

Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 10, 2011 OCTOBER

STAFF NEWS:

Miss Amanda recently completed her practicum experience and was offered an opportunity to remain at this centre. Amanda has been with us for over three years and JumpStart 4 Kids has been Amanda's first experience in the child care industry. Miss Amanda is sad to leave the centre but with this opportunity came the opportunity to learn from a different environment. We wish Amanda the very best as we farewell her with a morning tea. We are currently in the process of advertising to fill this position. Miss Emma and Miss Elizabeth will be continued to support the centre until we replace Amanda. (NQS, 4, 5, 6 & 7)

ROOM EXPERIENCES

MONTH of September experiences:

BUSY BEES:

1. Manners
2. Nutrition
3. Safety
4. Families
5. Halloween

PLAYFUL POSSUMS:

1. Beach Week
2. Nutrition Week
3. Stranger Danger
4. Crazy air Week
5. Halloween

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Healthy Eating / Numbers
2. Healthy Eating Nutrition
3. Colours – Red and Blue
4. Fantasy Week -Dress up
5. Halloween

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

We invite all our families to spend time with their children in discussing their weekly stimulus activities, families may have a special book at home or an item that they may wish to bring along to share to enhance these experiences. We thank parents for supporting us in your child's learning at JumpStart 4 Kids.

PARENT NOTICE:

Our Monthly Newsletters have general reminders to families on a regular basis. These are often reminders about bedding sheets, hats, labeling, nappies / wipes or collection times. Parents are informed about these policies at the time of enrolment. Parents who consistently ignore these procedures make it difficult for staff and ultimately affect your child. Policies and guidelines are in place for the safety and wellbeing of children. Your child. We thank those families who consistently support us and personally appeal to those parents who are inconsistent in supporting us to read the following outline as a reminder of our Policies and Guidelines. Our comprehensive list of policies can be found in the foyer at all times. Parents are welcome to discuss any policy any time or seek clarification. (NQS, 2,3,6 & 7)

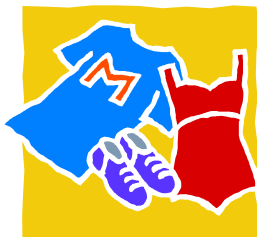
ARE YOU SUPPORTING THE CENTRE?

- ✓ **COLLECTION TIME:** All children 5:45pm at the latest.
- ✓ **HATS:** All children require this daily with name.
- ✓ **NAPPIES / WIPES:** All babies at least 6-7 per day.
- ✓ **LABEL:** All items, bottles, dummies, hats, and sheets.
- ✓ **SHEETS:** Possums and Bees .Flat and fitted sheet daily.
- ✓ **FEES:** Paid Weekly: **NO CREDIT**. \$20 late fee per week automatically applies.

CAN YOU TICK ALL OF THE ABOVE?

SPARE CLOTHING:

Many children have accidents during the day and it is embarrassing and distressing to children if they do not have adequate clothing to change into. We ask that all children have a spare set of underwear and clothing in their bag so that they can change into familiar clothing if an accident occurs. (NQS, 2,3 & 7)



HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 28th October

7:00pm- 8:15 pm

The staff at Jumpstart 4 Kids would like to provide a social occasion for the children. On Friday 28th October we will be hosting a Disco with a Halloween theme. Children can dress up in costume or simple come along for a fun time.

Tickets are \$5.00. Children will prepare simple food items during the day for their disco. Families are invited to bring a plate to share on the night. Funds raised will go to each room leader to purchase resources for individual rooms. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible on the night. Many rooms will be completing activities based on Fantasy and this will be a fun way to end the week. (NQS, 4, 5, 6 & 7)



Happy 
Halloween

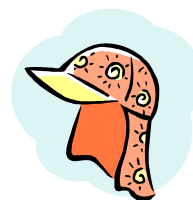
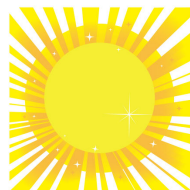
CADBURY FUNDRAISER FUNDS PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each year we use our Fundraising money to purchase items for the children. We hope to use these funds for outdoor seating around the sandpit area and to create a water play area on our wall using pipes. We would be grateful to any families who may be able to assist us in building these fixtures that the children can use in the outdoor area.

If you can assist in any of these outdoor projects please see Maree or John in the next few weeks. Even if you spare a few hours your assistance would be really appreciated. We only have one parent provide support so far and we would really need another 3 parents to assist.

