

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 9, 2012 SEPTEMBER

## FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to all our special men for joining us for our Fathers Day afternoon tea. The children have had a great time making their special gifts for the special men in their lives and we hope that all our families are able to spend time with their families for this very special weekend. (NQS 1,2,3,4,5,6,&7)



**More Photos on the last page.**

## QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN SEPTEMBER FOCUS:

This will be on improvements to the outdoor play area. We are investigating painting the back wall and placing items on the wall for the children. We will be using the funds from our Fathers Day raffle to complete this project. (NQS 3,5,6,&7)

## STAFF TRAINING "TUNING INTO KIDS"

We are half way through this program and thank families for their continuing support. We have 2 final dates for September. This training will commence on the following dates from 5:30pm. We would be appreciative if families could be supportive

of this training on the following dates and times.

Wednesday 5th September

Wednesday 26th September

5.30pm - 7.30pm

We thank you in advance for your support.

(NQS1,2,4,5,6,&7)

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

### BUSY BEES:

1. Child Protection
2. Duck Week
3. Camping Week
4. Beach week



This month we have had Miss. Alison completing her practicum in the Busy Bees room. Miss. Alison is currently studying for her Early Childhood degree and has been busily doing lots of fun and interesting activities with the Bees. We wish Alison all the best in her future studies. During the month of September the Busy Bees will be meeting the ducklings, they will watch them hatch and grow and help to look after them. We are all looking very forward to this fun experience. As the weather is warming up we remind parents that your child needs to have a hat everyday they attend the centre. Hats can be left at the centre in the hat pockets. In preparation for our camping and beach weeks we are asking that families bring in any photos they may have of camping or going to the beach so that we can make a display and use these for experiences within the room. Families are also reminded that during these weeks the children are encouraged to bring in sleeping bags and beach towels.

## SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

This month the Busy Bees will be focusing on identifying our first and last names in written form as well as writing them, identifying

letters, numbers 1-15, and counting and grouping concepts. Following feedback from our parent teacher interviews we will be reintroducing the weather chart during our morning group. This will allow us to focus on the concepts of seasons, weather, recognising the days of the week, and the date. We will also be looking at the concept of temperature through our camping and beach weeks as we identify hot and cold. These stimulus groups are also a great way to become aware of safety such as water safety and fire safety, which relates to the Early Years Learning Framework **(ELYF) outcome area 3**. These outcomes are displayed in your child's portfolio. Families are invited to discuss areas of focus with us at any time. We appreciate feedback and suggestions from all families.



Miss Amie & Miss Amanda  
(**NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7**)

## PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. **Child Protection and ducklings**
2. **Circus week**
3. **Celebrations**
4. **Weather**

The Playful Possums will be focusing on becoming familiar with our new visitors for two weeks. We will be experiencing the lifecycle of ducks and watching them hatch from eggs to ducklings. The children are very excited to be meeting our new friends. We will be naming our Ducklings upon their birth and hope that families take a sneak peak. During

the month of September, we are strongly encouraging children to toilet train to transition those older children into the Busy Bees room. All children in the Busy Bees room must be independent in toileting skills prior too transitioning to this room. We suggest that parents continue with our strategy of toilet training at home to familiarise the children in both environments. We remind parents that each Possum has their own individual locker with their name. We ask that you place your child's bag in the correct locker to minimise confusion. Please remember to bring a clearly labelled hat and drink bottle for your child.  
Miss Justine & Miss Nikki

## BABY BUNYIPS:

1. **Spring**
2. **Space**
3. **Camping**
4. **Beach and holidays**



The Baby Bunyips are looking forward to our upcoming stimulus areas. During Our **“SPRING” week** we ask for our families to spend some time with their young ones in their garden or at a park looking at different plants, flowers and bugs.

We would appreciate it if you could collect some items for us to use here at Jumpstart with the children so they are to learn all about the changes the new season brings. Our next three stimulus areas are based upon children's interests at present and of course have been very popular in the past.

**We would love any LARGE boxes we could use to make a spaceship and rocket from.** Don't forget we will be having water play during our **“BEACH” week** so bring your swimmers ready for some fun.

The Bunyips have been engaging in **FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT** based activities over recent weeks. Our favorites are ball skills and jumping. This assists the development of gross motor skills and helps keep us healthy and strong. (**NQS1,2,3,4,5,6,&7**)

## LOVELY PETS





On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August we had a very special visit from the RSPCA. Many of our children have animals at home

and it is important that we learn how to approach animals correctly so that we are safe. Stephanie from the RSPCA talked to the children about caring for dogs and how we should safely approach dogs that are unfamiliar to use. The children learnt how to act like “a tree” or be like “a rock” if they are approached by a strange dog. The children listened well and we were happy to donate some interesting treats for the animals at the RSPCA.



Parents are invited to donate a gold coin in the foyer for this worthy cause and we will forward this donation. (NQS1,2,3,5,6,&7 )

## BOOK WEEK

Over the week of the 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of August we celebrated book week at the centre. The children were encouraged to dress up as



their favourite book character and dress up they did! We had such a big variety of costumes including Batman, Spiderman, Superman, Optimus Prime, Darth Vader, Madeline,

Cinderella, lots of fairies and princesses, Pirate, Karate Kid, a veterinarian and even a special visit from Miss Amanda who dressed up as Snow White!

The children were encouraged to bring in their own special books from home to read and we even watched some special fairy tale movies. Thank you to everyone who dressed up and supported the event. (NQS1,2,3,4,5,6,&7 )



## CARING FOR OUR PETS

The Busy Bees were very lucky to have a special visit from some cute baby chickens on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. This special visit coincided with our stimulus focus of caring for our pets.

During the week we talked about pets that we have at home and the ways that we care for them. We used this experience to introduce the concepts of the baby ducklings that will be arriving at the centre shortly.

We discussed as a group the needs and requirements of the baby ducklings and what we will need to do to look after them. This experience helps to give the children a sense of responsibility and builds their sense of self in accordance with the [Early Years Learning Framework ELYF Outcome area 1.](#)



## 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER FAMILY PORTRAITS

We will be hosting family portraits at the centre on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September. We ask that parents nominate a time and pay their \$15.00 by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.



Our policies are located in the foyer for parents to view. Please discuss concerns with staff or management if parents have any questions in relation to this policy or other centre policies .  
(NQS1,2,3,4,5,6,&7 )

## FAMILY FUN DAY

30th September

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thankyou to all our families who participated in our Parent/Teacher interviews. This is a positive time to specifically discuss the needs of your child with room staff. Many parents commented on how valuable this experience was and the opportunity to speak confidentially with room staff.

Together we were able to clarify the strengths of children and focus on supporting childrens future goals. NQS1,5,6,&7



## HYGIENE Minimising the Spread of Infectious Diseases.

We remind families that to minimise the spread of disease in the centre we encouraged everyone to wash their hands upon entering the centre in the kitchen using the hand washing basin or by using the hand sanitiser located in the foyer. Parents who are notified of a child's illness must collect their child as soon as possible. We ask that if parents are not available that an accompanying contact person with authority to collect attend the centre.

It is the responsibility of staff and families to support each other in this area so that we minimise the spread of disease that is quickly achieved by good hygiene practices and compliance of centre policies that exist for the welfare of children , families and staff who care for children each day.



We would like to organise a Family Fun day for Sunday 30th September so that families could meet each other and enjoy a day together. We have two nominated venues. Featherdale Wildlife Park Kildare Road , Doonside at a cost of \$11.00 per head or Nurragingy Reserve, Knox Road Doonside. Families are asked to bring along their picnic items and sense of fun.

We would like families to nominate a preferred venue and to list their names for attendance. We will decide on a venue by Thursday 14th September, so please list your preference in the foyer on the orange sheets and on the sheets on the Possums door.

We hope to see as many families as possible on the day.



## ATTENDENCE 2013.

At the conclusion of Spetember we will be placing a scheule of days on display in the foyer for families to complete. We ask that all returning famiies list their childs name and attendance days for 2013. This will allow us to accomodate our current families first and then provide space for new enrolments This will remain until mid October. (NQS 4,5,6,&7 )

## CHRISTMAS SHUT DOWN 2012

We remind all families that the centre will close on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 3:00pm and will reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January.



Fees are not payable during this period. All Fees will need to be paid in Full by Friday to 14<sup>th</sup> December to accomodate processing of payments to Family assistance prior to the end of the year. (NQS 4,6,&7 )

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> September: Hatch and Grow Ducklings arrive.

7<sup>th</sup> Sep. Family Portraits \$15 at the centre 3.30pm – 8.00pm

10<sup>th</sup> Oct: 9.30am Free Eye sight Screening 4+ years

26<sup>th</sup> Oct: Halloween Disco 6:30pm-8.00pm

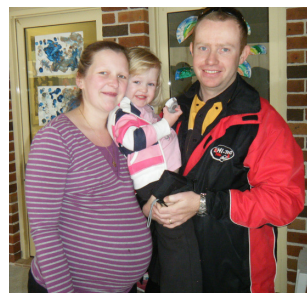
**DONATIONS:** Thank you to the following families who have donated recently to our centre. Zoe Bunyips room

## Father's Day Raffle:

Winning families in the Father's Day raffle:  
Stowers, Munro, Thorn, Black, Andreacchio, Shepherd, Marchione, Terceiro, Awien.

## FINAL REFLECTION (NQS1,2,3,4,5,6,&7 )

Empathy is a characteristic that has declined over the last 20 years. To walk in someone else's shoes, to show compassion for others is shown by our examples. As parents let's be examples of compassion and empathy. May we support each other and share a kind word each day. (NQS1,2,3,4,5,6,&7 )



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