

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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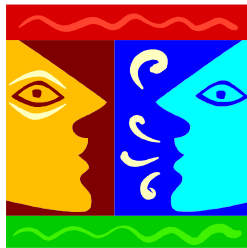
STAFF NEWS

At JumpStart 4 Kids we believe that it is important to continue our Professional Development so that we can provide a secure and enriched learning experience for our children and families.

During our last staff meeting Miss Lisa showcased the importance of *Language Development for children through her attendance at a full in-service day at Westmead Children's Hospital* and as a centre we are implementing the following Procedures:

To promote language:

- Encourage Children to use Manners: Please, Thank you.
- Discuss options for preferences. Eg Apple or Orange.
- Pause Time: Allow wait times for children to respond.
- Repetition of words accompanied by actions Eg, I am washing, washing, washing my hands.
- Descriptive Praise: "You used great colours in your painting."
- We ask that families use these prompts at home to extend active language for children.



We thank Miss Lisa for her presentation on such an important issue.

Physical development and activity is vital for all children. Miss Kelly and Miss Maree will be attending an in-service in March and will implement strategies in the centre in line with this professional experience. (QIAS 1, 2,3,4 &7)

IMPORTANT FAMILY NOTICES

NEWSLETTER:

At jumpstart 4 Kids we use several ways to communicate with families. Please collect a monthly Newsletter along with reading our weekly bulletin board in the foyer. Notices will also be placed on the Front door and in the foyer for your convenience. Please take some time to read this information each week.

FEE INCREASES

Parents will have noticed in the Foyer over the past two weeks that we will be increasing Fees by \$3 commencing the 8th March 2010. This increase has been kept to a minimum and is due to the new Award for childcare staff. We thank parents in advance for their consideration in this matter and reassure parents that all increases are kept to a minimum.

(QIAS 1, 2, &7)

CENTRE TIMES:

DROP OFF TIMES: We would ask that parents have children at the centre by **9.00am** so that they can enjoy the educational experiences of the day.



COLLECTION TIMES:

Our centre closes at 6:00pm, but our policy for collection is **5:45 pm**. This means that children are required to be exiting the centre with their carers at 5:45 pm. We would ask that all parents are respectful of these operational times.

A late Fee applies to families for children who are collected after 6:00pm. This Fee is \$25.00 and \$2 for each minute after 6:00pm. (QIAS 1, 2, 5 &7)



CHILD RESTRAINTS NEW CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS

From March 1 2010, all children up to the age of 7 years must be correctly restrained in an approved child restraint, suitable to their size and age. All children less than 4 years must travel in the rear seat. Children between 4 years and 7 years can only travel in the front seat if all rear seats are occupied by children under 7 years of age. We have attached information for families to assist them in complying with the new child restraint laws. (QIAS 1, 2, & 5)

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

We ask that each family bring in an Easter egg to Donate to our Easter Raffle.



EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS



Families will have Easter Raffle tickets distributed the week beginning the 1st March. The centre will be purchasing items for stimulus experiences for the children from this fundraiser. We thank you in advance for your support.

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

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

1. **Our Body**
2. **Under the Sea**
3. **Insects and Bugs**
4. **Easter**
5. **Dinosaurs**

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

1. **Transport**
2. **Easter**
3. **Easter**
4. **Zoo**
5. **Bugs**

The **BABY BUNYIPS** have

a **NEW LOOK** Program format for families. Each activity focuses on stimulating each child's developmental needs. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with each rooms program each week.

We strongly encourage families to speak with their child about our stimulus activities each week. So, bring in a photo, book or item that can be shared as we explore a variety of activities. (QIAS 1, 2,3,4, &7)

St Patrick's Day - 17th March Wear Green

We would ask that all children wear green on the 17th March. So wear a green hat, T-shirt, shoes, shorts or a dress.



MAGIC CRAIG– Nutrition Talk 26th March 10.00 am Cost \$8

Magic Craig will engage the children to discover and understand the importance of nutrition through puppets.

Children not attending on this day are welcome to attend. We ask that all families pay for this event by 19th March.



