

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 9, 2011 September

## STAFF NEWS:

Miss Amanda will be taking 4 weeks leave to complete her practicum experience as an Early Childhood teacher. We wish her all the best as she completes this final stage. Miss Emma and Miss Elizabeth will be replacing Amanda during this time. I am sure that our families and children will welcome back Miss Emma for this period of time. Miss Emma is familiar with the centre, children and families. We wish Miss Amanda the very best for this experience and we look forward to her return. (NQS , 4, 5, 6 &7)

## ROOM EXPERIENCES

MONTH of September learning experiences:

### BUSY BEES:

1. Road Safety
2. Holidays
3. Bugs
4. Reptiles

### PLAYFUL POSSUMS:

1. Safety
2. Camping
3. Bugs
4. Jungle

### BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Families
2. Transport
3. Bugs
4. Spring

(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.

## FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

We were delighted to see our wonderful fathers at our Fathers Day afternoon tea. The children have spent a great deal of time over the last few weeks talking about the special nature of father figures in our lives. Some children have special Pop's, uncles, neighbors as well as Dad's who play a significant part in their daily lives. Male figures provide children with nurturing and positive relationships and share a special part in children lives.



THE RENOVATORS

A special visit from Michael from the

Renovators also added a special highlight. We wish Michael the best as he concludes his renovation work.

For families who watch the Renovators we were thrilled to see two of our past families feature on the show highlighting two special dads. Both the Ross and Fletcher families attended our centre and it was nice to see some familiar faces win such a fantastic prize for two great Dads'.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WINNERS

The following families are congratulated .

Bunyips: Alex, Levi

Possums : Jake , Sydney, Olivia , Kim

Bees:

## FAMILY PORTRAITS

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**From 3:30pm – 8:30 pm**

This is a wonderful opportunity for families to have a framed family portrait for only \$15.00. All families must book by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

## CADBURY FUNDRAISER FUNDS

**CAN YOU HELP ??**

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We thank all our families who supported us in our Cadbury Fundraiser. 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 are a tradesperson or simply are a great handy man we would love your help. We would hope to complete these one Saturday morning and we would estimate that we could create these areas in about 5 hours. Naturally we will provide morning tea and lunch to our helpers. If you can assist in any of these outdoor projects please see Mare or John in the next few weeks. Even if you spare a few hours your assistance would be really appreciated.



## PORTFOLIOS AUGUST: NEW FORMAT

During the month of August Parents had the opportunity to view their child portfolios with staff. This allowed staff, parents and children to ask any questions and to complete feedback sheets and Family focus sheets together. A number of families commented that they liked this experience as it gave families the opportunity to ask questions with their child's room leaders. Based on the positive nature of family feedback we will provide this same experience to families next year.

## HAPPY EID

Many children who attend our centre come from diverse cultural backgrounds. Recently we were offered an opportunity from Ibrahim and Sumayya's Mum Jasmina to speak to the children about Happy Eid.

Muslims around the world celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr, a festival at the end of the month of Ramadan, when fasting concludes.

On this day, Muslim families visit each other and congratulate each other on the successful completion of the month of Ramadan. Special Eid greetings are exchanged, like Christmas in our culture. Part of the celebration of Eid is donations to the poor or time spent visiting those less fortunate than themselves.

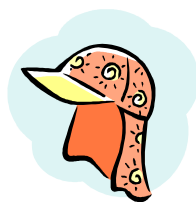
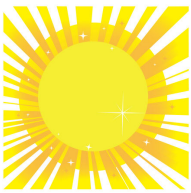


Kids especially wait for this day. They start planning and shopping for new dresses many days before Eid.

Special meals are prepared in every home to serve visiting neighbors, friends and relatives.

Gifts are exchanged on this day, and kids especially receive gifts from their elders. Jasmina explained the significance of this day for Muslims and shared a celebration cake with the children. We thank her for sharing this significant cultural day with the children at the centre. It is wonderful that we can appreciate and value the variety of cultures at our centre. All families are welcome to share insights to their culture at any time so please consider sharing your customs with us.

## SUN SAFE NOTICE ALL PARENTS



### NO HAT NO PLAY

No child will be allowed to play outside without a hat. UV protection for young children's skin is very important. 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 under the awning for outdoor activities until a hat is provided.

Hats purchased from the centre have a UV rating of 50+ (NQS 1, 2, 5, 6, &7)

## NO, NO, NO AT ALL TIMES

NO NUTS, NO EGGS OR SHELL FISH ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO CHILDREN AS SOME CHILDREN HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIES TO THESE FOODS.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY LABELLED

### Playful Possums & Busy Bees

- Sheet sets for rest time labeled
- Fruit
- Lunch please minimise items that require heating
- Sun hat (NQS 1,2,3,5,6,&7)

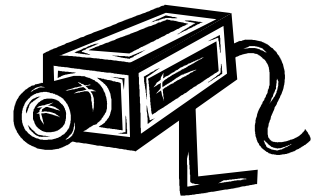


## SHEETS MUST NOT REMAIN AT THE CENTRE

We ask that all families take sheets home with them and return them on a daily basis as we do not have adequate space to store these and lockers are used by a variety of children. All sheets must be stored in your child's bag or a pillow case for hygiene purposes.

### CAMERA UPGRADES:

Parents will have noticed that we have upgraded the security cameras so that the Possums room will display visitors arriving to the centre during the mornings. Parents can also wave to their children as they leave the centre with children viewing their departure room the TV in the Possums room. This ensures that we are only allowing current families into the centre.



### CARPARK AREA:

We remind all families that the car park is a very dangerous area. Allowing your child to run around this area may result in a child being seriously hurt. It is the responsibility of all families to ensure that children are supervised at all times whilst in this area. When children are exited from the foyer by carers, then the carers are ultimately responsible for the safety of the children in their care.

## 212 Enrolments

At the end of September we will be placing a grid on the roller shutter in the foyer. We ask that parents allocate the days that they would like for attendance in 2012. We are accepting new applications for 2012 and already we have commenced waiting list. We invite all families to nominate their days for 2012.

## CLOSE DOWN

A reminder to all families that the centre will close on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> January. Fees are not payable during this close down period.

All accounts will need to be paid in full by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

## HEALTHY EATING AVOCARDO'S

We are delighted to participate in this program. A tray of avocados arrived on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Bees and Possums will spend this week making a variety of wonderful food from these avocados. Look out for the Day books to see the wonderfully healthy creations that our Busy Bees and Possums engaged in during the week. Miss Amie and Miss Justine will be exploring different ways that the children can use and eat avocados as a healthy and nutritional snack. (NQS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6&7)

## KEY WORD SIGNS

Recently we commenced using simple sign language with the children for nursery rhymes. Many children experience frustrations when they are unable to communicate with words. Key Word Signs allow us to use simple hand gestures so that children who may not be proficient in language can communicate with us by hand gestures in a non threatening environment.



Research shows that children who learn both Key words signs and language skills in a complementary manner grasp language skills earlier. (NQS 1, 2, 3, 5, 6&7)

## RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Receipts for September 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 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  
C Jay - Bees

## WHATS HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER

9<sup>th</sup> September Family Portraits  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September BUG SHOW  
10.30 am

## A FINAL THOUGHT

Too often we mistake the true priorities in our lives. Our Family. As the days get warmer and the outdoors become more inviting take some time to throw a ball, walk the dog or simple share a simple conversation with your child while sitting on the grass. Time spent for 15 minutes is far more rewarding than 15 minutes in front of the TV. So next time you think about switching on the TV, switch on your child and spend some special time with your family and loves ones. Enjoy.