Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Spring!!! Hopefully some warmer days are just around the corner and all the coughs and colds will disappear until next year!! Talking about next year— there are some significant changes that we have started planning for. These include:

- 34 children will start at Yankalilla Area School in 2016. A 9 week transition to school program will be held on Wednesdays next term to facilitate each child’s smooth progression from preschool to school.
- New educator: child ratio’s for childcare and preschool. A new childcare ratio for children aged 24months to 36 months will be introduced from 1st January 2016. The existing ratio of 1 educator to 8 children will be reduced to 1:5. For children attending preschool, the new ratio will be 1 educator to 11 children. (The current ratio is 1:13)
- Kangaroo’s Team Leader position will be re-advertised for 2016.

Please read the newsletter carefully especially the Governing Council news and the Calendar dates. We have a couple of excursions coming up and Centre photo’s next Tuesday 15th September. Remember: “The first Five years last a lifetime!”

Comments from Cathy

Staffing Update
Mel is off to Ireland for 3 weeks. Sophie will replace Mel in the “Joey’s” room while she is away.

Students
We currently have two students completing placements at the moment. T’Leah in preschool (4th year Early Childhood Teacher) and Cindy (Diploma) in the Joey’s.

Visit our Facebook page and like us!
www.facebook.com/yankccc

The Yankalilla Community Children’s Centre also has a “Closed Group” which has been created for families of the Centre to share what is happening and any events held by the Centre. Just click on the link on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/yankccc and request to join the group.

Calendar Dates

- **Tuesday 8th September**
  Preschool Visit to YAS
  Farm + 2pm Presentation from Natural Resource Centre

- **Tuesday 15th September**
  Preschool + Childcare Photo Day

- **Wednesday 16th September**
  Recycling Excursion

- **Friday 25th September**
  Governing Council
  11am Courthouse Café

- **28/9/15 — 9/10/15**
  School Holidays

- **Friday 16th October**
  Governing Council
  11:45 am Courthouse Café

- **Friday 30th October**
  Excursion to “Fun on the Fleurieu”
  more details soon!!

Hats $5.50
T-Shirts—$15.00
Windcheaters: $20.00
Criminal History Checks for Excursions—Parent assistance on excursions is extremely valued. Educators must have the utmost confidence in all parents offering to assist on excursions. Therefore, in order to maximise the safety of all children on excursions ALL parents attending excursions must have a DCSI child-related employment screening clearance. All parents are encouraged to apply for a DCSI child related employment screening when they enrol their child. Existing parents can obtain the required child-related employment screening forms from reception. YCCC will pay for the cost of the DCSI child-related employment screening for parents.

Direct Debit — Direct Debit to pay fees is now available. Please see Brooke at reception for forms.

“Backyard Project” - The “backyard” has been officially transferred from Yankalilla Area School to YCCC. We have applied for a grant to redevelop the area and are still waiting to find out if we have been successful or not.

“Our Backyard Vision”

“To take positive action to create an inspiring outdoor learning environment that fosters responsibility, respect and appreciation for our natural world by creating natural outdoor play spaces and environmentally sustainable indoor areas, where children, educators and families can harmoniously engage, playfully connect, learn and explore together.”

Friendly Reminders

★ Please do not allow your child to bring toys from home as they might be lost, broken or stolen.
★ No smoking in the car park
★ Childcare fees are a 7 day account.
   Please pay promptly.
★ Please phone the centre if your child is going to be absent from childcare or preschool.
★ Never leave children unattended in cars whilst collecting children from preschool or childcare.

Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.

All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

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

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