HEALTHY LUNCH IDEAS:

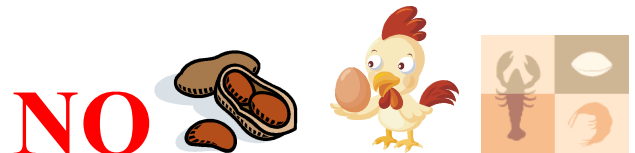


We have provided a Few Recipes for Healthy Lunch Ideas for children for under \$3. Parents may like to find other useful and healthy ideas by visiting

www.nutritionaustralia.org (QIAS 1, 2,3,4,6 &7)

NO, NO, NO AT ALL TIMES

NO NUTS, NO EGGS OR SHELL FISH ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO CHILDREN AS SOME CHILDREN HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIES TO THESE FOODS.

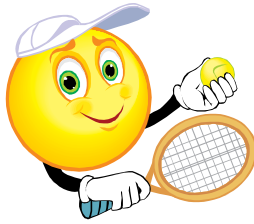


NO HAT NO PLAY

ORDER COTHING NOW

Please be aware that all children require a protective sun hat for all outdoor activities.

Parents can order Hats through the front Office. Hats and T – Shirts are \$10.00 each.

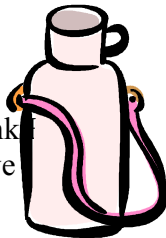


SUN SAFE CENTRE: The centre has updated our Sun Policy to ensure that we comply as a Sun Safe centre. Parents are welcome to view this policy and additional policies in the front foyer at any time. Thankyou. (QIAS 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7)

ROOM NEWS

BUSY BEES - Drink Bottles:

We ask that all children bring in a Drink clearly labeled so that children can have access to their drinks at all times.



WASTE: Many parents purchase poppers for children. We would ask that parents place juice, water etc into drink bottles so that children can easily identify their own bottle. It is unhygienic for staff to place ½ drunken poppers into the fridge and it is also costly for parents. This will prevent the spread of germs and ensure a more hygienic environment for children.

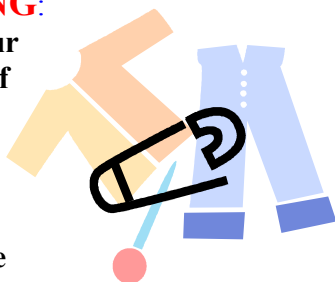
SHEETS:

All children in the Bees and Possums Room require a set of Fitted sheets. This is a Health and Safety regulation and we ask that parents are active in supporting hygiene in the centre.

NO PLASTIC BAGS; We ask that parents place sheet sets inside a pillow case or a Recyclable shopping Bag.

SPARE CLOTHING:

Please ensure that your child has a spare set of clothing and underwear each day. It can be very distressing for a child when they do not have



adequate clothing

HEAD LICE POLICY:

Like all families we are keen to minimise the spread of all infections and diseases including unwanted bugs.

Recently we had a report head lice case. Our process at the centre is to spray children's hair with diluted Tea Tree oil to minimise the spread of this pest. Please do not be offended if this is offered for your child on arrival at the centre. If you do not wish this to be sprayed on your child's head please notify staff.



WE ASK FAMILIES TO

- Check their child's hair regularly
- Treat all hair
- Keep their child away from the centre until the child's hair is free from live lice and all eggs are removed.

Thank you for your support and consideration to all children and families. (QIAS 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7)

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

DONATIONS:

Please consider the centre when you are cleaning out your child's room. Toys, Books, Magazines, Dolls, etc are very much appreciated.

PARENT FORUM



Our First Parent Forum for 2009 will be on **Wednesday 17th March 6.00pm – 7.00pm.**

All parents are invited to attend. We will be focusing on the program format for each room, as well as proposed incursions for 2010. So join us for some light refreshments as we begin what is sure to be a wonderful year. (QIAS 2 & 7)

A FINAL THOUGHT:

Children experience a wide variety of activities in their busy day, just like parents. Take a moment to share your day and offer opportunities for your child to talk about their day. Bring in items that they will be discussing at Preschool to show your interest in their learning.

