

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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HALLOWEEN DISCO

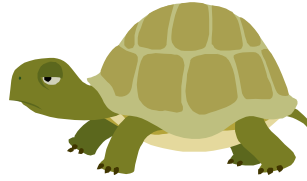


(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6,&7)

On Friday 26th October we held our second Halloween disco. It was a fantastic night with slime eating and spider drinking competitions held during the night. The pumpkin piñata's made by the Playful Possum were spectacular. The children, staff and families dressed in a variety of themes and it was a great night to meet new families and share time with friends. We thank all our families who supported the centre on the night and the staff for their energy and enthusiasm in organising the evening.



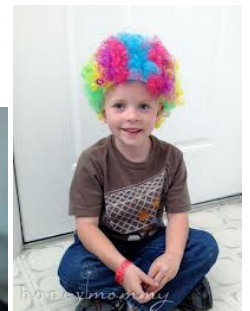
Wednesday 7th November 10 am
\$8.00



On Wednesday 7th November we will be having an Animal Habitats show for all rooms. This show introduces children to the habitats of a range of animals. Children will explore, discover and question why different animals have different homes. Payment for this show is \$8.00 and will need to be paid by Friday 2nd November.

CRAZY HAIR WEEK

18th-23rd November



During this week we encourage all children to create their own crazy hair styles. We look forward to seeing some wonderful and innovative creations.

ENVIRONMENT CORNER

Parents may have noticed our environment corner for the children. We are slowly making this corner more appealing for the children and would be grateful if parents have any rocks, logs, stones or artificial plants that they could donate so that we can enhance this area for the enjoyment of the children. We thank you in advance for your support of any donations. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6,&7)



WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Animals
2. Recycling
3. Crazy hair week
4. Ready for school week

During the month of November the Busy Bees have many exciting focus areas. We will be learning about animals and how to care for them. We would be appreciative of any photos of your family pets so that we can display these in the room. During our recycling week we will be focusing heavily on looking after our environment and sorting our rubbish into the correct bins in our room. During the week starting the 19th November it's time to get creative and bring out those crazy hairstyles for crazy hair week! Our ready for school week will introduce the concept of big school for children. We will be looking at many activities that the children will be engaged in at school such as choosing their own food from their lunch boxes at meal times. A reminder that all children must have a hat every day!

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

This month the Busy Bees will be focusing on the development of their school readiness skills through our school readiness program areas listed on our



whiteboard. It would be very much appreciated if parents could work on these skills with their child at home to reinforce the concepts. We have been

observing big improvements in the writing skills of the Busy Bees and look forward to seeing these continue. Our ready for school week will focus on the introduction of school concepts such as choosing food at mealtimes, completing work sheets and books that explain starting school. If there are any school readiness concepts that you feel we need to be focusing on please share these with us.



Miss Amie & Miss Amanda

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



PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Animal. Zoo and circus week
2. Environment week
3. Crazy hair week / Aboriginal week
4. Bug week

The Playful Possums will be focusing on learning how to care for our environment through hands on and outdoor experiences. Using our gardens, worm farms and composting, children will learn how to keep our environment healthy and safe. During the week commencing 12th November, we ask for children to bring in items such as leaves, sticks, bark etc for our environment collage. **It's Crazy Hair week beginning 19th November**, we encourage children to come with a crazy hairstyle. Get creative! Just a reminder for those children moving into the Busy Bee room next year, that there will be **NO heated food or bottles giving to children.** Parents are asked to encourage self help skills including putting on their own shoes and dressing themselves. Children should all be toilet trained once in the Busy Bee room. All items must be clearly labelled and a reminder that **NO TOYS** are to be brought to school unless it's your child's news day. These items are kept in the news basket.



Throughout the week Monday 22nd - 26th October all of the Playful Possums enjoyed working together as a team, planning step by step to create our piñatas for the Halloween disco. All of the children took

turns helping Miss Nikki and Miss Justine to glue down the newspaper before painting the balloon white, and placing on a final coat of orange. Miss Ainslie then finished our piñata off by painting a scary face assisted by Madeline and Danielle. The children placed handfuls of lollies into our piñatas ready for our Halloween disco.

Miss Justine & Miss Nikki

(NQA 1,2,3,5,6)

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Animal /Zoo week .
2. Recycling week.
3. Aboriginal Culture/ Crazy Hair week.
4. Colours / Christmas preparation.

We have enjoyed learning about healthy eating and lifestyle throughout October. We were very active, engaging in many planned and spontaneous exercise and movement groups. We have also labelled our healthy food as we eat at mealtimes. During the third week in November, we will be focusing on Aboriginal culture. We aim to make this a very “HANDS ON” and visual experience so children can really experience a different Australian culture. If you have anything you would like to contribute at any time please feel free to do so.



(NQA 1,2,3,5,6)

STAFF NEWS

FAREWELL and WELCOME

As many of our families are aware Miss Justine will be taking maternity leave after the first two weeks in November. Miss Mandy will join the Possums room as Miss Justine's replacement and will rejoin the staff next year. We wish Miss Justine and her husband Stephen the very best as they prepare for the arrival of their daughter in early December. (NQA 4,5,6&7)



EYE SCREENING

On Wednesday the 10th October the Busy Bees had their eye sight tested. This is a free service for children aged four. The Bees were asked to match letters to the picture on the screen which was six metres away. The Bees did such a great job in matching the letters and participated and interacted well. Parents received a letter explaining their child's results. Thank you to all parents and children who participated. (NQA 2,6&7)



OUTDOORS

The outdoors area has always been a physical environment although most recently it has become even more focused on, we have linked with the room programs to extend outside into the activities. We have now come up with planned morning and afternoon activities with a room focusing on this. This is part of our “**Fundamental Movement**” program we have at the centre which focuses on coordination and different fine and gross motor skills. Some of these activities include group and individual participation.

- Jumping through hoops
- Skipping
- Running races
- Dancing
- Stretches
- Musical pillows/chairs
- Parachute
- Cricket
- Soccer
- Rolling balls

Obstacle course. (NQA 1,2,3,5,6 &7)



HEALTHY KIDS

The Busy Bees have been working on nutrition and have been creating a mind map of their interest in this area on the wall. This mind map tracks the learning of the children and demonstrates the way the children lead their own learning, which is a crucial element of the Early Years Learning Framework. Please feel free to pop in and see the map and see how much the children are learning.



To further this interest the children were lucky



enough to have a visit from Kim Martin who owns a gym in the local community. Mr. Martin talked about healthy eating with us and the importance of eating good food to give our bodies energy. We even tasted raisins! Mr. Martin then went through some basic yoga practises with us which we plan to implement on a regular basis.



A very big thank you to Mr. Martin.

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

UNDERWEAR FOR CHILDREN

It is important that when your child attends the centre they wear underwear under their clothes at ALL TIMES to meet hygiene requirements .



NO child is to attend the centre without underwear.

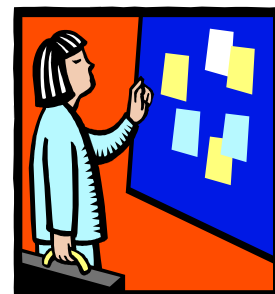
Toilet training is an important procedure for your child to learn, as they develop confidence in pulling down their pants and their underwear independently.

It is also important when toilet training your child that they wear pants/ trousers that are appropriate and easy to pull down. Pants / Trousers with no buttons or zippers are preferred, as this allows children to learn to go to the toilet with little or no carers assistance.

(NQA2& 7)

PARENTS IMPORTANT DAYS OF ATTENDANCE FOR 2013

We remind all families that they are responsible to check booking dates for 2013. These are located on the white board in the foyer. Spaces are limited and we will be confirming dates with all families early in November.



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

St Vincent's de Paul

For the last 4 years JumpStart 4 kids have actively supported St. Vincent's de Paul in donating food baskets for those who are struggling in the local area so that like us they too can have a special Christmas. This year we will be donating 3 - 4 baskets and each room will have a special focus.

We ask all families to support us by donating an items to their child's room basket.

Baby Bunyips - Bottles of Soft Drinks , and biscuits, candy canes.

Playful Possums - Chips, biscuits, custard and Christmas stockings

Busy Bees - Lollies , Popcorn , chocolates, mince pies and fruit cake (NQA 1,5,6 &7)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES: Please support

Families are asked to donate a toy to our Christmas Raffle by Friday 16th November .CHRISTMAS CONCERT:



Monday 3rd 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 30th October. All Tickets will need to be purchased by Monday 26th 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 2012. We hope to see all our wonderful families on the evening. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6,&7)

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS

GRADUATION Tuesday 11th December 6:30 pm



All children attending kindergarten in 2011 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 place this date in your diary NOW.

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. eg.

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

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

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

OCT / NOVEMBER EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

29th October Christmas Concert Tickets for sale

5th Nov Christmas Raffle tickets available

7th Nov Animal Habitat show

19th Crazy hair week

29th Last Day to purchase Xmas Party Tickets

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

DONATIONS We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gifts or toys please consider the centre. We have ample plush toys and thank families for their recent donations.

FINAL REFLECTION (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6,&7)A recent study suggested that empathy has declined by 40% since the mid 1980's. This means that our children are growing up in a society where care and concern for others is lessened. This year lets all be role models for our children and be proactive in developing a strong sense of empathy. We can do this by donating to St Vincent De Paul and talking to our children about giving to others.

Jump Start 4 Kids Staff