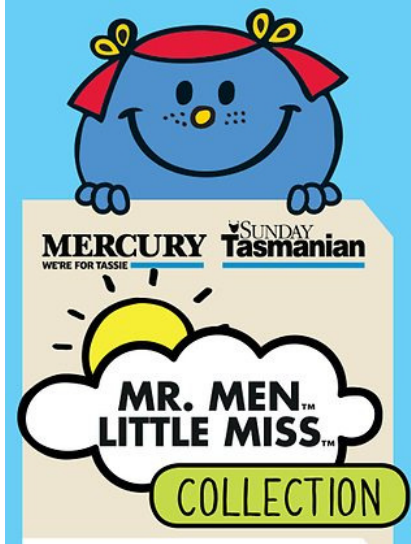


Jumpstart 4 Kids

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LITERACY AT JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STARTS 9th FEBRUARY

The Good Word on Reading



The *Mr. Men* and *Little Miss* mini books will be available beginning February 9.

BUSY parents wish they had more time to read with their kids but are struggling to find the spare minutes and energy each day to give them the crucial one-on-one attention. Sheila Degotardi, from Macquarie University's Institute of Early Childhood, said parents sharing a book with their children was "exceptionally valuable" for their future reading and writing skills

Buyers of the paper on February 9 will receive the first book, *Mr. Tickle*, and a complimentary slipcase free. Books 2-14 in the series will be available each day until the February 22 for \$1 with the purchase of the *Daily Telegraph* and the *Sunday Telegraph*.

We encourage all families to purchase these books and if parents are fortunate enough to have additional copies we would warmly welcome these at the centre to support literacy and reading for children. (NQA 1, 5, 6, &7)

WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

4:00 4:30pm

YOU ARE INVITED



We would like to invite all our families to our Welcome Afternoon Tea on Friday 28th February at 4.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to take a look at their child's portfolio and discuss with room educators the development that their child has made since the commencement of 2014.

Building a collaborative partnership with our families enables educators and the centre to create the best learning environment for each child. This is a lovely afternoon for children to create some delicious treats to share with family. We look forward to seeing all our families at our

Welcome afternoon Tea.

VALENTINES DAY 14th February



On Friday 14th February, the children will focus on people who they love and people who love and care for them. Children will learn how important it is to care for others and will make some wonderful treats for their families. We hope that all our families take a few minutes to tell each other how very special and loved they are. (NQA , 5, 6, &7)

CHINESE NEW YEAR



February is the start of the Chinese New Year. Each Month at JumpStart 4 Kids we will be incorporating a different culture into our programs. This may be a story, song, cooking experience, craft, art or guest speaker. Our community is diverse and rich with a wealth of cultures and customs. We invite all families to share their culture and



customs with us throughout 2014.

During the Month of February, China will be our focus country. If families would like to contribute to our countries of interest please speak to educators as they are more than happy to work with families in creating rich learning experiences for all our children.

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

- 1) Music
- 2) China
- 3) Looking after our Environment -
Worms Sustainability
- 4) Our world



During the month of February the Busy Bees will be focusing on the country China this will help all children to appreciate different

countries in the world and how they differ to Australia. Each month the Busy Bees will be focusing on a different country. If you have any suggestions please feel free to approach Mr Simon and Miss Justine.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

The Busy Bees this month will be continuing on their Literacy and Mathematic learning by participating in a variety of experiences. For Literacy the children will be learning about the letter M, S and T and the sounds these letters make. For Mathematics the children will be learning about the numbers 2, 3 and 4 and the shapes, circle, Triangle and Rectangle.

As well as developing Literacy and Mathematical skills the Bees' will also be learning about colours, focusing on the colours, Blue, Green and Yellow.



COMPANION BEARS

In the month of February the following children will be looking after either Wayne or Eddie:

WAYNE

EDDIE



Danielle
Beau
Hunter
Alyssa

Miss Justine & Mr Simon
(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

Charlie
Keira
Farhan
Zain

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

Week 1: Shapes

Week 2: Colours

Week 3: Farm Animals

Week 4: Transport

Throughout January the Playful Possums have settled well into their room and have enjoyed welcoming many new friends. We just remind all parents that each child in the Possums room needs to bring a hat, set of sheets, drink bottle and at least one spare change of clothes and all must be clearly labelled with their name. Please remember that toys from home are not to be brought into the room as they can become lost, children fight over these toys and they can be inappropriate for younger ages who also use the room.

Miss Nikki and Miss Amie

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

BABY BUNYIPS:

- 1) Beach Week/ Chinese New Year.
- 2) Transport
- 3) Farm Animals
- 4) Red Week – Please wear the colour **RED**

The Baby Bunyips have been settling into Jumpstart. We have many new young children so we are happily meeting them and their families and getting used to their routines. We recently enjoyed the music show “A Swag Full of Instruments”. Most of the Bunyip’s watched closely and listened to the many musical sounds produced by instruments all over the world.



We are presenting group experiences when we can to encourage social interactions and a sense of security for each and every child. We would appreciate a family photo from each of our families for our family display to continue building a supportive link between home and the centre.

Miss Kelly & Miss Chantelle.

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

SOCCER SESSION

On Tuesday the 28th of January the Busy Bees and Playful Possums enjoyed participating in a coaching session from SoccaJoey's. Coach Jo took the children out in groups of 10 and they enjoyed learning some simple soccer skills which were lots of fun. The children learnt how to do the aeroplane stop, kick with the inside of their foot and kick into a soccer goal. We will continue to practice these skills during our fundamental movement sessions outdoors. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)



MUSIC SHOW

On Wednesday 29th of January Jump Start for Kids were entertained by the Music Man. The children explored a variety of different instruments from around the world. Everyone loved learning about different musical instruments and all the different sounds they make. We will continue to learn about music and different musical instruments during our indoor activities. We invite families who have a special Musical instruments from their culture, to share this with the children at any time .



SUSTAINABILITY - WORM FARM BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL THURSDAY 20th February



On Thursday 20th February at 10:30 am Zac from Blacktown city council will be conducting a session with the children on

sustainability. The children will learn what it means to be sustainable and how we at JumpStart 4 Kids can create a better environment by recycling and reusing our waste. At Jumpstart 4 Kids we actively encourage children to sort their food scraps so that we can use feed our friendly worms in our worm farm.



The worm wee is collected and used as a fertiliser at the centre. This is an active way for the children to care for their environment on a daily basis . We encourage all families to

recycle at home and perhaps establish their own worm garden at home . (NQA 12,3,4,5, 6, &7)

DONATIONS THANKYOU

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

- ✚ Gifts for our Mothers Day raffle
- ✚ Books
- ✚ Paper cylinders
- ✚ Old cake tins
- ✚ Ice-cream containers
- ✚ Margarine containers
- ✚ Bottle tops
- ✚ String

THANK YOU

We thank Mrs and Mrs Zammit - Beau - Bees Bikes

*Mrs Rae- Hannah- Bunyips -Mothers Day Gifts
Mrs Smith - Charlie- Bees - Construction Hats*

MARCH PREVIEW

*4th - Pancake Tuesday
6th World Book day
12th World Maths day
21st Harmony Day
27th Under the Sea Show \$8.00 per child.*

FINAL THOUGHT

"What it's like to be a parent: It's one of the hardest things you'll ever do but in exchange it teaches you the meaning of unconditional love."

February is certainly the month of love and care. As parents we are examples and role models to our children. Let us remember each day how important it is to say and show that we love and care for each other

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF