

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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JUMPSTART 4 KIDS TURNS 3. THANKYOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES

PARTY DAY
Thursday 5th
August



August is a very special time for us at JumpStart for Kids. On the 6th August 2007 we opened our doors for the first time. Dylan McFadden along with C- Jay Tibbett where among our first to enroll and as directors we often look at these children now in the Bees room and feel truly blessed and privileged that parents have allowed us to share their child's journey. `Just like proud parents we continue to thoroughly enjoy the children growth and development.

We have been invited to numerous birthdays, baptisms and gathering over the last few years, and we would like to thank all our families for the contributions that they make to our centre. Even if this is just a friendly greeting or a kind word we certainly appreciate all that our wonderful families do. (QIAS1, 2, 4&7)

JUMPING CASTLE

We look forward to celebrating with you and your children on Thursday 5th August. The children will enjoy a day of celebration with a Jumping castle and cake. We would ask all families to complete a permission / consent slip for your child so that they can use the Jumping Castle on the day. Children who do not have permission / consent form will not be able to use the Jumping Castle on the day.

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

During the MONTH of AUGUST the **BUSY BEES** room will be learning and exploring:

1. Science and Discovery
2. The Zoo
3. Dental Week
4. Reptiles
5. Reptiles

The **PLAYFUL POSSUMS** will be engaged in learning about:

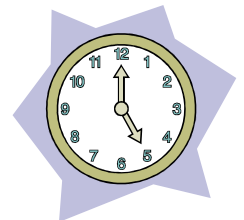
1. Water
2. Celebrations
3. Dental Week
4. Discovery / Energy in our World
5. Fantasy

The BABY BUNYIPS

During the month of August the Baby Bunyip's will be exploring families, as Fathers Day is quickly approaching we will be getting ready to make some special gifts. Miss Amanda and Miss Kimberley will be continuing on with music and movement activities with the children as they have been really enjoying this over the last few weeks. (QIAS1, 2, 3 &4)

PICK UP TIMES FOR CHILDREN

We remind all families that our policy for collection of all children is 5.45pm. All children need to have exited the centre on or prior to this time. We ask all parents to be respectful of this policy. (QIAS1, 2, 5&7)



FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

DONATING ITEMS

WE NEED YOUR HELP

During the Month of August we will be collecting a variety of items for our fantastic Dads. If you are able to donate an item for our Fathers Day Raffle we would be appreciative. Please provide these to the front office so that we can place these in the foyer in the coming weeks.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

All families will be provided with Raffle tickets during the first week in August. All Booklets are \$10 each

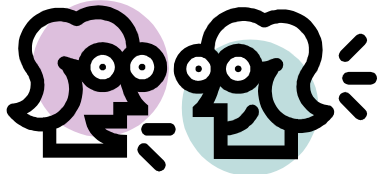
FATHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Friday 3rd September 3.15pm



We would like to invite all our dads, uncles, and grandfathers to our Fathers day afternoon tea. Mums are also very welcome. Families are a significant part of our children's lives and they take great pride in creating special treats for families. Our Afternoon tea will commence at 3.15pm with our raffle drawn by our Dads, so please place this special date in your diary now. We hope to see as many Dads as possible. (QIAS1, 2, 4, 6&7)

LANGUAGE SCREENERS BEES ROOM



Over the last few weeks we have been conducting a language screener assessment for the children in the Bees room. This screener is used to identify children who may require additional assistance through a speech therapist prior to commencing primary school. Children who experience language difficulties often have challenges with learning and we are keen to identify children and implement strategies to assist learning.

These results will be provided to families in the Busy Bees room during the first two weeks in August. We ask families to speak to room staff if they have any concerns or questions in relation to this screening assessment. (QIAS1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, &7)

DENTAL AWARENESS LITTLE GRINNERS PRESENTATION WEDNESDAY 18th August.



August is Dental Awareness month. Young children can sustain significant dental problems if they are not taught oral health care. On Wednesday 18th August we will be having a Dentist visit the centre to speak with all the children on oral hygiene.

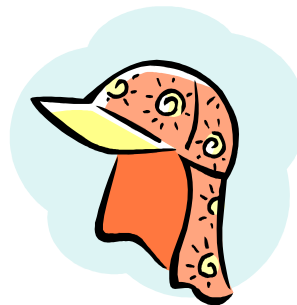
This presentation is a fun way to engage children in correct teeth brushing and healthy foods to support oral care. This presentation will commence at 10.00am and children who do not attend on Wednesday's are very welcome to attend with their parents as guests on the day.

LUNCHES –NO PACKET NOODLES

We would ask all families not to provide packets of noodles that require cooking. This is a time consuming task that takes staff away from the care of children. We would ask that parents make up these packets and place them in a bowl so that we can easily reheat these.

We remind families that any food that is heated will be discarded for hygiene reasons. Please ask staff in regards to the quantity that children have consumed throughout the day. We are appreciative of you assistance in this matter.

HATS



All children must have a hat every day. We would ask that parents check the lost property box in the front foyer as we have a large number of unclaimed hats. Please ensure that your child has their name clearly labeled.

