

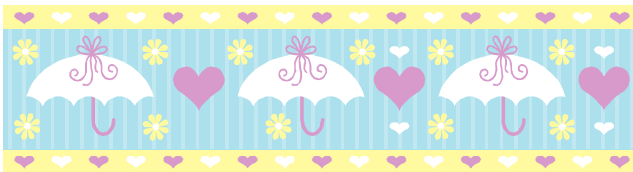
# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## CENTRE NEWS.



Miss Amie and Brendan will be expecting their first child in late March 2014. We are all equally thrilled with this wonderful news and wish Miss Amie and her family the very best in the coming months. We look forward to Miss Amie's return at the conclusion of her maternity leave in July 2014.



## STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Recently Miss Kelly attended an In-service for Roads and Traffic on developing and exploring children's Literacy. Road safety for children is extremely important and we encourage all families to ensure that children hold an adults hand when crossing the road and that they are actively taught to look both ways, twice before crossing any road.

## FAMILY LUNCH ETTAMOGAH Sunday 22nd September 12-2pm



**Cnr. Merriville & Windsor Rds  
Kellyville Ridge, NSW, 2155**

## PORTFOLIO WEEK

### 23rd - 27th September

During this week we invite all families to take time with their child to view their portfolios. We ask that all families complete the goal setting sheet with staff and take a few moments to view the accomplishments and range of learning experiences that your child has engaged in with us at JumpStart 4 Kids. **NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6,7**

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

### BUSY BEES:

1. **Occupations**
2. **Food from around the world**
3. **Grandparents/families**
4. **Halloween**



During the month of October the Busy Bees will enjoy looking at foods from around the world; we will enjoy cooking foods from different cultures so if there is a food you like to cook at home with your child and you would like us to try this as an experience please share this with the Busy Bee staff.

## SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

We have noticed over the past weeks that some of the children in the busy bee room are struggling with the simple concepts of naming colours, letters, numbers, shapes and counting 1-15. These are simple but important concepts that are important for your children's learning-encouragement at home and constant support is needed.

The beginning of October sees the start of our term 4 school readiness program; here we will begin to look at simple addition and subtraction

activities. We will also be focusing on ready for school skills through sharing games, turn taking games, drawing recognisable pictures and drawing recognisable shapes.

Miss Amie & Miss Amanda

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

## PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Exercise
2. Healthy Eating
3. Gardening
4. Zoo week

During the month of October, Possums will be strongly focusing on healthy eating and looking at what is good for our body. Parents are asked to assist with this by providing healthy options in your child's lunchbox by eliminating fruit juices, chocolate and potato chips. With this, we will also look at our fundamental movements skills and ask parents to work on children's throwing and catching skills this month. As the year had progressed children have become more confident in tracing basic lines. For those older Possums who will be transitioning into the Busy Bee room next year, we are looking at starting to trace names. We ask that parents assist with this at home.

Miss Nikki and Miss Christine

## BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Our five senses
2. Language week
3. Our grandparents and families
4. Halloween

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

During the month of October, Educators in the Bunyips room will be focusing on the area of language development. We are asking that families work alongside us to assist children's speech development in particular. Through reading lots of stories, using picture cards, felt board stories and pictures, labelling objects and people, encouraging children to verbalise their needs and wants and engaging in one to one conversation with each child, we aim to increase children's vocabulary and support their overall language development. If your child has a

favourite story book, then bring it in so your child can share it with his or her class.

Miss Nirmika and Miss Kelly.

## Hatch and Grow

For two weeks we got to experience looking after baby chickens. All of the children watched as the chickens were in the incubator waiting to be hatched. The children got to experience watching the chickens hatch out of their eggs and enter the world. Once they had hatched the children were able to hold and touch the chickens, learning about them and their environment. It was very hard and sad to say goodbye to our baby chickens after the two weeks, we hope to see them again one day.



## OCTOBER NEWS



## STEPS SCREENING

Thursday 10th October

STEPS is a state-wide eyesight preschooler program that is provided by the NSW Health department, offering all 4 year old children a free vision screening assessment. The assessments will begin at 9.30 am. All families eligible for this screening will be provided with an information pack. This will need to be returned to the centre prior to the screening. No child will be screened without this permission being returned.

If families have any questions in relation to this screening please do not hesitate to ask Maree, John or a staff member.

## GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA 25th October. 4.00pm

Grandparents are certainly very special people in the lives of children. To celebrate these very special people we would like to invite our Grandparents to a very special afternoon tea. We hope that you can join us at 4.00pm on Friday 25th October.

## HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 1st November 6.45pm-8.00



On Friday 1st November we will be hosting a Disco with a Halloween theme. Children can dress up in costume or simply come along for a fun time.

Tickets are \$5.00... Families are invited to bring a plate to share on the night. Funds raised will go to each room leader to purchase resources for individual rooms. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible on the night. (NQA 5, 6, &7)

## PARENT FORUM.

We remind all families that our next Parent forum is on Monday 2nd September.

Session 1 4:15- 4:45

Session 2 5:00 - 5:30

## NOMINATION OF DAYS FOR 2014

We will be placing a grid in the foyer for parents to nominate days for 2014. We remind all families that they must complete this grid as confirmation of your continuing enrolment for 2014. Please complete the grid for nominated days located in the foyer by Friday 1st November.

## CHRISTMAS SHUT DOWN 2013

We remind all families that the centre will close on Tuesday 24th December. We ask families to collect children by 2.30pm and will reopen on Monday 13th January.

Fees are not payable during this period. All Fees

will need to be paid in Full by Friday to 13<sup>th</sup> December to accommodate processing of payments to Family assistance prior to the end of the year. (NQS 4,6,&7)



## DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of donations for our Raffles.

We Sincerely thanks the following families who recently donated to our Fathers Day raffle.

Ms Rowley - Esky / glasses coaster

Mr Kim Martin gym memberships

Mrs Bernadette Smith - Share gift

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We are always appreciative of donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted



gift over the Christmas period please consider the centre.



## PORTFOLIO VIEWING



## FINAL THOUGHT

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## SPINACH ROLLS