NO HAT NO PLAY FROM 17th OCTOBER SUN SAFE

NOTICE ALL PARENTS



NO HAT NO PLAY

No child will be allowed to play outside without a hat from 17th October. Parents have 2 weeks to ensure that their child has a hat in their bag each day. JumpStart 4 Kids is a Sun Safe centre and we are responsible to ensure that all children have adequate protection during outdoor play. All staff apply sunscreen 20 minutes prior to outdoor play. A hat must be worn so that children are protected at all times. Children who do not have a hat will need to purchase a hat from the front office area for \$12 otherwise their child will need to remain inside and will not allowed outdoors until parents supply at hat. Sufficient notice has been extended to families and we would be appreciative if families could ensure that their child is provided with a hat on a daily basis. Hats purchased from the centre have a UV rating of 50+ (NQS 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7)

BUG SHOW:

During September the children participated in a BUG SHOW. The children were extremely interested in the variety of bugs and while some were a little apprehensive it was a great time for all. The Blacktown advocate may also be showcasing this event so we ask all families to take special note of the local paper over the coming weeks as they may notice your child's photo. (NQS, 1,2,3,5, 6 &7)



RYAN'S TOY WAREHOUSE:

Ryan's toy warehouse is a fantastic opportunity for families to purchase toys at warehouse prices. Tickets for this event are \$5.00 and parents are asked to be at Kellogg Road Glendenning by 6.30pm. Parents are asked to make their purchases by 8.30pm. This is a great opportunity and we thank Mrs. Catherine Checuti for organising this great fundraiser.

STRANGER DANGER:

This is an increasingly important skill for children as they are very innocent in their approach to people. During the month of October we will be focusing on Stranger danger and reinforcing with children the people in their lives who protect them and who are safe people. A scheduled police visit will take place at the centre so that children can extend these concepts to people in the community who can provide support and protection. We will confirm the date of this visit and place this on our notice board in the foyer for all families. (NQS, 1,2, 5, 6 &7)

HELPING OTHERS



As a centre we are mindful that many families experience hardship and many children may need additional care. Care Flight Magic Mania supports families who have children with disabilities. As a centre we recently donated money to this cause so that a special needs or disadvantaged child will enjoy a special day. Funds donated also assist in raising funds to support Care Flights medical retrieval services and specialist doctors. We are thrilled to support such a worthy cause. (NQS, 5, 6 &7)

ASTHMA PLANS

Parents are reminded that children with asthma must present an updated asthma plan every 3 months from their family doctor. We ask all families to provide an updated asthma plan for their child during the month of October. (NQS, 2, 5, 6 &7)

2012 Enrolments

2012 enrolments are now placed on the shutter in the foyer. All families are asked to check this and finalise booking by the 17th October. We are accepting new applications for 2012 and already we have commenced a waiting list. We invite all families to nominate their days for 2012. (NQS,3,4, 5, 6 &7)

ST Vincent's De Paul Hampers

Christmas is closer than we think. Each year we donate baskets to this wonderful charity to assist families in the Blacktown area who may be less fortunate than ourselves. This year baskets will be located in each room. We will be competing against rooms to tally up the number of items donated by each room. These baskets will be available in each room in the next three weeks as these will need to be provided to St Vincent's de Paul by the first week in December. We hope to donate four baskets, one from each room and a staff basket. We hope that all families can support us in supporting local families this Christmas. (NQS, 1,2,3,4, 5, 6 &7)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Monday 5th December -
Blacktown Sportsman
Club on Reservoir Road
at 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Family Tickets: (2 adults,
2 Children) include a
BBQ dinner and a present from Santa for
children attending the centre. All children
receive a lolly bag from Santa.



Family Ticket \$ 35

Additional Adult Ticket \$9

Additional Children Tickets \$9

Tickets on sale Monday 31st October. All
Tickets will need to be purchased by
Monday 28th November. The full cost of
this event is subsidized by the centre to
ensure that all families can participate.

This is wonderful opportunity for families
to meet and celebrate 2011. We hope to see
all our wonderful families on the evening.
(NQS, 5, 6 &7)

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS GRADUATION Wednesday 14th December 7:00pm



All children attending
kindergarten in 2011 will be
formally fare welled on Tuesday
14th December at 7.00pm. We
will have a formal graduation
ceremony and this will be
followed by a light supper to
celebrate the children's success.

Parents are invited to bring a
plate to share on the night. We invite all
families to participate in this ceremony and
place this date in your diary NOW. (NQS, 5, 6
&7)

CLOSE DOWN

A reminder to all families that the centre
will close on Friday 23rd December at
3.00pm. We ask all families to ensure that
children are collected by 2.45pm. The
centre will reopen at 7.00am on Monday 9th
January. Fees are not payable during this
close down period.

All accounts will need to be paid in full by
Friday 16th December. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

HEALTHY EATING

MUNCH AND CRUNCH

We will be reintroducing Munch and
Crunch to our afternoon tea platter in
October. The selection of vegetables for
children to crunch allows children to have
healthy nutritional opportunities and
healthy teeth. We will continue to promote
mouth swishing of water to support good
oral hygiene.

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

RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER

Receipts for **OCTOBER** 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
automatically. We remind all families that
fees are payable prior to using the service.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

We ask all families to donate a toy for our
Christmas Raffle. Donated items can be
provided through the month of October
and November. (NQS, 6&7)

DONATIONS

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

WHATS HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

- 19th Proposed Police Visit
- 21st RSPCA TALK
- WEEK 24th Fantasy Dress Up week
- 28th 7.00pm Halloween Disco
- Week 31st Crazy Hair week.
- October: St Vincent's DePaul
Donations
- October: Gift Donations for Christmas
Raffle

A FINAL THOUGHT

Christmas is nearly upon us. Let's
support those less fortunate and
sharing thoughts with our children
about the real meaning of
Christmas. A time for giving and
sharing. May we all continue to
share and care for those around us.

