

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA 25th October



On Friday 25th we invited all our Grandparents to join us for an afternoon tea to acknowledge the wonderful love they share.

Grandparents play a very important role in a child's life and it is lovely to see the relationship that is shared between children and their Grandparents. Miss Nikki shared a beautiful story about a Grandpa and his Granddaughter who went fishing together, sharing a special bond of love and affection for each other. Families were invited to view their child's portfolio and see the progress their children are making.



The children were thrilled to present their grandparents with a potpourri sachet and a beautiful bookmark as a remembrance for how very special they are.

## RSPCA

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November the children enjoyed a visit from the RSPCA to discuss dog safety. Many children view animals as



affectionate and approachable.

Unfortunately this is not the case, with many young children being victims of severe

injuries sustained by animals. The children were engaged with safe approaches to dogs through the use of Sam, who was a very obedient plush dog. The children practiced being very still as the dog came near them. They looked at different pictures of dogs and learnt to identify if they were happy, angry or scared and discussed when it is ok to

approach a dog. All children took home a dog safety information pamphlet and the centre has retained information from the RSPCA on caring for many different animals.

NQS 1,2,5,6,7



## HALLOWEEN DISCO

What a night!. The children enjoyed a wonderful night of treats, games and dance. It



was wonderful to see that many of our parents supported the night in a variety of costumes. The

children enjoyed witches races, spider drinking, slime eating and donut hanging competitions.

The highlight was certainly the Piñatas with the children collecting treats to share. Thank you to all our wonderful families who joined us on the night. Each year just gets better and better.



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## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

### ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

#### BUSY BEES:

1. **My Five Senses**
2. **Recycling**
3. **Holidays**
4. **Animals**



#### SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

Throughout November the Busy Bees will be looking at sight words such as *he, into, like, must, new, no, now* and *on*. They will also be practicing identifying and writing numbers 1-20 as well as beginning to look at numbers 20-30. The Bees will be focusing very closely on various ready for school skills such as working independently through worksheets, using their lunch boxes and ball games to develop hand eye coordination and fundamental movement skills.

Miss Amie & Miss Justine

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

#### PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. **Self identities**
2. **Recycling**
3. **Seasons**
4. **Colours**

During the month of November, Possums will be strongly focusing on their self help skills through learning to choose between each meal time and choose appropriate food. We will look at putting on our own shoes and packing our sheets away. Please remember all children need both a fitted sheet and top sheet for sleep. We will focus on recycling, looking at meal times and sorting between our plastic and paper as well at looking at food scraps to use into our worm farm. Parents are encouraged to recycle with children at home. As we head into the end of the year, we remind families to bring items for our Christmas hamper and for children to always have a drink bottle, sheets and spare change of clothes as well as a hat.

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

Miss Nikki and Miss Christine

#### BABY BUNYIPS:

1. **Pets.**
2. **Recycling.**
3. **Colours.**
4. **Sensory week.**

During the month of November the Bunyip's will be focusing on pets, as this is something we feel can assist in linking the children's home life to Jumpstart. We encourage the children to bring in photos and or stories based on their family pet or a pet your child is interested in. We will also be engaging in sensory experiences during the last week of November. We would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions we could use. We know children generally love to get messy and such experiences also have a great calming effect on children and adults alike.

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

### REPORTS TO FAMILIES 9th

#### December



Staff are presently preparing reports for children across all rooms. Room reports are a summary of skills that children have attained during their time at JumpStart 4 Kids .All skills are intended to be built upon as children move through each learning phase. Families will be presented with their child's report and yearly portfolio the week Commencing 9th December. We ask parents to take time to read their child' report and portfolio and invite all families to speak with room staff at any time in relation to their child's progress.

### CHRISTMAS AROUND THE

### WORLD SHOW Thursday 14th 10 am



**On Thursday 14th November the children will explore the meaning of Christmas**

**around the world. In Australia we are blessed with a variety of cultures and the celebration of Christmas is held at different times of the year and in many different ways. This experience will allow children to explore not only the meaning of Christmas but also share in the experience of Christmas from a diversity of cultural backgrounds.**

**We ask all families to make this payment by Monday 11th November. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)**

## REMEMBERANCE DAY

Each Year at JumpStart the children pause and pay respects by participating in a minutes silence and listening to the LAST POST. We encourage all our families to discuss the significance of this day with all our children.



