

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



We hope to see as many families as possible at our Christmas Party on Monday 3rd December at the Blacktown Sportsman club. This is always a great event and certainly a time when parents can be introduced to each other and share the joy of Christmas.

We encourage families to make a donation to the St Vincent's De Paul hampers and to our raffle in the front foyer.

Our Centre relies on the active participation of all families and we certainly appreciate our families as they continue to support us and our local community.

## PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE NIGHT



We ask that all families are considerate of others when they are capturing their special moment with their child and Santa at our Christmas Concert. Children will be called by rooms, to manage children's and parents needs. On the night we will have designated areas for parents to stand for photos and videos so that children are not overwhelmed on the night. We trust that everyone will be able to capture their memories and have a fantastic night.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

We ask that all families return their Christmas raffle tickets by Friday 30th November.

## JUMPSTART 4 KIDS



**GRADUATION Tuesday 11th December 6:30 pm** .All children attending kindergarten in 2013 will be formally farewelled on Tuesday 11th December at 6.30pm. 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 look forward to celebrating with you on the night.

## FINAL REPORTS and PORTFOLIOS



Reports will be distributed to families over a two week period commencing Monday 26th November. During this time we ask that all families take time to schedule an interview time with room

staff so that we can highlight the strengths of your child and provide feedback to areas that your child is presently working towards. This collaborative approach allows us to develop positive connections with families so that we can work together in attaining the best possible outcomes for each child at the centre. No reports will be provided to families without this opportunity taking place. At JumpStart 4 Kids we view this as a valuable and meaningful experience.

## PORTFOLIOS

These will be distributed the week commencing the 3rd December to all families. Our Portfolios capture your child's development and achievements throughout 2012. We hope that you can spend time with your child viewing their portfolio and celebrating the wonderful work that they have undertaken in 2012.

(NQA 1,5,6&7)

## **WEEKLY EXPERIENCES**

### **ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:**

#### **BUSY BEES:**

1. **Christmas around the world**
2. **Christmas**
3. **Christmas**

During the month of December the Busy are very eagerly awaiting Christmas. We are learning about the ways that different cultures around the world celebrate this special time and would love to hear of any ways that your family celebrates Christmas, so please feel free to share this with us through conversation and photos. Just a reminder that your child needs a hat everyday according to our sun safety policy. We would like to wish all the Busy Bees children and families a very Merry Christmas.

#### **SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS**

This month the Busy Bees will be focusing on revision of shapes, colours, numbers, letters and sight words. We are noticing big improvements and would appreciate parents working on these skills at home with their child each day, even five minutes can help significantly. We wish all the children leaving for big school the very best and look forward to seeing many happy faces return ready for learning after the Christmas break.

Miss Amie & Miss Amanda

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

#### **PLAYFUL POSSUMS**

1. **Celebrations**
2. **Christmas**
3. **Christmas**

In the Playful Possums room, we have been practicing our colours and recognising simple sight words. We have emerged from naming our sight words to placing sounds, and what we use the object for. As we prepare for Christmas, we ask parents to bring any craft resources for children to decorate our tree. Beginning the week of December 3rd, is celebrations week. We encourage any parents that wish to speak about any celebrations they celebrate for children to gain knowledge on various celebrations. The Playful Possums will be focusing on preparing our older children for the Busy Bee's room. We are learning to put our own

shoes on and putting our belongings away. Children are reminded that no heated food will be provided in the Busy Bee room. Reminder that all items must be labelled and children preparing for the Busy Bee room should be toilet trained.

Miss Nikki

#### **BABY BUNYIPS:**

1. **Christmas around the world.**
2. **Christmas.**
3. **Christmas.**

The Baby Bunyips have been working on developing our self help skills, as many of our little Bunyips are moving up into the Playful Possum's room. We are practicing how to dress/undress ourselves and to feed ourselves .

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

#### **Farewell Miss**

**Justine** On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, we held a farewell party for Miss Justine (Possums room) as she nears the arrival of her baby. We wish Justine and her husband all the best.



## **Habitat**

### **Show**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

We had a new show visit us. Children had the opportunity to learn about different places that some animals can live.

We explored their habitats through imaginary place and hands on experiences with the habitats around the room.



Children volunteered to wear some habitats such as tortoise shells. It was a great experience and learning program.



## ABORIGINAL DANCE GROUP

On Wednesday 28th November we were privileged to have 10 Aboriginal students from St Dominic's College Penrith attend the centre to perform traditional aboriginal stories through dance. The children were fascinated by the story of the Kangaroo and we were thrilled that the children were able to play with the clap sticks and didgeridoo. This experience allowed the children to experience aboriginal culture in a very real and hands on way.



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## PAYMENT OF FEES PARENT NOTICE

### FINALISATION OF FEES FOR 2012

We remind all families that Fees will be payable in advance for 2012 by Friday 14th December. This will allow us to finalise accounts and lodge attendances with Family assistance prior to the conclusion of 2012.

We ask that all families make this payment no later than the 14th December.



### CREDIT CHARGE INCREASES

Bank charges for the use of Credit cards will increase from 1 November. We encourage all families to use EFTPOS as an alternative payment to minimise this cost.

Credit card surcharges are \$1.50 for every hundred increments. e.g.

\$0-\$100 credit charge \$1.50

\$101-\$200 credit charges \$3.00

\$201-\$300 credit charges \$4.50

### DECEMBER EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

3rd Dec- Christmas Party

11th Dec - Bees Graduation

21st Dec - Centre Closes 3:00pm

Centre reopens Monday 7th January 2013.

*We hope that all our families  
have a wonderful Christmas  
with family. To our exiting*

children we wish you success  
as you begin your formal  
educational years. Merry  
Christmas and a Happy New  
Year from all the staff.

*Jump Start 4 Kids Staff*