

Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 1, 2014 JANUARY

WELCOME TO 2014

Welcome to all our new families for 2014 and those who have recommenced with us after the Christmas break. We hope that all our families had an enjoyable and relaxing time with family and that 2104 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.



FAMILY FOCUS

Make you 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.

STAFF for 2014

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

Directors

Mr John and Miss Maree

Nominated Supervisor : Miss Kelly

Educational Leader: Miss Maree

Bunyips Room Leader : Miss Kelly

Bunyips Room Staff :Miss Chantelle

Playful Possums Room Leader : Miss Nikki

Playful Possums Room Staff : Miss Amie

Busy Bees Room Leader: Miss Justine

Busy Bees Early Childhood Teacher: Mr

Simon & Miss Maree

Trainee Miss Teagan

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

INCURSIONS FOR 2014

MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD

WEDNESDAY 29th January 10 am

COST \$8.00 per child



Throughout 2014 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.

Our First Show will be on Wednesday 29th at 10:00am. The cost of this will be \$8.00. Parents are asked to make this payment by Tuesday 28th January. (NQA 1,3, 5, 6, &7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

- 1) Making friends
- 2) Australia Day
- 3) Music around the World



Throughout January the Busy

Bees are focusing on resettling back into Jumpstart, making new friends and continuing their existing friendships. We will also be focusing on Australia, as Australia Day draws closer. The Busy Bees will be discussing how they are planning to celebrate this significant holiday and what it means to them.

We are looking forward to our Music Show on Wednesday 29th January and investigating the variety of different musical instruments found around the world. If families would like to share songs or musical instruments from their cultures we would be really appreciative. The children will focus on making their own musical instruments during this week and creating a variety of different tunes.

Please remember to bring in your family photos for our family tree. Which will be displayed in the Busy Bee room.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

The School Readiness Program this year has a strong focus on English and Mathematics, providing children with learning experiences to assist them in developing English and Mathematic skills which will allow them to be ready and confident for the primary school classroom.

In the month January the Busy Bees will be focusing on the letters A, M, S, with a focus on letter recognition and the sounds the letters make. For mathematics The Busy Bees will be focusing on the numbers as well as learning about shapes. In the month of January the Bees will also be focusing on colours (red, blue, green).

COMPANION BEARS

Wayne Winch and Eddie Engineer are our two very special companion bears which the Busy Bees take in turns to take home and care for, giving the Bears new and exciting activities.

Each Bear has its own very special book which allows children to place photos and captions to describe what your child experiences with our companion Bear. Children are responsible for the companion **Bear for ONE week ONLY.** It is very important that you only keep the bear for one week to allow other children to have their turn.

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

WAYNE

EDDIE



Charlie
Beau
Hunter
Alyssa



Danielle
Kiera
Farhan
Zain

Each day the Busy Bees will talk about what they think their Bears are doing and where they are. This is a good opportunity for all children to show respect and develop turn taking skills whilst nurturing the Bear.

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

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Friendships
2. Australia Day
3. Music around the World

We welcome everyone back to the Playful Possums room and are happy to see many new children and meet our new families. For the month of January we are focusing on becoming familiar with the routine of the room and learning about our peers and our teachers. Children will look at the theme of Australia and learn about Australian celebrations and musical instruments. We remind all families that children must clearly label their hat, sheets, spare clothes, drink bottle and food containers.

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

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Getting to know the environment
2. Australia Day
3. Music

We welcome back everyone to the Baby Bunyips room. Throughout the month of January we are focusing on settling in and getting familiar with the new room routine, as well as meeting new peers. The children will also be looking at the theme of Australia Day and about different Australian celebrations along with music and sounds. Just a reminder that all children are to bring hats, spare clothes, nappies, wipes and ensure they are clearly labelled.

Miss Kelly & Miss Chantelle.
(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&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.

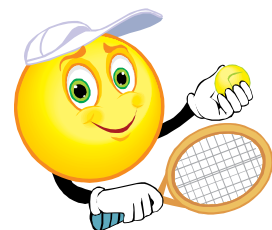
NO HAT NO PLAY CLOTHING

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**

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





HYGIENE

Mimimising the Spread of Infectious Diseases.

We remind families that to miminise the spread of disease this in the centre that famiies 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. (NQA 1,2, 6, &7)

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 cente policies that exist for the welfare of children , families and staff who care for children each day.

IMMUNISATION

CHANGES TO THE NSW PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 2010

ALL PARENTS MUST PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR CHILD'S IMMUNISATION HISTORY STATEMENT. Parents must provide additional statements when children receive additional immunisation. The centre will keep a register of immunisation for all children to support the effective control of preventable childhood diseases. .

BLUE BOOKS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS PROOF OF CHILDRENS CURRENT IMMUNISATION (NQA 1,2, 6, &7)

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.

Payment statements are placed in the foyer pigeon holes at the conclusion of each month. we ask that families check these statements are notify John or Maree of any discrepancies arise.

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.

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

FINAL THOUGHT

During the Month of January children will be learning about friendship and developing an understanding about what it means to be a friend.

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen, nor touched....but are felt in the heart.” - Helen Keller

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF