout the year, so please let us know if you have any suggestions for useful information / documents to include. Please visit

www.jamestownccc.com.au

to access newsletters, Preschool / Care Information Book, the 2011 Annual Report, Governing Council dates and other bits and pieces.

PLAYGROUND ISSUES

Unfortunately we found that raising the bark-chip level in front of the slide platform did not solve the supervision / child safety issues in that area of the yard and, after a series of near misses and minor accidents, I have had the platform removed. Obviously this leaves a “hole” in our playground that staff will endeavour to fill with interesting and varied portable equipment. We hope that the community will understand that our duty of care must be paramount in any decisions relating to child safety.

MOZZIES

We have had a large number of mosquitoes at the centre during the holidays. Recommended practices for managing mosquitoes include the “5 Ds”:

- Avoiding going outside at Dusk and Dawn
- Dressing in loose, light coloured clothing
- Using insect repellent containing DEET
- Draining any stagnant water

BUS CHANGES

Monday 7th March (week 3) is a pupil free day at Jamestown Community School. Please be advised that no school buses will run on that day. Please contact the centre if you would like to arrange care for school age children.

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR 2012 /

We are currently taking enrolments for the remainder of 2012 and for Terms 1 and 2 of 2013. If your child turns four before May 1 2013, you are encouraged to collect an enrolment pack from the centre. Projected preschool enrolment numbers help us plan for staffing needs and childcare places.

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Included with this newsletter is a survey from Mrs Marianne Clarke who is researching gender and play in early childhood as part of her teacher training. Marianne would be grateful if preschool parents would complete this brief survey and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you!

That’s all for now!

From the staff at JCCC

Suggestions and feedback may now be posted confidentially into the mailbox on the parent information table (inside the front entrance).