

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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STAFF INSERVICES

Miss Maree and Miss Elizabeth attended an in-service on Directed and Explicit teaching. This was a fantastic evening which showcased the importance of young children learning skills that are teacher lead through example, repetition and through play. At JumpStart 4 Kids our Philosophy centers on an educational framework that comprises of directed and explicit teaching so that children learn concepts which are reinforced through repetition in a variety of learning experiences. Children also learn through visual communication.

On the 7th June Miss Maree will attend an in-service on designing visual communication for children learning. Our staff meeting on the 15th June will be an opportunity to share these ideas with all staff so that all children can benefit from this professional development. (NQS 1, 5, 6&7)

CHILDRENS SERVICES NOMINATION



We are pleased to announce that JumpStart 4 Kids has been nominated for Outstanding Child Care Service for 2011. Miss Maree was also nominated for

Director of the Year. This is a great acknowledgment for all our staff. Our centre is certainly unique in the variety of educational experiences that it proves and the support that it provides to families and children who need additional support.

Our goal is to develop each child's uniqueness, strengths and support challenges so that all children are successful learners. We are thrilled with this result and thank all our wonderful families for this nomination. A great result. These awards will be famed and placed in the Foyer. (NQS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)

MONTH of June learning experiences:

BUSY BEES:

1. Bugs
2. Recycling
3. Occupations
4. Emergency Services/ Evacuation Procedures
5. Pets

PLAYFUL POSSUMS:

1. Mothers Day / Celebrations
2. Fantasy
3. Multicultural Appreciation
4. Emergency Procedures / Services
5. Jungle Exploration

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Sea week
2. Colours
3. Doctors/ Hospital
4. Emergency Services/ Evacuation Procedure
5. Pets

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

CAMP QUALITY SUPPORT CHILDREN SICKNESS.

On Monday 6th June we will be having a Camp Quality Puppet show at the centre. This show explains how the healing power of friendship can support children who are suffering cancer. The children are made aware of the differences in physical appearance of children who may be being treated for cancer. Our cupcake sale will be promoting this cause and all funds will be forwarded to Camp Quality to support children who are unwell. (NQS 1, 2, 5, 6&7)

CUP CAKE SALE

Throughout the year we ask families to support us in fundraising activities. Children are a daily part of our lives and we wish to



support children and families who are experiencing cancer. Staff from each room will bake cupcakes for families to purchase in the foyer. All funds raised will go directly to Kids Cancer. Last year we raised approximately \$150.00 for this very worthy cause. We hope that all families appreciate the well being of their children and can spare a few dollars to support children who are experiencing illness.
(NQS 1, 2, 5, 6&7)

WESTMEAD CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

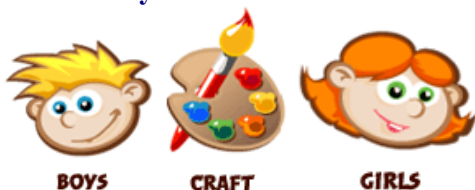
Last month we donated money to the Children's Hospital at Westmead to support the printing of "The Health Inspectors Kids Book"

This booklet is provided to sick children in hospital at no expense to families and is published through the generosity of small business. We are privileged to be able to support this worthy cause and hope that our contribution goes towards making children's experiences in hospital less confronting whilst they undergo the care that they require.

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

PRESCHOOL PHOTOS

On Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th June we will be having a photographer attend the centre to conduct preschool photos. Parents will be provided with an envelope for these photos. There are a variety of packages that parents can choose. Parents are required to place the exact money into these envelopes for the photographer prior to the day. We ask that all parents return their photo envelopes by Wednesday 22nd June.



RYAN'S TOY WAREHOUSE
Wednesday 29th June 6.30pm
Kellogg's Road Glendenning

This toy warehouse is only open to the general public through group bookings. The warehouse offers fantastic savings on toys that are found in major retail stores. Children are not permitted to attend the venue and parents need to ensure that they arrive no later than 7.00pm. Parents need to be purchasing their final goods between 8.00pm and 8.30pm. This is a fantastic night with tickets only \$5.00 per person. Parents are asked to record their name on the sheet in the foyer. Please place payment of these tickets in an envelop in the fee box. Tickets will be distributed two weeks prior to the night.

MEDICATION FOR CHILDREN



With the winter months upon us parents are reminded that all medication must be personally handed to staff upon entering your child's room. At no time is medication to be left in a child's bag. This is a serious danger to children who may find this and take it out of other children's bag. We ask that all parents provided medication to staff so that it can be stored appropriately away from all children.

NAPPIES AND WIPES:

Parents are reminded that all children still in nappies must bring at least 5 nappies per day and wipes. Each room records the time when nappy changes occurred and also if the nappy was wet or soiled. Parents, who do not provide these for their child, will be charged \$2.00 per nappy. (NQS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)



LATE FEES APPLY \$20.00 per week.