*Lest We Forget*

## CHANGES TO FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Many families experiences changes to their family through separation and divorce. This is a difficult time for parents and children. As a centre the responsibility of fees remains with the enrolling parent. The centre supports families in generating separate accounts for parents who require individual accounts. This is instigated by parents NOT the centre. We remind all families that all fees are payable at the commencement of each week . Late fees are applied to families who do not (NQA ,5,6&7)

## CHRISTMAS BASKETS

### DONATIONS by 22nd November



Each year JumpStart 4 Kids supports St Vincent's DePaul in donating food items for Christmas hampers for the Lalor Park Branch. We remind children and families that Christmas for many families in our local area is a difficult time and that by donating a small food item we can create a special Christmas for families and share the true essence of Christmas . Each room is asked to bring in the following items and place in the baskets located in each room .

**Bunyips:** Soft Drinks, Fruit cakes, Custard, Christmas and savoury biscuits.

**Possums:** Chips , Lollies, Candy Canes, Chocolates,

**Bees:** Chocolates, Soft Drinks, Popcorn, Christmas Stockings.

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

## DONATIONS BY ALL FAMILIES BY 22nd November

Each year we have a Christmas raffle and ask parents to donate a small toy for this raffle. We would be appreciative if families could make their donation to this raffle by the 22nd November. The Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Concert on Monday 2nd December.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Monday 2nd 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 \$ 40**

**Additional Adult Ticket \$11**

**Additional Children Tickets \$11** Tickets on sale

Monday 4th November. All Tickets will need to be purchased by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

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

## JUMPSTART 4 KIDS GRADUATION

**Tuesday 10th December 6:45pm  
7:00pm START.**



All children attending kindergarten in 2014 will be formally farewelled on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

## IMPORTANT ALL CHILDREN AT THE CENTRE BY 6:45 pm

We ask that all children are at the centre by 6:45pm so that they can be assisted with their gowns in preparation for a 7:00pm start.

We are unable to wait for late families , so we ask that parents attend the centre promptly so that staff can be assisted in preparing children for their graduation night.

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..



## FINAL PARENT FORUM Minutes

**We invite all families to join us for our final Parent Forum for 2013.**

**Friday 29th November    Session 1 4:15- 4:45  
   Session 2 5:00 -5:30**

**We take this opportunity to thank all our families who have attended throughout 2013 and supported us with their suggestions, support and generosity.**

## NOMINATION OF DAYS FOR 2014

The Nomination for days in 2014 has now been completed and can be viewed in the front foyer. We remind families that the Government guidelines for care prioritise the following order.

- 1. Working Parents**
- 2. Parents undertaking further study**
- 3. Non working parents**

Non working parents may be asked to change days in accordance with these guidelines. These requests are often made to accommodate parents who are enrolled in further study.

## **CHRISTMAS                SHUT DOWN 2013**

We ask all families to collect children **by 2.30pm on Tuesday 24th December. The Centre will reopen on Monday 13th January at 7:00am.**

Fees are not payable during this period.



## ALL FEES FOR 2014 Payable By 13th December.

**All Fees will need to be paid in Full by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** to accommodate processing of payments prior to the end of the year. Final Statement will be processed with accounts due for the week commencing **9th December** we ask all families to collect their receipt in the front foyer during this week so that all accounts can be finalised **(NQS 4,6,&7)**

## 2014 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Each year we update our centre plan in 2014 our Focus will be in the following areas.

- Literacy across all ages
- Environmental -Solar
- Fundamental Movement experiences outdoor program
- (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

## **DONATIONS**

We thank all our families who have recently donated books to the centre. These are a fantastic resource that is shared with children and staff.

## FINAL THOUGHT

**Each child is like a butterfly**

**in the wind**

**Some can fly higher than**

**others,**

**But each ones flies**

**the best it can.**

**Why compare one against**

**the other?**

**Each one is different**

**Each one is special**

**Each one is beautiful**



We know that all our families will celebrate the uniqueness of their child upon receiving the final reports and portfolios for the year. As we embrace to farewell our Bust Bees may they shine and continue to share their unique and very special gifts.

**WELCOME START 4 KIDS STAFF**