

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 4 - 2010 MAY

## MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA

We hope that all our mums, grandparents and aunts can join us on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May for our Mothers Day afternoon Tea. We will be drawing our raffle in the afternoon and hope that all our Mums have a very special Mothers day.

## MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE TICKETS



We ask families that all families return their mothers day raffle tickets by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May. We have several great prizes to pamper mum, so buy some tickets to support the centre and treat mum this Mothers Day.

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

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

1. Dinosaurs
- 2.
3. Colours

The PLAYFUL POSSUMS will be engaged in learning about:

1. Dinosaurs
2. Occupations
3. Number
4. Colours

The BABY BUNYIPS

## SICKNESS

Recently we have had a number of children attending the centre who have been unwell.



When we have notified parents they have continued to bring children, whilst they have been unwell. This is unfair to children, families and staff. Attached to this newsletter is the centre policy for sickness. We ask that all families view this policy and comply with the centre guidelines.

1. Children who are unwell are NOT to attend the centre.
2. Parents are asked to care for their child at home and return them to the centre once they are well. Parents may be required to produce a doctor's certificate as clearance prior to the child return.
3. Parents are asked to collect their child IMMEDIATELY if notified of illness to reduce the spread of infections in the centre.

With the winter months steadily approaching cold's and flu like symptoms will certainly increase. We ask that parents are not offended by this policy, but rather are appreciative that the centre holds the interest of all children, families and staff.

We ask that parents are considerate to others families, children and staff. WE ask that you assist us by complying with centre policies so that we can reduce illness to staff who ultimately can for your child.

## **PORFOLIOS: MONTH OF APRIL**



During the Month of April families were provided with their child's portfolio. Parents were asked to spend some time looking through their child's portfolios and making relevant comments in their child portfolio on the parent sheets. We appreciate the time that parent has taken to write comments in their child's portfolio and we hope that you enjoyed viewing your child's achievements.

We ask that all families return their child's portfolio by the 10<sup>th</sup> May at the latest so that staff can continue to add to these portfolios.

(QIAS 1, 2, 3, 4, & 7)

## **FIRE BRIGADE**



### **VISIT**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April the children enjoyed a fantastic Visit from the SEVEN HILL Fire Brigade.

The children were able to explore the fire truck and the fire fighters spend quality time with the children explaining about their job and what to do in case they were caught in a fire. We thank Seven hills fire brigade for their time and for making their visit such a wonderful experience for the children and staff

**SHEET SETS  
SLEEP REQUIREMENTS FOR  
POSSUMS AND BEES  
CHARGES FOR PARENTS  
FROM MAY \$15.00 if not provided.**



It is a Health and Safety requirement that all families provide children with sleeping needs. this means all children in the Bees and Possums Room require :

1. A Fitted sheets and Flat sheet.
2. A small comfort rug if required.

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

**If families do not provide these we will charge families \$15.00 per week for use of sheets.**

## **CAMP QUALITY PUPPET SHOW MONDAY 17TH**

**MAY 1.30 – 2.00 pm**

*Children with cancer.*

Camp quality supports children with illness and their families. For many children who experience cancer the simple tasks that our children take for granted can be very difficult for a sick child.

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> the children will be presented with a 30 minute puppet show about how some children are unwell due to cancer and other illnesses. We trust that this production will heighten the awareness of children diseases and illness for children and families within our centre.

We will have a collection Box in the front Foyer for the week prior to this show to donate to Camp Quality to assist with the ongoing support of families and children with illness. We would be appreciative of your generosity and support for this worthy cause.





## **OUT OF THE BOX PUPPET SHOW- FRIENDSHIPS**

Friendships are very important to children. Learning to share, care and trust are taught through role modeling and play. This experience shares with children the meaning of friendship and how very important friends are. Caring for friends and maintaining friendships is part of our daily lives. The children will learn why friends are important and how they can become great friends to each other.

**The cost of this for children is \$8.00. We ask that all families make their payment for this performance no later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

## **PARENT FORUM**



Our First Parent Forum for 2009 was held on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**. Attending parents were provided with information from each room explaining the process / routines and leaning areas for each room. Parents who were not able to attend the meeting are able to collect this information from the front foyer in the room information folder.

The minutes for this are included for all families. All families are invited to this evening and may make suggestions prior to the evening if they are unable to attend. We thank all families for their ongoing support.

**OUR NEXT PARENT FORUM WILL BE HELD ON Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm**  
(QIAS 2 & 7)

## **CALENDAR EVENTS FOR MAY**

**10<sup>th</sup> May All Portfolios returned to the centre.**

**7<sup>th</sup> May Mothers Day Raffle Drawn**

**7<sup>th</sup> May Mothers day Afternoon Tea 3.15pm**

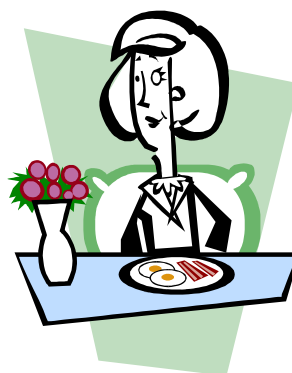
**17<sup>th</sup> May Camp Quality Puppet Show**

**24<sup>th</sup> May Biggest Morning Tea Donations**

**26<sup>th</sup> May National Sorry Day**

**28<sup>th</sup> May Friendship Puppet Show.**

## **A FINAL THOUGHT:**



May is certainly a month for mums. Being a mum is a very privileged experience.

Our day to day lives often have mums experiencing frustration, joy, stress and the need to fit in more than we can realistically handle.

We hope that Mothers day gives you some time to relax and enjoy the special moment of just being a mum. To share a cuddle, a burnt piece of toast made with loving hands and the knowledge that you have a precious and wonderful gift. Your child. So celebrate the day in style and enjoy loved ones and family on your very special day.

***Happy Mothers Day from  
all the staff at  
JumpStart 4 Kids***