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. 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 two 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.

SAYING GOODBYE

We would ask that parents support us by saying goodbye to their child at the room where their child is being cared for.



The Busy Bees are preparing to go to school and having children who are secure and content with their surroundings allows them to settle quickly and know that their carers will return in the afternoon for them. Some children become distressed when they part with their carers, and it is often easier for staff to settle children if they remain in the room where other children can offer distractions and staff can care for your child. We would be appreciative if parents could support us with this as it allows all children to have appropriate staff in the room at all times to care for children and sets a great example for children in regards to routine.

We have placed a simple reminder of this on the Possums and Bees doors for families and we thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES.

Multicultural Show.

On Friday 20th May the children were involved in a multicultural show. This very hands on show had the children dancing and celebrating the uniqueness of a variety of cultures. The children danced, dressed and sung their way through the show as they traveled around the world to view different cultures.



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

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT EMERGENCY SERVICES SAFETY FOR CHILDREN AT JUMPSTART



Across the centre we will be looking at 3 types of emergency services during the month of June. The children will also be practicing our emergency fire drill and evacuation procedures across the centre. Children will be learning the significance of Zero, Zero, Zero (000) and how and when to call this number.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR CHILDREN BIG BUDDY VISITS

Miss Kelly recently commenced a Big Buddy program with the Baby Bunyip's room and the Busy Bees room. Miss Kelly was very aware that a number of the children take a very caring role with the younger children through their own experiences of having younger siblings or through their connections with younger children at the centre during family time. Recently Ayan and Angus from the Busy Bees room visited the younger children in the Baby Bunyip's room and joined in with block playing, music and movement and craft activities. Miss Kelly has certainly developed some great little helpers from the Busy Bees room with Angus rushing home to tell his mum all about his day. Miss Kelly is thrilled that he is constantly asking "What do you want me to help with?". This program is developing leadership skills and confidence for children who will leave our centre and begin their formal education early next year. It is wonderful to see the care and genuine love that children extend towards others. Great work Miss Kelly and the Busy Bees.

LANGUAGE ASSESSMENTS

Over the last few weeks Miss Amanda and Miss Justine have been screening children's language skills. This is not a comprehensive report, rather it is a simple screener to identify if children may need to be referred to speech therapy for language needs. All parents will receive a letter commencing on the 6th June that identifies how your child performed in this screener. Children who may need to be referred

to speech therapy will be invited to have a conversation with staff so that they can identify children's need and some common strategies that may assist at home. We invite parents to speak with room staff if they have any questions or concerns about this language screener. (NQS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)

MID YEAR PARENT FEEDBACK

Across the centre we are currently completing mid year parent feedback in respect to your child's development at the centre. This feedback is intended to show parents your child's strength and achievements. Staff will be reflecting on how we can develop the acquisition of higher skills and speaking with parents to make connections between the centre and home. Parents will be invited to provide written feedback in regards to their child so that staff can use this information in their planning and weekly experiences. We hope that families find this information valuable. A copy of this feedback will be inserted into your child's portfolio. (NQS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)

CHILD CARE REBATE FOR FAMILIES

All families would have received a letter from the Family Assistance office in regards to your Child Care Rebate. As you are aware new payment arrangements for the Child Care Rebate will be available from 4th July 2011. All families will need to make a choice by the 17th June 2011. From the 4th July 2011, a new payment option cannot be applied until the start of the next financial year. If you do not contact the family assistance office to nominate a Child Care Rebate payment choice, you will retain your current choice. We have attached an information sheet for parents with this newsletter and encourage families to contact the family assistance office if they need further assistance.

(NQS 6&7)

RECEIPTS FOR MAY

Receipts for MAY 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.

We are always appreciative of the following items

- Barbie Dolls
- Books
- Toys
- Craft Items
- Magazines
- Wool
- Material
- Egg cartons
- Plants – Potting mix , seeds,

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

Ethan Grogan – Bees
Charlie Smith – Possums
Miss Lara – Bees
Miss Elizabeth - Bunyip's

WHATS HAPPENING IN JUNE

Camp Quality Show	6th June
Centre Closed	13th June Queens Birthday
Fire Brigade Visit	20th June 10.00am
Parent Forum	22nd June 6.30pm
Ryan's Toy Warehouse	29th June 6.30 pm
Preschool Photo's	27th & 29th June

WHATS HAPPENING IN JULY

Pyjama Week	11th July
Cadbury fundraiser sale	18th July
Music show	20th July

A FINAL THOUGHT

It is so easy to get caught up in the business of life that we take for granted the privileges that we have every day. Healthy children; a home; clothes; food and someone who cares and loves us. Not all families have this and some children struggle to have these simple elements in their daily lives. We hope that through the month of June we can support others to achieve and cherish this true essence of family. So support someone in need, raise funds for a charity, but most of all become a giving person so others in need have a more peaceful existence.