

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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STAFF CHANGES

At the end of March we formally farewelled Miss Kelly as she embarks on a new journey. We thank Kelly for her contributions over the last 6 years and wish her the very best. Miss Kelly warmly extends her thanks to all families for their best wishes.

Miss Lauren will be joining our staff on Monday 7th April as room leader in the Possums room. Miss Lauren has had over 9 years experience with this age group as a room leader. During this transitional time Miss Nikki expressed a passion to be involved in the Bunyips room allowing Miss Nikki the opportunity to share her skills and talents with our wonderful Bunyips in partnership with Miss Chantelle. (NQA 4)

EASTER RAFFLE



We thank all our families who recently donated Easter Eggs for our Easter Raffle. All funds raised will be used to purchase additional material for our Literacy programs across all rooms. We thank all our families in advance for their support

EASTER HAT PARADE 14th-17th

We encourage all children to take part in our Easter Hat parade. Children will take part in this all week. We hope that all families can support children in making some fantastic hats. (NQA 5,&6)

CENTRE CLOSURE FRIDAY 18th & Monday 21st April .

UNDER THE SEA SHOW

THURSDAY 27th MARCH 10:00am



On Thursday 27th March Vanessa came to the centre to speak to all the children about the wonderful variety of sea creatures that can be found, in the water, sand and on the rocks at our beaches. This is a fantastic show as children are free to explore, touch and ask questions about our beautiful sea animals. The children loved touching and feeling the creatures, learning about where they live, what they eat and how they eat.



THE BUSY BEES HAVE SOME VERY SPECIAL PETS



LEAFY



STICKY

Vanessa was kind enough to bring the Busy Bees a very special gift. Vanessa left the Busy Bees with a leaf and a stick insect. Both insects require a daily diet of water and eucalyptus leaves. If families have a Eucalyptus tree at home and would like to bring in a small amount of leaves on occasions we would be grateful . We invite parents to take a look at our new guests as they grow , shed their skins and grow magnificent wings . We know that all our Busy Bees will take very special care of our new friends. (NQA 3 & 6)

POLICE VISIT

On Wednesday 23rd April at 10 am Constable Nathan MacDonald from Blacktown Area Command will attend the centre to speak with the children about the role the Police play in our community and how children can be assisted by Police if they are lost.

(NQA 6&7)



CULTURAL FOCUS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL AFGHANISTAN

Each Month we celebrate a different culture. We invite families to share with us any music, photos, stories or customs so that we can extend children's interests and celebrate the wonderful variety of cultures at our centre.

(NQA 1, 6&7)



WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

- 1) Health week
- 2) Easter
- 3) Celebration
- 4) Zoo week



Throughout the month of April all children will be focusing on Easter, how we celebrate Easter and who we celebrate with. Please bring a picture in showing your Easter celebrations.

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

ARE YOU READING TO YOUR CHILD EACH NIGHT?



PRELIT PROGRAM

The Busy Bees are continuing our PreLit program, which focuses on

building young children's awareness of Literacy and passion for reading. Parents are asked to support this program by reading with their child each night for at least 15 minutes. Children who are exposed to literature on a daily basis are shown to be more confident in

their engagement of academic skills. If parents have any enquiries please don't hesitate to ask Miss Justine or Mr. Simon.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

During the month of March the Busy Bees have demonstrated good knowledge of their letter sounds and are developing good number skills.

During the Month of April the Bees will be continuing on developing their knowledge of letters by focusing on the letters F, D, R and the sounds these letters make. The Bees will further extend on their numeracy skills by learning about the numbers 6, 7 and 8 as well as focusing on the shapes (octagon, hexagon and pentagon). Developing skills for school is also very important and this month the Bees will be learning about the colours, purple, brown and pink. (NQA 1,6&7)

HOME WORK for our BEES

BUILDING A CONNECTION WITH

PARENTS (NQA 1,6&7)

Homework for the Busy Bee's is now available in the Busy Bee room. We strongly encourage parents to collect homework for their child as the homework links in with the school readiness program and allows you to continue building your child's literacy and numeracy skill at home as well as further develop your child's ready to school skills. If you have any questions about the homework please feel free to speak to Mr Simon or Miss Justine.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL NIGHT

