

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## STAFF INSERVICES

Dental Hygiene is extremely important to young children. Recently Miss Kelly, Miss Justine, Miss Maree and Mr. John attended a session in respect to children's oral hygiene. August is Dental Awareness month and we encourage all families to be vigilant in respect to their child's oral hygiene. Too many children are experiencing tooth decay and tooth extractions before the age of three. Children at the centre are encouraged to swish their mouths with water after lunch and each meal session to reduce the amount of acid build up in their mouths.

Miss Amanda recently attended a Road and Traffic in-service for "Road Safety and Music." Road safety is important for children both at the centre and at home. Being aware of danger and knowing the correct way to look and listen will assist children to remain safe. Parents can support their children's awareness of safety by placing their children in appropriate child restraints and ensuring that they have the safety locks on. Miss Lara attended an in-service on the Early Years Learning Framework at Nirimba TAFE. This document is a significant document that is being implemented in all centres across Australia. Parents are reminded that parent's pamphlets are available for parents at all times. All Staff at Jumpstart 4 Kids are provided with this information from their peers during our monthly staff meetings. This way all staff are being professionally enriched to ensure that all staff are up to date with current practices and child care related issues.

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## CHILDRENS SERVICES NOMINATION

**We are pleased to announce that JumpStart 4 Kids has been nominated for Outstanding Child Care Service for 2011. A great result.**

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES



**HAVE YOU COMPLETED A FAMILY**

**Make you child a star for the week**

We encourage all families to complete a family focus sheet in the front foyer and provide this to room staff. These sheets are a valuable part of our weekly programming. Please support us by sharing your experiences with your child.

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

### BUSY BEES:

1. Mothers Day / Seasons
2. Multicultural Week
3. Aboriginal Week
4. Zoo Week

### PLAYFUL POSSUMS:

1. Mothers Day / Celebrations
2. Fantasy
3. Multicultural Appreciation
4. Aboriginal Awareness
5. Jungle Exploration

### BABY BUNYIPS:

The Baby Bunyip's will be exploring diversity / people and families. With Mothers Day being a significant part of May and with our Multicultural show the Bunyip's will be looking at different celebrations, musical instruments, clothing and food around the world along with a collection of different multicultural songs and musical pieces. (NQS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)

## JUMPSTART 4 KIDS SONG BOOK

Many parents have asked us for copy of the songs that the children sing in particular rooms. We have compiled a few of our favourites and parents are welcome to take a copy from the foyer. We hope this assists parents with the words so you can see along to our favourite songs as well. Enjoy. NQS (1, 5, 6)

## **EASTER HAT PARADE**

We were thrilled with our recent Easter Hat parade and the wonderful creations by the children's and of course our fantastic parents. We congratulate our five lucky Easter Raffle winners.



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## **PORTFOLIOS**

We hope that all families enjoyed looking through their child's portfolio during the month of April. We ask that parents assist us in having these returned to us as soon as possible. Parents who retain their child's portfolio for more than a week risk having additional pieces added in the future for their child. It is difficult for staff to continue working on these when they do not have a portfolio to insert pieces of work.

Staff work extremely hard to record individual and group observations so that parents have an insight into their child's learning while they are at JumpStart 4 Kids. Parents are reminded that these portfolios will be provided to them at the conclusion of the year so parents can see how their child has progressed during the year.

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## **ROOM INFORMATION TO ALL PARENTS.**

**Across the centre we are experiencing challenges and we ask parents to assist staff by ensuring that they follow these procedures during drop off and collection times for all children.**

## **PARENTS DO YOU DO THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR CHILD.**

- 1. Provide a fitted and flat sheet daily**
- 2. Have a labeled hat for outdoor play**
- 3. Label bottles**
- 4. Place all bottles in the bottle fridge – No exceptions. Possums Room – Parents are responsible to place bottles in the bottle fridge in the kitchen. AT ALL TIMES**
- 5. Place your child's belongings in their locker and food items in the fridge**
- 6. Nappies and wipes labeled**
- 7. Change of clothing.**
- 8. NO TOYS FROM HOME**
- 9. Collect your child by 5:45pm.**

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Unfortunately we have too many parents who are not assisting staff in these areas. We ask parents to ensure that they personally assist with these areas so that your child has a positive start to each day and support staff who are caring for your child.

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**MOTHERS DAY  
AFTERNOON TEA  
FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> May  
3:15pm.**

**We invite all Mums,  
Nan's, Aunts and family  
to attend our special**

**Mothers Day Afternoon Tea on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**The children will be creating some special treats for our occasions and we would love for you to be able to join us.**

**Happy Mothers Day for all our Special Mums.  
We hope you all have a wonderful day with your children.**

## EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES.

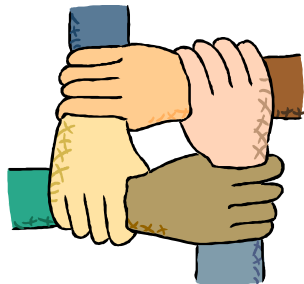
As parents are aware JumpStart 4 Kids is an Educationally Based Learning centre. When we first built the centre we wanted to create a centre that inspires learning for children so that they were exposed to a variety of stimulating experiences that would encourage active learners in a supportive and caring environment. Our monthly additional shows and experiences are one way that we can support and foster this idea. Children have a great capacity to absorb and internalize learnt knowledge in this age group. We thank parents who are supportive and appreciative of these experiences and our centre goals and philosophies.

