DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 28th November
PRE ENTRY KINDY (to be held with the current “B” group) for children starting kindy in Term 1, 2013

Tuesday 11th December
Kindy Graduation and pooled lunch

FAMILY NIGHT...
...will be held in the park at a date to be decided at Governing Council tonight.
An invitation will go into pockets this week

Friday December 14th
End of Term 4

Friday December 21st
Last day of Childcare

Monday 7th January
Childcare resumes

PRESCHOOL AND CARE PROGRAM

Kindy Excursion to Port Pirie...

Last Tuesday 13th November, 34 kindy children, 4 staff members and 11 parents took a road trip to Port Pirie to visit the fire station, enjoy a picnic lunch at Solomontown Beach, ride on the Pirie Express and look at the model railway. We had a great day and we say a huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers: Heidi who supplied disinfectant wipes at the right time, Michelle who made sure we didn’t go without coffee, Bob who counted to 34 all day long with an impressive “sheep draft” counting style, Sam who made balloon animals for every child on the bus, Nicole who took the photos and made a beautiful slideshow for the children to watch and Mandy, Shona, Barb, Kim, Rebecca, Letitia and Monica who made sure our children were safe and happy during their big day out! All year parents have gone out of their way to support our children’s experiences in kindy and childcare and in doing so, have made an important contribution to the atmosphere at our centre. Children may not always notice what you do but the sense of security and wellbeing they develop when the adults around them share great working relationships is invaluable!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A book of 5 tickets to be sold for $1:00 each has been placed in pockets today. Please return money and ticket books to the centre before our Family Night (date to be confirmed). We are also asking all families to donate a gift (any new item) to the prize baskets. These can be dropped at the centre any time. The raffle will be drawn on the Family Night.
BUSHFIRE INFORMATION

The bushfire season is upon us, with a Total Fire Ban declared today. A Bushfire Information brochure for families is included with the newsletter today. Jamestown Community Children’s Centre is rated as a “low risk” site for bushfires, which means that on days rated as “CATASTROPHIC” in our region OUR CENTRE WILL NOT CLOSE BUT SCHOOL BUSES WILL NOT RUN. Jamestown Community School will contact bus families the evening before a catastrophic day has been declared to confirm that buses will not run. The Appila bus travels through the Flinders District as well as the Mid North District. On days when the Flinders District is “catastrophic” but the Mid North is not, the Appila bus will use a modified route to avoid the Flinders District. Please ask to see the map of this route if your child uses the Appila bus and you are not sure of your stop/time for your child on catastrophic days for Flinders. To check bushfire ratings, visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au. Jamestown is situated in the “Mid North” region (region 4). The page is updated at around 4pm each afternoon to include ratings for the following day. On Total Fire Ban days and days rated “catastrophic” for fire conditions we monitor the CFS website and local ABC radio for fire incidents and ensure that we have the Emergency Supplies Kit, First Aid Kit, contact details and health information for staff and children at the ready in case we have to move to refuge. We encourage parents to monitor the website/radio during the day as well. As our centre is not in the Bushfire Safer Precinct of Jamestown, we will need to move to refuge in the case of fire threatening the centre. Our refuge is the Jamestown Medical Centre unless we are otherwise instructed by SAPOL or the CFS. Obviously concerned parents are encouraged to collect children from kindy and care in the event of local fires. However, in making this decision parents should consider whether it is safe to travel to the centre and whether their child would be safer at home or at the centre. The 2012-13 Bushfire Action Plan will be presented to Governing Council this evening.

JCCC FAMILY NIGHT

To celebrate our year together as the Jamestown CCC community, we will have a picnic in the park at a date to be confirmed via children’s pockets this week...

BYO everything (food, drinks, something to sit on/under)

Christmas Raffle will be drawn

A special visitor in red will arrive by fire truck!

From 5pm