

Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 9 - 2010 NOVEMBER



CHRISTMAS CONCERT TICKETS

Monday 6th December - Blacktown Sportsman Club on Reservoir Road at 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Family Tickets: (2 adults, 2 Children) include a BBQ dinner and a present from Santa for children attending the centre. All children receive a lolly bag from Santa.

Family Ticket \$30

Additional Adult Ticket \$8

Additional Children Tickets \$8

Tickets on sale Monday 1st November. All Tickets will need to be purchased by Friday 26th November. The full cost of this event is subsidized by the centre to ensure that all families can participate.

This is wonderful opportunity for families to meet and celebrate 2010. We hope to see all our wonderful families on the evening. (QIAS 1, 2, & 4)

A time of giving



Each year we speak to the children about the true meaning of Christmas. It is easy for us all to get caught up in the hype of presents and how much we will personally get. The true meaning is about sharing and spending time with those who are most dear with us. Yes it is the joy of receiving, but it is also the thought that perhaps we have made a difference for the better to someone less fortunate than ourselves. We all live in such a wonderful country that it is difficult at times to think that at times there are people on our own street who might be doing it tough. (QIAS1, 2 & 7) ELYF 2

OUR GOAL

3 Charity Baskets for St.Vincent's DePaul PLEASE HELP

This year we would like to donate three baskets to those less fortunate than ourselves. We would ask that all families donate a food item to this worthy cause. In doing this we would ask that families discuss with their child the concept of caring for others and offer a donation that we would like to receive ourselves.

Let's hope that we can achieve our aim for those less fortunate in our community.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Each year we ask parents to donate a toy or simple gift that your child may like to receive for our Christmas raffle. These items are placed in the foyer for parents to view. We hope that all families can support us in this fundraising event. We would ask that parents place these items in the basket in the front foyer during the month of November. Thank you

CONFIRMATION OF DAYS FOR 2011 FINAL CHECKED

The final changes have now been made for all families. Please be aware that we are bound by guidelines from Family Assistance in respect to providing days for working families or students first. We understand that some families may have been provided with their second choice, and we are thankful and appreciative of the kindness and considerations of families who have been able to make these accommodations. To those families thank you. We ask all families to check this updated version during the 1st week in November and speak to John or Maree if there are any concerns.

(QIAS2 & 7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

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

1. **Transport**
2. **Additional Needs- Caring for others**
3. **Music and Instructions**
4. **Colours**
5. **Sport**

The Bees re looking at many different additional needs – Blind, deaf, Down syndrome, elderly. Although people are different everyone needs love, respect, care ad friendships. We would ask the children to dress in the following colours during the week of Additional needs.

Monday – Red; Tuesday – Green; Wednesday – Rainbow day; Thursday – Blue, Friday – Pink, Purple or Yellow.

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

1. **Celebrations**
2. **Exploring and Expressing**
3. **Fantasy**
4. **Family**

The BABY BUNYIPS

During the month of November the Bunyip's will be engaged in a variety of craft activities around the festive seasons. Miss Amanda and Miss Kimberley will continue to use a variety of textures I our craft activities and colour to stimulate the children's experiences.

The Baby Bunyip's have also been learning teacher's names and we would like to encourage families to spend time with their children talking about their teachers in order to develop stronger relationships. Using telephones and picture books have been a popular experience with the children and one that parents may like to explore with their child at home. (QIAS1, 2, 3 &4) ELYF 2; 4:5

STAFF NEWS

We congratulate Miss Emma on the completion of her Traineeship .Emma will be taking a well earned break with her family to Thailand and will join us for our Christmas celebrations and end of year celebrations. We wish Emma the best in the coming months and look forward to welcoming our new Trainees for 2011.

FEES 2011 - Increases

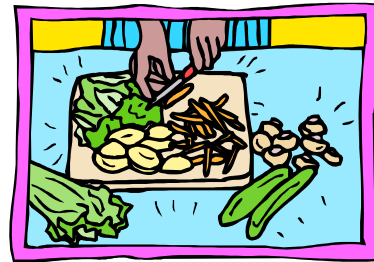
A reminder to all families that Fees will be increasing in 2011 This Fee increase is due to the change in Ration and staffing qualifications. Baby fees may increase by \$10 – \$12, whilst the over 2 year's group may increase by \$4.00. These amounts will be formalized by December as we are awaiting correspondence over the next few weeks. We will be reducing increases as much as possible for all families. (QIAS1,2 & 7)

Munch and Move

NUTRITION - UPDATE

Water is available for all children in rooms at all times and we encourage children to drink water and swish their mouths after eating.

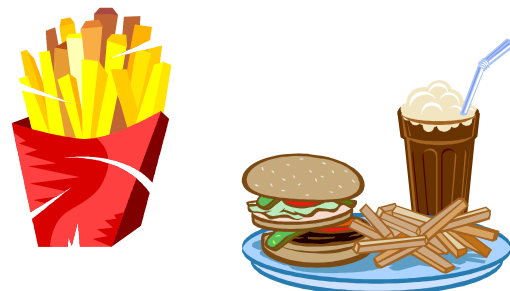
Our morning tea experiences consist of fruit and our afternoon session includes vegetables so that children can experience **CRUNCH and SIP.**



Exercise is a very important aspect of children's lives and we have included the first of 6 newsletters that assist children in achieving physical fitness. These simple exercises will for part of our daily routines for children as they develop strong bones and healthy muscles. Parents my like to view these exercises and encourage children to participate at home with these. Mums and Dads might also like to join in the fun.

