

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE.



Mr. John has spent the past few weeks updating the JumpStart 4 Kids website

www.jumpstarteducation.com.au

Parents can now go on line to view the centre rooms, staff and view our latest newsletter or parent forum minutes. Throughout the year we will update the website with special events for families to view. We hope that this will support busy families in keeping in touch with events at the centre throughout the year.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WELCOME MISS MARIAM

At Jumpstart 4 Kids our focus is on supporting all children through developmental, social emotional, physical and explicit learning opportunities. We are thrilled to have Miss Mariam with us each Thursday and Friday in the Busy Bees room to support children who may need additional assistance. Mariam has previously been employed as a bi-cultural support worker in preschools to assist children who have English as a second language. Mariam will be engaging the children in a variety of cultural experiences and will offer support to all children. We welcome her skills and talents and know that she will support all children's learning across the centre. Mariam is fluent in Arabic, French and English, so we encourage families who would prefer to converse in Arabic to speak with Mariam. We believe that this will support our families and provide valued opportunities for children.

(NQS 4,5&7)

CHILD CARE NOMINATION AWARDS

We would be pleased for all our families to support the centre by considering us in the 2010/ 2011 Childcare Awards. These awards are held annually and are a great way to acknowledge and thank the centre or individual staff for the care and love that they demonstrate daily in the care of all children. Childcare is a challenging and strenuous job, but all the staff here at JumpStart 4 kids show a high level of care , empathy and love that ensures that your child is always cared for and engaged in positive and meaningful learning experiences.



NOMINATIONS CLOSE on 15 March 2011

Online Nominations

To nominate online go to www.childcareawards.com.au and follow the options . Categories include

- [Early Childhood Educator of the Year](#)
- [Child Care Director of the Year](#)
- [Rising Star Award](#)
- [Children's Service of the Year](#)

The online nominations take 5 minutes to complete , and are a wonderful way to show your appreciation for the centre and the staff. We hope that all our families can support us with these current awards.

If parents have any questions in relation to these awards please do not hesitate to ask.

We thank you in advance for your appreciation and support. (NQS 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

HAVE YOU COMPLETED A FAMILY FOCUS SHEET FOR YOUR CHILD? IF NOT, DO SO TODAY.



Make you child a star for the week

Parents, children and family play a significant role in our programming at Jumpstart 4 Kids. We ask all families to complete a family focus sheet for their child expressing their interests and activities that they enjoy during their time with family. By completing this sheet we can make your child a star of the week.

During the MONTH of FEBRUARY the Busy Bees and the Playful Possums will be engaging in the following learning experiences:

BUSY BEES:

1. **Our Five Senses**
2. **Families**
3. **Beach**
4. **Emergency Services**

PLAYFUL POSSUMS:

1. **Colors**
2. **Shapes - 2 weeks**
3. **Emergency Services**

BABY BUNYIPS:

The Baby Bunyip's will be exploring friendships. Many of our babies are the first child in their families and they are getting to know other babies and learning to play and relate to each other. They are enjoying songs, books and becoming familiar with routines and knowing their careers.

FAMILY PHOTO'S. We would encourage all families to provide us with a family photo so that we can get to know our vast majority of families throughout 2011.

(NQS 1.5.&6)

RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY

Receipts for January are now located in the foyer for parents to collect. We remind all families that fees are payable on your child's first day of attendance each week. Parents who fall behind on Fees will have an additional \$20 **late fee added to their bill.** We remind all families that fees are payable prior to using the service.

DIRECT DEBIT OPTION

Families may like to set up automatic payments for their child care fees. This is an easy and effective way to ensure that your fees are paid weekly and that fees are not in arrears. If parents would like to pay their fees with this option please follow the following steps;

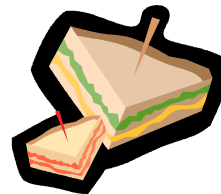
1. **Notify the centre (Maree or John) about your intention to commence this payment option and date.**
2. **BSB 012-429**
3. **Account No: 121 4121 903**
4. **Place your child's name / surname in the transaction for point of reference.**

BOTTLE FRIDGE:

All bottles for children need to be labelled and placed in the bottle fridge only. Dummies need to be labelled and have a cap for hygiene purposes.



POSSUMS ROOM REQUEST



Many of our children from the Baby Bunyip's have moved into the Playful Possum's room for 2011.

The Possums room focuses on independence and continues to develop and explore each child's developmental milestones. Independence for children can be through their personal engagement with eating.

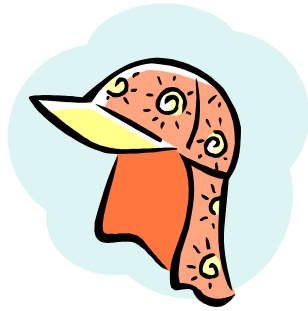
We understand that at times this can be a messy experience, but it is also a real learning experience for children. We would ask that parents provide different textured foods and food that allows children to eat independently. Small sandwiches, cheese sticks and soft crackers are great options.

(NQS 2,5.&6)

NO HAT NO PLAY

CLOTHING

Children are required to wear Sun Safe clothing at Preschool at all times.



This means:

- **T shirts - NO SHOE STRING STRAPS**
- **Covered in shoes – NO THONGS**
- **SUN HATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY AT ALL TIMES.**

Families can purchase a hat for \$12.00 from the centre if required. Please do not be offended if your child is required to remain indoors or under the awnings if they do not have a hat.

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

CHANGING PREFERENCES FOR NOMINATED DAYS.

Many families have expressed the need to make slight changes to their nominated days for 2011. We would ask that all families communicate these to us as soon as possible as we have limited spaces available.

We remind all families that we are bound by the following criteria in allocating positions to children:

1. **Working Families**
2. **Study commitments**
3. **Non working families**

We appreciate each family's consideration in this matter and hope that we can accommodate the requests of all our families.

RAFFLE PRIZES

DONATIONS

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFT

During the year the centre has raffle prizes for Mothers day, Easter, Fathers day and Christmas. Like many of us, Christmas is a time when perhaps we receive items that we may not need. If you would like to donate items for our raffles throughout the year we would be appreciative. (NQS,6&7)

DONATIONS

Please consider the centre when you are having your clean up's .

We are always appreciative of the following items

- **Books**
- **Toys**
- **Craft Items**
- **Magazines**
- **Wool**
- **Material**

A FINAL THOUGHT

Enjoy spontaneous play with your child, our day to day lives are so busy and there are so many things that have to be done right now. Just stop. Your child has no concept of this urgency. Take the time to view the world through their eyes. You are the most important person in their life, so 5 minutes is nothing. Enjoy.