Our sun safety policy clearly states that all children must be provided with a wide brimmed hat or a legionnaire style hat to prevent overexposure to the sun. (QIAS1, 2, 6&7)

FAMILY PORTRAITS

On Friday 10th September we will be having \$10 family portraits at the centre. Spaces will fill up quickly and families are asked to record their times on the sheet in the foyer. We ask that all families pay their \$10, prior to allocating an appointment time.

CHILDRENS PORTFOLIOS

We will be issuing our children's portfolios to families commencing the week 16th August. We are grateful and appreciative to families for their input into their child portfolio. Please take some time to insert some comments and pictures from your family and home environment.

We ask that you return these to room staff at the conclusion of the week. It is disappointing when parents do not return these portfolios promptly to us, as we have great difficulty inserting material and observations if we do not have these returned.

SCHEDULE FOR PORTFOLIOS

Week 16th August – Baby Bunyip's
Week 23rd August – Playful Possums
Week 30th August - Busy Bees (QIAS1, 2, 3 & 4)

BUSY BEES – Children's Note Pockets

We ask that Parents check these daily and take home all items. Thank you.

FAMILY ADVOCACY

“Believing in them. Supporting big dreams.
Building Brighter Futures.”

If you have a son or daughter with a developmental disability or have a friend or relative who has a child with a disability and who is commencing school soon. You may like to attend a free workshop at Penrith on 30th July from 9.30 am – 10.45 am

For Registration please call 02 9869 0866 or 1800 620 588. Parents are encouraged to support family advocacy and can learn more about this valuable

organisation by visiting their website www.family-advocacy.com



FEE RECEIPTS – JULY

A reminder that all Fee Receipts will be issued at the conclusion of each month. The Monthly receipt statements for July are now located in the pigeon holes in the front foyer. We would remind all families to collect their fee receipts from the front foyer this week. (QIAS 1,2,5,6, & 7)

MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD

TUESDAY 20th July 10.00am

The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience. The variety of instruments shown to the children certainly broadened their awareness of music and movement. (QIAS 1, 2 & 3)

RYAN'S TOY WAREHOUSE

12th October 6.30 pm

\$5.00 per ticket. RYAN'S toy warehouse is a discounted toy warehouse that is often cheaper than the major toy sales. This night has limited tickets so please purchase your tickets **NOW**

(QIAS 1,2,5,6, & 7)

CHILDRENS IMMUNISATIONS

Free immunisation



Has your child completed the Immunisation course?

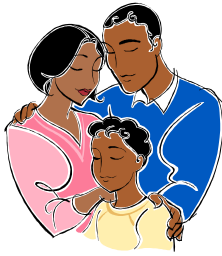
Blacktown City Council, in partnership with Blacktown-Mount Drutt Health, conducts free-of-charge immunisation clinics for children aged 0 – 5

years at various times during the year.

Enquiries: Contact Blacktown-Mount Drutt Health on 9881 1200.

We would encourage all families to ensure that their child; immunisation is up to date. Recently we had some families who had their Child Care Benefit (CCB) removed as they had not completed immunisation schedules. Please contact the Blacktown – Mount Drutt Health for assistance. (QIAS1, 2, & 6)

PARENT INFORMATION



The front foyer has a great deal of information that may be of interest to families (QIAS 1,2,5,6, & 7) We invite all families to view these resources at any time. Families who require additional assistance are free to ask staff for additional resources if required. We are happy to photocopy any items for families when requested. (QIAS1& , 2,)

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR August

2nd AUGUST Language assessments forwarded home to parents – Busy Bee Room.

AUGUST 18th DENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION

AUGUST 16th PORTFOLIOS PROVIDED TO FAMILIES

SEPTEMBER 3rd Fathers Day Afternoon
Tea 3.15pm

SEPTEMBER 10th Family Portraits

SEPTEMBER 15th Parent Forum 6.00pm

THANKYOU

We thank all our parents and families who continue to support us.

- Thank you to Mrs. Humphreys (Sydney's mum), Mrs. Checuti and Mrs. Irene Wati who recently donated items to the centre. We are appreciative of these items for the children.

If Parents are cleaning up their children's rooms please consider the child care centre for the donation of books and toys.

Craft items, paper, books, etc are always welcomed.

All Parents are invited to contribute to our Monthly newsletters.

COMPANION BEAR

Our First Companion Bear for JumpStart 4 Kids has been provided to the children in the Busy Bees Room. During the Month of August, Jack H, Angus, Chloe and Makayla will be taking care of our Companion Bear. Children are asked to care for our Bear and place a photo of Eddie Engine and your family in his travelling book. We know that Eddie is really excited to be part of your family and we hope that you enjoy his short stay with you.

A FINAL THOUGHT:

Father's day is quickly approaching and we are always mindful that many children have male role models in their lives such as uncles, grandfathers and family friends. All these significant people play an invaluable part in your child's life.

As centre we focus on the significance of these people in your child' life and encourage children to create special gifts for that special male in their lives. We encourage families to take some time to speak with children about the real meaning of Fathers Day. Let's make the coming week's one where children appreciate the many caring males that surround their lives.

We wish all our Dads and significant men in our children lives a very restful and relaxing Fathers Day



