ADAMS ROAD CHILDREN’S CENTRE

Newsletter  Monday, 19th JULY, 2010

Diary Dates:

Monday, 19th July  Term 3 commences
Mobile Library
Wednesday, 28th July  Child & Youth Health checks
Monday, 2nd August  Mobile Library
Monday, 4th August  STARplex Swimming – NO KINDY AT ARCC
Monday, 9th August  Governing Council Meeting – 7.30 pm
Wednesday, 11th August  STARplex Swimming – NO KINDY AT ARCC
Monday, 16th August  Mobile Library
Monday, 30th August  Mobile Library
Monday, 6th September  Governing Council Meeting – 7.30 pm
Monday, 13th September  Mobile Library
Friday, 24th September  End Term 3
Monday, 11th October  Term 4 commences

Welcome: Welcome back for Term 3 / 2010 and a special welcome to those families who are new to Adams Road Kindy – we hope that you enjoy your time with us. Please feel free to spend some time with your child and if you have any interests or skills that you would like to share, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please speak to staff if you want any information or have any concerns or ideas. The newsletters you receive are our only real form of communication with families, so please make sure you check your child’s star pocket regularly and display the diary dates at home where you can see them easily.

Staff:  Jill – Director
Paul & Tahlia – Teachers
Debbie, Mrs McKnight & Sue Gr – Early Childhood Workers
Julie – Early Intervention
Melissa & Sue Cr – Support Workers
Maria & Melissa – Occasional Care

Child & Youth Health Checks: C&YH nurses will be at the Kindy to conduct 4.5 yo developmental checks on Wednesday, 28th July. Children due for their 4.5 yo check will receive a note in their star pocket. If you do receive a note, please book an appointment time for your child on the sheet on the book case by the office. Children are offered appointments in chronological order.

School Enrolments: All children attending Kindy should already be enrolled at the school that they wish to attend. If your child is not enrolled anywhere, can you please follow up asap so that the school is able to notify you of future transition days and times.

Mobile Library: Please remember library books and bag on Mobile library days so that your child is able to visit the library bus. If you want to know whether your child is enrolled in the Mobile Library Service, you can ask staff to check if their name is on the list. See staff also if you need to purchase a waterproof library bag ($5.00). Is there anyone who can spare an hour every second Monday to help with the library borrowing, please? If you can, see staff, thank you.

Kindy Bags: Please try to remember to allow your children to collect their own bags from the bag area after they have been dismissed from the mat, so that they become used to being responsible for their own belongings. The children also know what they have made or drawn and can collect those items as well.

Naming Bags: Can you please make sure that your child’s bag is named clearly on the front – we have some textas at the Kindy if you need to borrow one. So many of the children’s bags are the same and there are some new and un-named bags as well. It makes it easier for staff to return belongings to the right child and for the adult who collects the child to pick up the right bag at home time.
No Nuts or Nut Products: We have several children in the Kindy who are highly allergic to nuts and nut products (Nutella, peanut paste, muesli bars, etc) and so we ask you not to send these as snacks to Kindy. For some children contact with nuts can be life threatening and as coming to Kindy is often the first time children spend away from their families, it can be a worrying time for families.

Allergies: If your child suffers from any allergies, can you please talk to staff and complete a care plan so that we can be sure that any risk to your child is minimized.

Children Needing Help: If you have any concerns about your child’s speech or general development, do talk to staff as often we can reassure you things are ok but if not, we have practitioners we can refer you to for further consultation and ensure your peace of mind.

Medication: If your child needs to have medication at Kindy – eg asthma medication – we need to have a current health care plan and all medication needs to be in the original container with the child’s name and prescribed dosage on it. Place the container, along with spacers, etc, in a clear plastic container marked with the child’s name on it.

STARplex Swimming: We will be having two sessions of swimming at STARplex on Wednesday, 4th and Wednesday, 11th August. Can you please return consent forms to kindy as soon as possible so that Paul can let everyone know their swimming times. If you are still unsure whether your child is swimming, please consider encouraging him or her to do so. Staff have so much enjoyed watching our children enjoy the program at STARplex since 2001 and in that time only a very few children have not participated, due mainly to medical conditions. All school children will participate in swimming lessons each year at school (at STARplex and the Aquadome) and it is a wonderful opportunity for children to be introduced to swimming with their peers in a more supported environment before they swim with their school next year. Children who have been doing swimming lessons for a while are really proud to show us all what they do so well. Families can enjoy watching their children from right at the edge of pool and Kindy staff swim with all the children and support one on one those who need to build their confidence in the water. It is important that all children participate in the program as children and staff will be involved in follow-up activities and it is a shame when some children do not feel included. Feel free to discuss any concerns with Kindy staff. The STARplex instructors look forward to having our children each year and are pleased with the progress made over the two sessions.

Fees: Please finalise all fees as soon as possible, especially if you have outstanding amounts. It is important that you remember to pay fees promptly as the Kindy has ongoing expenses to meet – cleaning, power, gas, phone, purchase of resources and other running costs. If you wish to pay in installments that is fine and we would rather that you regularly pay a smaller amount than have large amounts outstanding.

Labels: Do have a look at the label site we recommend. If you want to have a look and do not have the internet at home, see staff for a look on a computer at Kindy. www.younameitlabels.com Our fundraising code is arccsa0203.

School Dental Service: The South Australian Dental Service provides a range of dental services for children at Elizabeth Downs School Dental Clinic at Elizabeth Downs Primary School. Dental care is provided by dental teams comprising of dentists, dental therapists and dental assistants. All children under 18 years are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. School Dental Service care is free for all preschool children – general and emergency.

For information or appointments, contact your local Elizabeth Downs Dental Clinic Monday to Friday on Ph 8255 8011. After hours emergency advice for children – Ph 8232 2651.

Help, Please: *The weeds have really got away on us over the break with all the rain – especially the soursobs! If anyone has a little time to spend pulling weeds for us in the front garden and the carpark area, we would really appreciate some help, please. The ground is really soft at the moment and the weeds are pulling out quite easily for a change.

*We also need some more information books made up if anyone would like to photocopy some pages for us and staple some together, please.

Lost and Hopefully Found: If you find any little bits and pieces from our puzzles and sets that have been having a sleepover at your place, could you kindly ask them to come back to us and join their mates who would be very happy to see them again – we would too, so see what you can find, please.