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## MULTICULTURAL SHOW \$8.00 PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> May ETHNIC SUPPORT.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00 am we will be experiencing our first Multicultural show. Our centre has a huge multicultural richness and we are keen to share these with all children. We invite all families from different cultural backgrounds to share their festival and customs during the month of May.

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## ETHNIC SUPPORT.

On Occasion we use the services of Ethnic Support to support families and children from different cultural backgrounds. During the month of May we will be having a Bicultural support worker at the centre for four hours each Monday working across the rooms to support children from different cultural backgrounds. We encourage parents to use this service if they need assistance in understanding any of our policies and procedures. Parents are also invited to access this supports if they require any information about their child or any area that is a concern to them.

## RSPCA TALK

Many children have pets at home, but it is a wise initiative to teach children how to approach animals safely and



correctly, especially dogs. With a large number of children being victims of dog attacks we were really appreciative to Stephanie who represented the RSPCA for “SAFE DOG HANDLING” The children were taught how to approach unfamiliar dogs and what to do when they were scared if an unfamiliar dog approached them. We thank Stephanie for teaching the children how to use eye contact, be trees and rocks around dogs. We have forward a donation to the RSPCA and have presented them with animal products for their time.

## SCIENCE FIZZICS SHOW 13<sup>th</sup> April

The children really loved this experience, right down to our beautiful babies. This hands on experience allowed the children to get down, touch and explore.



The children really enjoyed making their own rockets and watching them blast off outside. These rockets were made with bi-carb soda, water and vinegar. Our count downs to blast off were really impressive. Let's hope we have inspired some young scientists for the future.

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## **MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE OUR CENTRE PROJECT CAN YOU HELP??**



We are currently raising funds to purchase an outdoor garden bed for the children to grow vegetables and flowers. Children learn care, respect, independence and commitment through the care of pets and plants. We are hopeful that over the coming weeks we can create an appealing outdoor setting for the children so that they can be responsible for their outdoor environment.

We have raised just under \$400 and we are keen to sell a few more tickets to hit our target. We encourage all families to assist us by purchasing a few more tickets so that we can continue to create our outdoor environment. The children have already begun growing beans and sweet peas for their outdoor area and actively helped Miss Maree plant the seedlings in larger pots ready for our outdoor garden bed.

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## **READY TO SCHOOL PROGRAM BUSY BEES TERM 2 GOALS**

Many parents of the Busy Bees have commented on how well their child is progressing in relation to skills and learning concepts. We encourage families to support children at home in the following areas.

### **HELPING AT HOME THROUGH:**

- Name Writing
- Counting Games
- Letter recognition
- Sounds of Letters
- Turn Taking

The Busy Bees will be focusing on number recognition and matching number to group sizes this term. Children will also be introduced to simple sight words along with letter and sound recognition. Children will be provided these experiences through group time and individual support so that all children achieve their potential in these areas prior to commencing school in 2011.

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## **IS YOUR CHILD READY TO COMMENCE SCHOOL IN 2011?**



We invite all families in the Bees Room to speak to room staff in regards to your child's capacity to enter

kinder for 2011. Children with May / June birthdays may be on the border for school entry and may not be ready to commence school in 2011. Children need to have developed appropriate social and self help skills along with school readiness skills.

## **CHILD PROTECTION AND CARING FOR FAMILIES IN NEED.**

Many families experience difficult times or situations that they need support with. Child care centres are there to assist families and can make referrals and offer support to families who maybe experiencing domestic violence, substance abuse or financial difficulties.

Developmental delays and referral for children's services are also offered and we are keen to support families who may need additional support through a confidential and caring manner. The Department of Human Services -Community Services is there to support families and keep families together. If parents are in need of assistance please do not hesitate to speak with us so that we can support you and your child. The media is often full of stories where we can raise the questions. "Why didn't any one help them"? So please, if we can assist in any way we are only too willing to help at any time.

All staff have been trained in child protection and have accessed the "Keeping them Safe" Website and training program.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011. All families will need to make a choice by the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2011. From the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## CAKES BY KYLIE



We have a very talent mum at the centre who makes fantastic cakes for all occasions. If parents are looking for well presented celebration cakes at reasonable prices for all celebrations please take a flyer from the centre. Kylie is happy to make and create any order.

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## RECEIPTS FOR APRIL

Receipts for APRIL 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

During the year the centre has raffle prizes for Mothers day, Easter, Fathers day and Christmas.

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

Maddison R – Bees  
Jessica Thorn– Bees  
Ethan Grogan – Bees

## WHATS HAPPENING IN MAY

Mothers Day Afternoon Tea	6 <sup>th</sup> May
All Welcome	
Multicultural Show	20 <sup>th</sup> May
Language assessments children 2.9yrs+	
Commence	23 <sup>rd</sup> May

## A FINAL THOUGHT HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

We wish all our Mums a very special Mothers day. We hope that you enjoy the gift made by your child. Enjoy the day and know that everyday mums are truly special people.

