

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 6, 2011 JULY

## STAFF INSERVICES

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June Miss Maree attended an in-service on designing visual communication for children learning. During our staff meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> June we discussed using sign language to promote language for all children across the centre. Visual prompts such as pictures and photos are being actively used across the centre to the delight of many children. (NQS 1, 5, 6&7)

## PYJAMA WEEK 11<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> July

All children to wear Pyjamas and slippers  
MONTH of June learning experiences:

### BUSY BEES:

1. Camping
2. Pyjama Week – Self Help Skills
3. Our Bodies
4. Nature and our Environment

### PLAYFUL POSSUMS:

1. Green Week
2. Shapes - Circles and Squares
3. Shapes Triangles and Rectangles
4. Numbers 1 to 5

### BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Shapes
2. Pyjama week
3. Music
4. Dinosaurs

(NQS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)

Parents please check the door when you are opening the Bunyip's door and babies may be behind the door so please check through the glass. Please close the door correctly upon your exit so children do not put their fingers in the gaps. Thank you.

## CADBURY FUNDRAISER

We ask all families to support us with our Cadbury Fundraiser in JULY.

Each family will be offered a share box to sell and return with 2 -3 weeks. The money raised will be used



for the outdoor area and room resources. Last Year Mr. Greg Robinson built the outdoor house that is located in the corner for the children to play in with the funds raised. All money raised goes directly to purchase items for the children. We hope that all families can support us with this fundraising experience.

There is nothing nicer than a Cadbury chocolate and a nice hot cup of tea or coffee so enjoy.

## HALF YEARLY REPORTS

The staff have been busy recording children's skills on an individual basis over the last few weeks.

These reports will be provided to families during the week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Staff will also place a copy of this report in your child's portfolio so that you can reflect on your child's achievements. We ask that parents take some time to view these reports and write a comment about your child's progress or areas of concern. Staff are keen to explore new skills and support children who need repetition of skills to develop competency.

We invite all families to speak to staff about these reports and make comments so that together we can support the learning of your child to their full potential. (NQS, 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)



## PARENT NOTICE COLLECTION TIMES FOR THE CENTRE

We ask that all families collect their child no later than 5.45 pm. This is part of our centre policy and some children become very distressed when they are aware that mum, dad and siblings are at home. We would be appreciative of your consideration in this matter. (NQS, 1,6&7)

**LATE FEES APPLY \$20.00 per week.  
AUTOMATIC FROM 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011**

It is unfortunate that we are required to pass this payment on to families, but this fee will be added automatically to any family who falls behind on payments each week. All parents are aware that on enrollment you signed an agreement that payment was kept up to date. Parents are always personally approached and spoken to in regards to fees. Parents will now have this added if they have not spoken to Maree or John. We have highlighted this with families over the last 4 months. We are appreciative of families who pay fees promptly and encourage all families to ensure that their fees are paid on your child's first day of attendance. (NQS, 16&7)



**BOTTLES  
IMPORTANT ALL  
FAMILIES**

Parents are reminded that all bottles need to be placed in the bottle fridge and that they **MUST BE** clearly labeled.

Children who are 2 ½ yrs – 3 yrs should be minimising their use of bottles and nappies. Children should be using cups and developing competency with toileting skills. Children in the Bees room should not have bottles at any time as they are preparing for school and it is not appropriate for these children to have bottles or nappies. We ask that parents are supportive of this, as children at this age are able to use their self help skills to toilet and feed themselves independently. Convenience to parents can be inhibiting to children who are very capable in these areas and together we wish to develop children skills in a positive environment. (NQS, 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

**CAMP QUALITY SUPPORT  
CHILDREN SICKNESS.**

**CUP CAKE SALE**

We would like to thank all our families for our recent cup cake sale. The staff raised \$414.00 for this great



cause. We ask that parents pay careful attention to the Blacktown Advocate as we will be a feature in the coming weeks. We thank the generosity of our staff and our families who support this worthy cause through the purchase of our cupcakes. (NQS 1, 2, 5, 6&7)

**PRESCHOOL PHOTOS FOR  
COLLECTION.**

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June we held our preschool photos. These will be delivered back to the centre in during the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> July.



**RYAN'S TOY WAREHOUSE**

Thank you to Mrs. Catherine Checuti who organised this event for our families. It was a very busy night and there were certainly bargains to be had. We will be hosting another night in October and hope that other families can join us on the night.

**EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES.**

**MUSIC SHOW 20<sup>th</sup> July  
9:45am.**



**\$8.00 per child  
PLEASE PAY  
BY Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
July.**



On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July the children will be involved in a Music show from around the world.

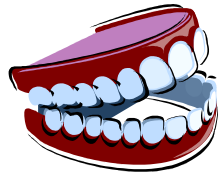
**PARENT FORUM:**

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we had our Parent Forum to discuss centre issues and to listen to the suggestions and feedback from families. This is an important time for all parents to ask individual questions and to get to know the philosophy and future planning of the centre. As directors we take family feedback in a positive light and certainly incorporate these

aspects into the operational aspects of the centre. For those families who were unable to join us on the night we have added the minutes from this meeting. Our next Parent Forum is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We look forward to seeing parents at this evening as we conclude 2011 and commence planning for 2012.

### **DENTAL HYGIENE**

August is Dental Hygiene month and we will be having a focus on healthy and dental care. During August we have booked a dental talk for the children so that they can learn about how to look after their teeth. We ask parents to check their children teeth for tooth decay and support children with correct brushing morning and night. There is no cost to families for this show. (NQS, 1,2,,5,6&7)



### **POTFOLIOS AUGUST: NEW FORMAT**

During the month of August Parents will be invited to view their child's portfolios and to make comments. During the Month of April families had the opportunity to take portfolios home and to insert photos so that families could share their family activities with us. We are appreciative to the families who returned their child's portfolios at the conclusion of the week, but we had a number of families who did not return portfolios for a couple of weeks. To minimise this and to make opportunities for families we will be offering families an afternoon viewing of their child's portfolio in their child room with room staff.

Parents will be able to have an informal parent and teacher interview about the progress of their child whilst viewing their child portfolios. Parents will be able to bring along photos to insert at this time and can record feedback on our parent feedback sheets. This will allow staff to continue to supplement portfolios and for families to have access to the wonderful creations of their child. We hope that this is a valuable experience for families. (NQS, 1,2,5,6&7).

### **STUDENTS**

We remind families that from time to time we support students from registered training organisations who undertake child care courses to support workplace opportunities. These students are important to sustain the childcare industry and we invite parents to speak with these students at any time throughout there time with us.

### **RECEIPTS FOR JUNE**

Receipts for JUNE 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.

### **DONATIONS UNWANTED GIFTS**

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.

THANK YOU to the following families who have recently donated generously to our centre

**Charlie Smith – Possums**  
**Lockie – Bees**  
**Ethan Grogan - Bees**

### **WHATS HAPPENING IN JULY**

<b>Pyjama Week</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Cadbury fundraiser sale</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Music show</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>

### **A FINAL THOUGHT**

It is really important for families to convey how their child is progressing and developing at home. Behavioral issues at home can present themselves at the centre and it is important for staff to be aware of these changes so that we can provide consistency for children in consultation with families. All children thrive of routine and an acceptance of structured consequences that are consistent and fair. Together we can create positive environments for all children.