

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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STAFFING CHANGES:

Miss Sacha recently took holidays for 2 weeks and has decided to fast track her teaching goal through external studies. While we certainly understand the advantages for Sacha in pursuing this option we are appreciative of her talents and contributions that she has provided to the centre over the past 2 years. We wish Sacha the best as she studies hard to achieve her goal. We know that she will certainly pop in to visit the centre in the coming months.

WELCOME

Mr. Adam is warmly welcomed to Jumpstart 4 kids and brings with him a great understanding of children having a toddler himself and with a second child arriving in the next few months. Mr. Adam has a Diploma in Children services and has held suitable positions in childcare prior to being employed with us. We believe that the value of a male role model for the children will certainly enhance their learning and provide children with a balanced approach as they enter their formal schooling years.



Miss Tracy unfortunately slipped at home and as a result has sustained a broken ankle which will see her recuperating at home at least for the next 8 – 10 weeks. We will be using our base of regular staff to support this position. This will lessen the disruption for children and their care. We wish Miss Tracy speed recovery. If parents have

any concerns in regards to these changes please do not hesitate to ask.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES VISIT.

Recently we had a visit from the department of Community Services. DOC's makes unannounced visits on all child care centres and provides support and ensures that childcare centres comply with regulations outlined for the children services industry. This role is a fantastic support to the community as it provides parents with a sense that their child is being cared for appropriately and safely. I was very pleased with this visit and felt that the conversations were positive and supportive. Our fire safety equipment and centre compliance were viewed and staff actively explained procedures and care arrangements for the children. The representative commented that "We had a lovely centre."

As a centre we were appreciative of this visit. These opportunities allow us to focus on areas and ensure ongoing care and quality to families and children.

The provision of hats for children was raised and we noted our sun safety policy for children. We ask that all families provide the following for their children at all times.

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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)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

During the **MONTH of JULY** 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 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 few weeks. (QIAS1, 2, 3 &4)

in the foyer in the coming weeks.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

We ask that all families support the centre through our father's day Raffle Funds from this will be used to purchase outdoor equipment. 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)

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FAMILY PORTRAITS

On Friday 10th September we will be having \$10 family portraits at the centre. Spaces have been filling up quickly so please let us know if you require a place s we can accommodate. We ask that families complete the sign in sheet at the front foyer and place their \$10.00 in an envelop in the fee Box.

POLICY UPDATES POLICY OF THE WEEK YOUR SUGGESTIONS

Next year the centre will begin the process of accreditation. In preparation for this process we have actively commenced reviewing our centre Policies. Parents and families are a significant part of this process and we invite all families to view our policies over the coming weeks and months. Our Centre policies are always available to families in the office foyer and parents are welcome to view these at any time. Each week we will show case a **Policy of the week**. We ask that parents comment on this and make suggestions. Together we believe that we can continue to create a shared vision for our centre.

We thank you for your ongoing support and contributions.

STAFF INSERVICING

EARLY LERANING YAERS FRAME WORK.

The Early Learning Years Frame (ELYF) work is the new curriculum framework that will be implemented in all childcare centres in 2011. In preparation for this our staff have been and will continue to unpack this document through our monthly staff meetings. This document relates to how children learn and the experiences that can be provided for children around Numeracy and Literacy. Learning takes place often through play and through planned learning experiences. Parents will notice that each room has on display their weekly program and we invite families to look at them on a weekly basis and make comments or suggestions around these weekly stimulus experiences. Any parent who would like to view this document will fid it on display in the front foyer. Your contributions to learning are highly valued and we appreciate the input from different cultures, experiences and perspectives.

NUTRITION - UPDATE

Encouraging healthy eating is an important aspect of children development. On Thursday 23rd August Miss Amanda and Miss Maree will attend the "Munch and Move" workshop. This will be used to support our nutritional policies within the centre and is hosted by Sydney West Area Health Service. We remind all families to provide their child with a piece of fruit daily for our shared morning and afternoon tea.



DRINKS FOR CHILDREN BEES & POSSUMS ROOM

Poppers are an expensive drink option for young children and many children do not drink these fully. Water is provided in all rooms for children at all times and we would encourage labeled drink bottles for children. Often this is a cheaper and more practical solution. We would be grateful if parents could give this some consideration.



DENTAL HEALTH VISIT



and night will assist children maintaining and continuing good oral hygiene.

During the month of August we had a dental health talk for the children at the centre. Children's oral hygiene is important for healthy teeth. The children learnt how to brush and swish for clean teeth. Encouraging children to brush morning

CHILDRENS PORTFOLIOS

ALL RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

These have been distributed to families during the last two weeks of August and the first week in September. We hope that families and children take a few special moments to view these portfolios together and add some special photos or comments from home.



RETURNING PORTFOLIOS ALL TO BE RETURNED BY WEDNESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

We remind all families to return these portfolios promptly to the centre. The Baby Bunyip's and Playful Possums should have returned all their portfolios during the first week in September. We encourage all families to have the portfolios returned no later than Wednesday 15th September. 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.

AMBULANCE VISIT

During the month of September the children will be learning about emergency services and their purpose. A scheduled visit by the NSW ambulance service is awaiting confirmation and we will publish this on our foyer white board when this date is confirmed.



FEE RECEIPTS – AUGUST



A reminder that all Fee Receipts will be issued at the conclusion of each month. The Monthly receipt statements for AUGUST 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)

RYAN'S TOY WAREHOUSE 6.30 pm TUESDAY 12th October.

\$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)

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR September

SEPTEMBER 3rd Fathers Day Afternoon
Tea 3.15pm
SEPTEMBER 10th Family Portraits
SEPTEMBER Free Vision screening for
all children 4yrs and over.
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 provide to the children in the Busy Bees Room.

A FINAL THOUGHT:

We thank all our special fathers for taking time to celebrate our Father's day afternoon tea. We hope that all dads enjoy the very special gift that their children have made for them.

A great deal of love and thought has gone into creating these wonderful gifts.

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