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NO JUNK FOOD



We have a large number of children who bring unhealthy options for lunches. These items include chips, nuggets and burgers. We ask that all parents provide healthy options for their children and that you encourage healthy eating option for children.

MEDICATIONS



All medications for children must be provided to staff on arrival at the centre. We ask that parents do not leave medications in children's bags at any time. This can be extremely dangerous to children. Asthma medications and prescription medications must be placed in a secure area by staff on all occasions. We thank parents for their consideration in this matter.

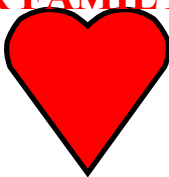
EARLY LEARNING YEARS FRAME WORK.

The Early Learning Years Frame (ELYF) work has now been implemented into our weekly programs and evaluation. We ask all parents to view these documents and take a pamphlet in the front foyer. The document covers the following Outcomes for children

- 1: Children have a strong sense of Identity
- 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- 3: Children have a strong sense of well being
- 4: Children are confident and involved learners
- 5: Children are effective communicators

(QIAS1, 2, 3 4 &7) ELYF: 1; 2; 3; 4:5

OUR FAMILY FOCUS



PARENT / FAMILY INPUT

CHANGES TO PROGRAM FORMATS

During the last few months the staff have been busy making changes to our programming formats so that we can include relevant family experiences and develop a broader range of children experiences and choices. Our family focus is one way that encourages families to tell us what their child enjoys outside the centre. We thank those parents who have completed these information sheets for us and invite families to spend a few minutes completing this information for us. These sheets are located in the white Family Focus folder in the front foyer.

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HATS

We ask that all children are provided with a hat for outdoor play. **NO HAT NO PLAY.** Parents can order shirts and Hats for \$10 each. Please place a hat in each day. (QIAS5 & 6)

LABELL CLOTHING

We remind parents to label clothing and hats so that staff can easily identify items for children. This will reduce the number of items that seem to have no home.



SICKNESS – BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS.

We ask all families to keep their child at home during times of illness or infectious diseases. This included head lice, conjunctivitis and diarrhea. These conditions can quickly spread to other children and can affect whole families. We would ask that families be considerate of other families and staff who care for your children. No child should be attending the centre if parents are aware of these conditions.

FEE RECEIPTS – OCTOBER

The Monthly receipt statements for OCTOBER are now located in the pigeon holes in the front foyer. (QIAS 1, 2, & 7)



**JUMPSTART 4 KIDS
GRADUATION Tuesday
14th December 7:00pm**



All children attending kindergarten in 2011 will be formally fare welled on Tuesday 14th December at 7.00pm. We will have a formal graduation ceremony and this will be followed by a light supper to celebrate the children's success. We invite all families to participate in this ceremony and place this date in your diary NOW.(QIAS1, 2, 3

&4)) ELYF 3 & 4

RUBBISH

We would be grateful if parents and children could refrain room dropping rubbish in the car park and garden areas. Please place your fruit skins and fast food wrappers in the bins and support us in keeping the outside area clean and tidy. We appreciate your continuing support.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Staff are commencing to record developmental stages for children across the centre. Over the next 6 weeks staff will be focusing on the development of children's skills and formally recording this material. Parents will receive their child's portfolio ad reports during the first week in December.



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PARENT FORUM

Our last Parent Forum for 2010 will be on Wednesday 24th November a 6.00pm. We invite all parents to this last meeting and hope that parents can bring along reflective ideas from the year and positive suggestions that we can implement in 2011. This is also a time that we formally thank our parents who have been supportive of the centre throughout 2011. We look forward to meeting we you all on this evening.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL
FAMILIES**

CLOSE DOWN FOR 2010

We would ask all families to collect their child by **3.00pm on Friday 24th December.**

FINAL FEE PAYMENTS for 2010

All Fees for 2010 will need to be finalised by Friday 17th December This will allow for account keeping procedures to be finalised and Family assistance payments be lodged for the end of the year for family entitlements.

We are providing this information to parents early so that you can make suitable arrangements if required.

The centre will reopen for 2011 on Monday 10th January.

**CALENDAR EVENTS
NOVEMBER**

1st November Christmas Party Tickets for sale

24th November 6.00pm Parent Forum

26th November Last Day to purchase Xmas Party Tickets

Donations for St Vincent's De Paul Hampers

Donations for Christmas Raffle

DECEMBER

6th December Xmas Party 6.30 pm

14th December – Preschool Graduation Night 7.00pm

17th December All Accounts finalised for 2010

A FINAL THOUGHT:

We would like to remind all families that take part in our Family Focus by recoding a few ideas and experiences that you have shared with your child and family over the weekend. With your child as a focal point and their interest displayed we can build engaging experiences and share in a variety of cultural experiences.

With Christmas fast approaching we ask all parents to reflect on caring for others who are less fortunate than ourselves. Sharing in the experience of donating items for others is a great way for children to see through ole modeling how we can ease the burdens of others less fortunate than ourselves. Take some time to speak with your child about our hampers and how they make such a difference to the lives of families within our communities.