On the 2nd of April Jumpstart for Kids hosted a transition to school night. On this night the Principal (Elizabeth Devlin) from St. Bernadette's Primary School provided parents with information about enrolling children into school as well providing parents with important information on how to help children be ready for school. Mr Simon spoke with parents about the Busy Bee's School readiness program and Pre-Lit Program, outlining the progress that the Bee's have made with their literacy and numeracy skills. We would like to thank Mrs

Elizabeth Devlin for attending JumpStart 4 Kids for our **Transition to School** night and know that all attending parents found the evening beneficial and highly informative. (NQA 2,6&7)

BUSY BEES PARENT TEACHER

INTERVIEWS starting 10th April

The Busy Bees will conduct 10 minute interviews with families commencing on Thursday 10th April . Parents are asked to nominate a time to discuss your child's progress. No report will be provided to families without a parent interview. We ask all parents to nominate an interview time on the grid located on the Busy Bee door.

(NQA 1,6&7)

COMPANION BEARS

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Gavan
Mary- Jane

Miss Justine & Mr Simon

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

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PLAYFUL POSSUMS

- 1) Book Week
- 2) Health Week
- 3) Easter
- 4) Environment
- 5) Circus Week



During the month of April children will continue to focus on physical movement and healthy eating. We will look at how making the right choices with what we eat will allow us to become more physically active.

Possums have been enjoying routine stretching, learning how their bodies move. We encourage children to be physically active at home by

allowing outdoor play. Throughout April, children will be busy in celebrations leading up to Easter through craft, discussions and group experiences. We have been looking at our families and as a group are being introduced to discussions to develop receptive and expressive language skills. Through weekly group discussions about what we do with our families, allow children to gain confidence speaking, learn to listen to others and gain an insight to what they are learning that can be brought into the program.

As part of April linking to our healthy eating, we ask families to remember to bring healthy food options for their children.

Miss Nikki and Miss Amie and Miss Trish (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

BABY BUNYIPS:

- 1) Health week
- 2) Circus week
- 3) Easter
- 4) Colour- Blue
- 5) Pets
- 6)



Throughout the month of April, the Baby Bunyips will be focusing on Easter and the celebration. We would love family involvement throughout pet week and it would be appreciated if you could bring a photo of your child's pet.

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

HARMONY DAY



For Harmony Day each room participated in completing different tasks. The Baby Bunyips



painted people using orange paint while Miss Chantelle spoke to them about the message of Harmony Day.

The Playful Possums made a visual wall display to show their painted hands. The Busy Bees discussed that Harmony Day was about getting on together and being accepting of all people. They then completed a hand craft activity and watched a video about the meaning of Harmony day.

PRESCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th
9:30 am



Preschool photos will be conducted at the centre on Monday 28th and Wednesday 30th April. All parents will have received an envelope from room staff. Sibling photos can be taken for an additional cost of \$18.00.

We remind families that correct money must be placed in the returned envelopes as the money is provided to the photographer and not the centre.

(NQA 6&7)

ILLNESS POLICY

We remind all families that children who are unwell are not to attend the centre until they are well. We ask families to be respectful of staff, children and other families. On entering the centre please sanitise your hands or wash them in the kitchen prior to collecting your child. This will support the centre with minimising the spread of disease.

Parents who are notified of a child's illness must collect their child as soon as possible. Children are excluded from the centre on the following day. (NQA ,5,6&7)

DONATIONS

BUSY BEES

The Busy Bees will be conducting several experiments throughout the month of April. To support these experiments we would be grateful if parents could donate the following recyclable materials.

- ✚ 1.25L soft drink bottles with lids
 - ✚ 1. L plastic bottles with lids
 - ✚ Ice-cream containers
 - ✚ Margarine containers
 - ✚ Bottle tops
- (NQA 1,5,6&7)

Mothers Day Raffle.

We would be appreciative of Donations for our Mothers Day Raffle. If families have received any unwanted gifts please consider the centre.

(NQA 6&7)

FINAL THOUGHT

May parents enjoy the Easter break and take some quality time to be with each other. We hope that the recent reports provided to families are supportive and informative for families as each child reaches their individual potential.

HAPPY EASTER

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF