

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 1, 2013 JANUARY

## WELCOME TO 2013

Welcome to all our new families for 2013 and those who have recommenced with us after the Christmas break. We hope that all our families had a enjoyable and relaxing time with family and that 2103 brings joy and prosperity to all our families.

Our Centre Newsletters are provided to families each month and are located in the foyer on the left hand side as you exit the centre. We ask that families take a monthly newsletter so that you can keep up to date with events at the centre.

## CENTRE PHILOSOPHY

At JumpStart for 4 Kids our Centre Philosophy identifies our centre beliefs and goals. We invite families to view this in our foyer and share any thoughts with us at any time. JumpStart 4 kids believes that each child is unique. By offering a variety of experiences through our weekly stimulus areas, spontaneous play and extension of children's interests, children become engaged learners through active play and investigations. Our Monthly shows reflect our connection with our community and allows children to experience a broad range of learning experiences. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)



## FAMILY FOCUS

**Make your child a star for the week**

Parent input is a significant part of our centre and we welcome the ideas and cultural experiences of all our families. Please feel free to speak with staff by sharing your experiences through our Family focus sheets and by volunteering at the centre. comments.

## STAFF for 2013

Mr John and Miss Maree are the Directors and owners at Jumpstart for Kids. We look forward to getting to know our new families and invite all families to speak with us at any time

## STAFF POSITIONS

**Nominated Supervisor : Miss Kelly**

**Educational Leader: Miss Maree**

**Bunyips Room Leader : Miss Kelly**

**Bunyips Room Staff :Miss Nirmika**

**Playful Possums Room Leader : Miss Nikkki**

**Playful Possums Room Staff : Miss Anita**

**Busy Bees Room Leader: Miss Amie**

**Busy Bees Early childhood Teacher: Miss Amanda & Miss Maree**

All staff qualifications and position are clearly displayed in the foyer for parents at all times.

Our Centre Policies are available for all families in the Parent Corner of the foyer and we invite families to view this information and to seek clarification at any time. We value your input and any suggestions can be made in person to staff or through the parent suggestion box located in the front foyer. (NQA 4,5,6&7)

## FAMILY WELCOME

### YOU ARE INVITED

**15th February 4:00pm**

On Friday 15th February we will be hosting a family afternoon tea for all our families. This is an opportunity to meet with room staff and to get to now other families at the centre.

The children will be creating small gifts to share with their families on this occasions and we look forward to meeting with all our families . (NQA 1,5,6&7)



## QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our centre will be involved in the Assessment and Rating Process in February and March 2013.

The National Quality Framework came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. The new National Quality Standards brings seven Key Quality Areas that are important to outcomes for children. These are:

**QA1 Educational program and practice**

**QA2 Children's health and safety**

**QA3 Physical environment**

**QA4 Staffing arrangements**

**QA5 Relationships with children**

**QA6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities**

**QA7 Leadership and service management**

Our Quality Improvement plan is located in the foyer for all families and we thank families who have made contributions to this plan through our Parent Forums in 2012

The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) is the national curriculum from birth to 5 years. These outcomes are reflective in our programs, portfolios and centre policies.

These are displayed in each child's portfolio for parents. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

## FAMILY PHOTO REQUIRED.



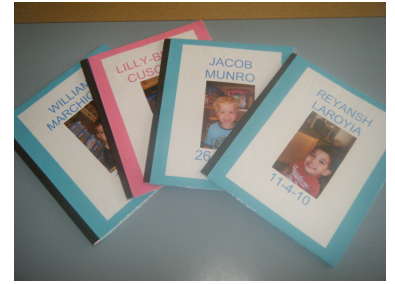
During the **MONTH of January** each room will be getting to know your child and your family.

Please support us by providing us with a family photo and speaking with staff so that we can get to know the needs of your child and family.

## PORTFOLIOS

Each child has an individual portfolio that captures developmental skills, observations and a variety of

craft and activities that are completed by your child during their time with us.



We ask all parents to complete a brief question sheet for their child so that this can form part of their portfolio. Parents are welcome to view their child's portfolio at any time. (NQS 1, 5, 6, &7)

## INCURSIONS FOR 2013

Throughout 2013 we will be inviting a variety of different organisations to present shows and activities to the children. We wish to notify parents that these will be at an additional cost to families of \$8.00.

## THE MUSIC MAN

### 21st January

On Monday 21st January we will be celebrating music from Australia and around the world. This presentation will be at 9.30 am for the children. If you have any musical instruments at home from a particular culture please feel free to share these experiences with us. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

## THANKYOU

We thank Bruce MacDonald who has Olivia in the Busy Bees room for the IBM Donation to our centre. Bruce was very generous in supporting our centre with an application for funds through Modern Teaching Aides. We will be using this donation to purchase resources for the children in the coming weeks. We extend our appreciation to Bruce for his kind consideration of our centre.

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

### ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

#### BUSY BEES:

1. Getting to know you
2. Getting to know you
3. Australia
4. Occupations



We would like to welcome everyone back to the Busy Bee room for 2013. We are looking forward to a fun filled year, with lots of learning and exploration. We kindly ask that all children bring a hat to school every day as well as a change of clothes, even if your child is fully toilet trained. Please ensure that all children's items are labelled with their name.

We have noticed that a lot of children have started wearing thongs to school and we take this opportunity to remind parents that no thongs of any kind are to be worn to school, as per our policy. To ensure a program based on the children's interests we ask that parents return parent input forms as often as possible. We look forward to getting to know you all.

#### SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

Our new school readiness program is currently up and running. Each week we will have certain areas that we will be focusing on and would very much appreciate it if you could take the time to make a note of what the focus is for the week and to really work on these skills at home to begin the preparation for the transition to school. Our new school readiness program supports the early years learning framework and various theorists of early childhood development. We are already seeing some great progress in the children that we had last year and are looking forward to seeing this continue. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to talk to us.

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

#### PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Getting to know you
2. Getting to know you
3. Families
4. Colours

We welcome everyone back to the Playful Possums room and are happy to see many new faces. We ask parents to continue with supporting our room by labeling all items that your child brings to school including lunches, water and milk bottles as well as bags and sheets. Reminder that all milk bottles are to be placed in the kitchen bottle fridge and must be labeled as well as have a sealed lid. Please remember to bring a broad brimmed hat for school which can be left at the center in our hat pockets to ensure every day your child is protected from the sun. All lunches are encouraged to be non heated and preferably sandwiches. On Monday 21st January we are having our music man. If your child has a favourite instrument, please bring it in. We look forward to another wonderful year in the Playful Possums.

Miss Nikki and Miss Anita

#### BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Getting to know you.
2. Getting to know you.
3. Australia – Celebrating the country in which we live.
4. Colours.

We have been busy welcoming our children and families for 2013. The children are developing positive bonds with both their peers and caregivers. This can take some time and may be difficult for you as parents too. Please feel free to talk to us if you have any concerns or questions as we would be happy to try and assist in any way we can. We would appreciate it if families could label All items. We look forward to our exciting year ahead. (NQA 1,2,3,5,6&7)

### WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO BRING EACH DAY

#### Baby Bunyip's 0-2 yrs

- Bottles labelled, caps included
- Food Requirements
- Dummies labelled
- Special toy
- 5-7 Nappies - Daily



- Baby wipes
- Sheet sets if sleeping on Beds ( Please speak with staff)
- Sun hat

ALL ITEMS ARE TO BE LABELLED

## Playful Possums & Busy Bees

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

## SHEETS MUST NOT REMAIN AT THE CENTRE



We ask that all families take sheets home with them and return them on a daily basis. All sheets must be stored in your child's bag or a pillow case for hygiene purposes.

## 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.

## NO HAT NO PLAY

### CLOTHING

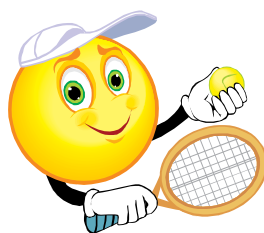
Children are required to wear Sun Safe clothing at Preschool this means:

T shirts - NO SHOE STRING STRAPS

Covered in shoes – NO THONGS

SUN HATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY

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



**HYGIENE**  
**Mimimising**  
**the Spread of**  
**Infectious Diseases.**



We remind families that to minimise the spread of disease this in the centre that families are encouraged 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.

## ILLNESS POLICY

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.

## FEE INFORMATION ALL LATE FEES INCUR a \$20 late fee per week.

Parents are reminded that they are required to pay their weekly Fee on the first day of attendance each week.

We would ask all families to be respectful of this request. .(NQS 6&7)

## DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gift over the Christmas period please consider the centre.

## FINAL THOUGHT

As we begin 2013 may we work together to achieve our goals and dreams. Take time each day to share time with those we love .

Children love sharing their day with you. Together may we share a positive journey for 2013.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF