September 12th, 2012, Term 3 Week 9

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 18th September
Kindy Graduation
Pooled Lunch

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KINDY PHOTOS

Wednesday 19th September
CHILDCARE PHOTOS

Friday 21st September
Last day of Term 3

Monday 8th October
Term 4 begins

Tuesday 16th October
Pupil Free day – no kindy or childcare

Thursday 18th October
Kindy group “A” attending St James production

Saturday 27th October
JCCC Jumble Sale
8:30am-1:00pm

PRESCHOOL AND CARE PROGRAM

We are using a “visual schedule” to help children learn about routines and to prepare them for the many different things we do in the day. The schedule uses picture cards of daily activities, such as story time, singing, fruit time, lunch, rest and home time. Over the past few weeks we have added some weather pictures to help children become aware of appropriate clothing (e.g. a beanie and coat on a cold day and a hat on a sunny day) and sun safe practices. Our sun protection policy requires children to wear hats and sunscreen between November and April and during other months when the forecast UV Level is above 3. We have been checking UV levels each morning and have been surprised how high levels are, even on cloudy or cool days.

We are wondering if anyone could stay for a few minutes at drop off time to cut up the fruit. This would allow all staff to supervise and interact with children during this busy time of the day, rather than having one staff member off the floor. If you can help from time to time, please just stay and do it!

KINDY GRADUATION

Next Tuesday 18th September we will farewell Henry, Laura, Harry, Lucy, George and Courtney, who begin school next term. Families are welcome to join us for a short performance and graduation ceremony at 2:45pm. We are also having a pooled lunch on the day. We are asking girls to bring a plate of savoury food and boys to bring a plate of sweet food to share. Food may be brought with your child in the morning or dropped off before lunch time (11:30am).

Sensory play with shaving foam:
Exploring texture, colour, pattern and movement...

JUMBLE SALE 27th OCTOBER

Our dedicated Fundraising Committee is busy preparing for our Jumble Sale early next term. We are looking for donations of toys, books, clothing, homewares and bric-a-brac for our stall. We are also leasing space at $10 per stall for anyone who would like to have their own trading table. Please spread the word in the community. On Friday 26th October we will be taking donations of cakes and other baked goods and on the day we will need volunteers to set up/pack up, serve on the trading tables and prepare/serve food.
REMINDERS

Please fill your child’s drink bottle with water only (no cordial please).

We also ask that foods such as chips, chocolate biscuits, iced donuts and chocolate covered muesli bars are not included in children’s lunchboxes. We encourage families to provide a healthy lunch (e.g. sandwich, roll, wrap, tin of tuna) and some extra snacks such as yoghurt, cheese, crackers, dried fruit, biscuits or cake. Balance is the key; if most items in the lunchbox are healthy, a piece of cake is fine. We also suggest that you provide more rather than less as some children have been getting hungry after they have eaten everything in their lunchbox.

Please name all food containers, hats and jumpers/coats. We have a lost property box and on the table on our veranda. Please check regularly for items left at the centre.

T-SHIRT / HAT ORDERS

Please let staff know if you would like to order hats and/or shirts with the Jamestown Community Children’s Centre logo. Hats are $10, T shirts are $10 and Polo shirts are $18. Hats come in a single size suitable for children aged 0-5 with an elastic/ toggle drawstring so that it can be adjusted to fit. Shirts are available in size 2, 4 and 6. A range of colours is available and samples can be viewed at the centre. The order will be placed during the school holidays and clothing can be paid for either in advance or upon collection.

PHOTO DAYS

Next Tuesday 18th September is a busy day for kindy children. Not only do we have pooled lunch and kindy graduation, but it is also photo day! Childcare photos will be taken the next day, on Wednesday 19th September. Money and envelopes may either be returned to the centre in advance or brought in on the day. No change can be given. Family photos for those using both the preschool and the childcare services may be purchased either as the kindy package or the childcare package (these families will have received two envelopes) depending on preference and budget. If you choose the “kindy” family package, children will need to come on the Tuesday and if you choose the “childcare” family package, children will need to come on the Wednesday.

PUPIL FREE DAY

On Tuesday 16th October (Week 2 Term 4) we are holding the second of our two Pupil Free Days for the year. On the day we will join with Crystal Brook Kindergarten and Occasional Care staff at a Gowrie Training session on “Balancing Supervision and Interaction”. We are excited at the opportunity to have training delivered on site as we often have to travel to other locations to access professional learning and we are looking forward to spending time with our colleagues from Crystal Brook. No kindy, childcare or after school care will be available on the day. Childcare families are encouraged to organise a different day within the same week if a convenient place is available. There will be no charge for cancelled sessions if no replacement session can be arranged.

FUNDRAISING FOR CANCER

Thank you for supporting “Dress Yellow Day” for the Cancer Council. We raised $63.65.

Many of you will be aware that one of our “mums”, Lynda Walters, is undergoing treatment for cancer. To help raise money for treatment, travel and accommodation costs, Lynda’s friends and family are holding a trading table outside Foodland on Thursday 20th September. If you would like to bake for the stall, cakes can be dropped at the centre on Wednesday 19th September.

A fundraising site has been set up to help Lynda and her family cope with the many financial pressures they are facing at this stressful time. Donations may be made online at:
Donations can be named or anonymous and any amount will help.

That’s all for now!
From the JCCC Staff