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Comments from Cathy

March 2017

Hi Everyone,
 What a great start to the year we have had! The new preschool group has settled in REALLY well and lower numbers in childcare have enabled educators to really focus on quality relationships with their primary care children. We have been advised that we will be scheduled for a National Quality Standards assessment visit in the next few months, so the pressure is on to ensure all our practices and policies are in accordance with expected standards and educators feel confident to articulate the excellent work they do in preparing quality programs and interactions for every child. Our improvement focus areas for 2017 have been identified and include: relationships, The backyard, Learning design and moderation, sustainability, cultural diversity and parent partnerships. We look forward to sharing our plans and progress on these improvement areas in the coming weeks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please read the calendar dates carefully and make a note of the ones that will affect you. Also have a careful read of the policy changes on the next page.



Adelaide Symphony Orchestra presents

The Bush Concert (Cost \$10)

Saturday 22nd April 11:30am and 1:30pm For ages 3 plus

Festival Fleurieu are very excited that the ASO will be visiting us for the Festival which runs from 14-30 April of this year.

The Adelaide Symphony Orchestra (ASO) is dedicated to music education and inspiring people of all ages to enjoy music in their lives. Eight amazing and talented members of the orchestra along with singer Susan Ferguson, will be performing their highly interactive program "The Bush Concert."

Based on the book "The Bush Concert" by Helga Visser, this performance is filled with action, colour, music, song and dance, and plenty of opportunities for audience participation.

So come along and be part of this creative and stimulating holiday activity featuring the unique and glorious sounds of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.

Jubilee Hall, 207 Main South Road, Yankalilla

All bookings through the Yankalilla Visitor Information Centre (VIC) on 08 8558 0240 or online at www.festivalfleurieu.com.au

- Calendar Dates**
- Wednesday 29th March**
Cathy and Derek attending a training session on "Back to Front" maths for preschool teachers. Anne, Karen and Lucinda will ensure the preschool program runs smoothly while Cathy and Derek are away!
 - Tuesday 4th April**
Yankalilla Ambulance visit
 - Tuesday 11th April**
12:15 Governing Council
 - Tuesday 11th April**
5:30pm -7pm
Easter Family Night
 - Wednesday 12th April**
Last day of preschool for Term 1
 - Tuesday 2nd May**
1st Day of Preschool—Term 2
 - Tuesday 9th May**
12:15 Governing Council
 - Tuesday 16th May**
2pm—2:50pm
Grandparents Afternoon Tea
 - Monday 22nd May**
Excursion to the Adelaide Zoo
PLEASE NOTE:
This will be an official preschool day. There will be no preschool on Wednesday 24th May.
 - Tuesday 13th June**
12:15 Governing Council
 - Tuesday 4th July**
12:15 Governing Council
 - Wednesday 5th July**
Last day of preschool for term 2

Policy Changes:

Fee Policy— In order to meet budgeting requirements for 2017, the Governing Council approved the finance committee's recommendation for a \$5.00 a day increase in childcare fees. This increase in fees came into effect on the 6th March 2017.

Clothing and Sunsafe Policies—Current policies were changed in accordance a directive from DECD that children's hats must not have chin straps, cords, drawstrings or toggles.

Food and Nutrition Policy—Our current policy has been extended to protect children currently enrolled at YCCC who have been diagnosed as at risk of a life threatening reaction (anaphylaxis) to certain foods. Consequently we are asking parents to no longer provide the following foods for their children to eat at YCCC. **EGGS—hard boiled / egg sandwiches / quiche and PINEAPPLE.** This policy is effective immediately and will be reviewed in accordance with the medical needs of children currently enrolled at YCCC. We thank parents in anticipation for your understanding and support.

BACKYARD

Lauren Jew (Community Development co-ordinator) from the Aldinga Children's Centre attended our last meeting to outline the timetable for the development of our "Backyard". Tender Documents have been released for prospective Landscape Architects. The successful Landscape architect should be known by Early May. Extensive consultation will occur with all stakeholders—including parents and children—throughout May to September. Plans will be completed October to December. Tender documents will be released and the Landscape builder appointed in February/March 2018. Construction of the new "Backyard" should commence in April 2018 for completion by 30th June 2018!!

In the meantime, three new vegie gardens have been ordered, fencing between the annex and the "backyard" should be completed soon and a rainwater tank connected to the new shed. Preschool staff would love to hear from any parent or community volunteers who has a particular passion in gardening. The new garden beds will be arriving soon and we would love your help!!

Keep your kids smiling SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment.

Your clinic is: Victor Harbor Dental Clinic Phone: 8551 0460



Yankalilla Community Children's Centre welcomes

Carolyn Gee

Carolyn was the successful applicant for a permanent part-time position in our over 2's childcare program. Carolyn comes to us with 26 years of experience in childcare. During this time she has extended her knowledge through higher levels of study and has worked in a variety of positions including experience as a team leader and a Director. Carolyn is passionate about quality Early Childhood Education and also has keen interests in gardening and music. We welcome Carolyn to our team.

Check out our website at www.yankalilacc.sa.edu.au

Join our closed group Facebook page



Parent feedback always welcome. Please post your ideas in the fee box in reception.