

Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 7, 2014 JULY

WELCOME BACK

Miss Amie will return to the Playful Possums room on Monday 11th August. We look forward to her return from maternity leave.



CHILDRENS SAFETY

At JumpStart 4 Kids many children bring in items to share for news. The Busy Bees room have a designated basket for children to place news items into on arrival to the centre. This ensures safety for all children and correct handling of treasured items. We ask ALL parents to ensure that TOYS are NOT brought to the centre. Many toys from home have small items that can be a choking hazard. This is a very real danger and we ask all parents to be mindful of the safety of all children if they are personally asked to take items with them instead of having these remain with their child. Money, small toys found in children's bags will be removed and parents will be approached and have the centre guidelines explained to ensure that safety of all children. Staff will be checking all children's bags during the month of July and removing any hazardous items. (NQA 2,5,6&7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES



At JumpStart 4 Kids educators plan weekly experiences for children that captivate their attention, interests

and enthusiasm. Families are invited to share stimulus ideas with staff so that together we can continue to build partnerships with families, cultures and our extended communities. We ask all families to discuss ideas with staff and at any time.

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Healthy Eating
2. Space
3. Science Week
4. Time



SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

During the month of June the Busy Bees have demonstrated very good English and Mathematic skills, especially on the topic of patterns.

This month the Bees will be learning about the letters h, c and b and the sounds these letters make.

The Bees will continue to learn about patterns this month, demonstrating their knowledge of how to develop patterns. The Bees will learn about the numbers 13, 14, and 15 as well as focusing on the days of the week and months of the year. Parental support at home to reinforce these concepts is highly valued.

Pre-Lit

The Bees are progressing really well in our Pre-Lit program, demonstrating and developing a broad range of literacy skills. The Bees are enjoying being introduced to a new book each week, which is building their passion for reading.

It is important that children are always introduced to literature and we ask that parents read with their child each night for 15 minutes to support our Pre-Lit program. Children are exposed to at least three reading sessions per day and it is through this exposure that children will develop comprehension, reading and writing skills.

COMPANION BEARS FOR JULY

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS.

Please return Companion Bears after 1 week. Families who do not return bears promptly may cause distress to other children who are eager to engage with this experience. We ask that all families are considerate with this request.

WAYNE



**Kiera
Charlie
Farhan
Zain**

EDDIE



**Danielle
Beau
Hunter
Alyssa**

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 share experiences.

Miss Justine & Mr Simon

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

PLAYFUL POSSUMS



- 1. My Body**
- 2. Road safety**
- 3. Science**
- 4. Community**

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

During the month of June the Possums have been learning about how doctors and nurses take care of us in hospital. Hospitals can be a frightening place for young children, but by engaging children in play based learning experiences they can explore hospitals as places of care and support.



PLAYFUL POSSUMS

The Possums have learnt about their own bodies, identifying the names of their bones and parts of their body. We have also looked at sustainability by teaching the children about the different types of food materials that are suitable for our compost bin and what materials we can recycle.

BABY BUNYIPS:

- 1. .Body**
- 2. .Pets**
- 3. Science**
- 4. Sports**



During the month of July the centre will be hosting an interactive science show, allowing children to explore, investigate and experiment with a number of household products.

Children will focus on their body and become familiar with how it works, what foods are good for us through visuals and hands on experiences. In relation to our body, children will continue to develop a broad range of fundamental movement activities.

CREATING OUR VERY OWN PET BOOK.

PLEASE BRING IN A PHOTO.



During the week of July 7, the Bunyips will begin the theme of pets. We ask if you have any photos of your pets at home to bring them in so that we can create a visual pet storybook for the Bunyips. It would be great to have a visual stimulus that showed relevant pictures to our wonderful Bunyips.

A gentle reminder that older children in the Bunyips room this month will be transitioned into sleeping on beds and using chairs during meal times. This is to assist them in becoming more familiar when they eventually transition to the Possums room.



OUR CREATIVE CHEFS



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

Camp Quality



informed the children about cancer.

On Thursday 19th June all of the children attended the Camp Quality Puppet show. The children met Kylie and Dean, the two puppets who

The show was very informative and reinforced the positive power of friendship. Cancer is often associated with adults and it is important that children understand that illness can affect all age groups.

Funds from our recent cupcake sale will go towards supporting young children with cancer and their families.



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

FEE INCREASES 1st JULY 2014

A reminder to all families that Fees have increased by \$3 a day in line with staff wages.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The hourly rate has increased by 11 cents . Parents on 100%CCB will have an actual increase of \$1.21.

Fee receipts will be distributed at the week commencing the 7th July to allow parents to view their new schedule of payments. These fees have been kept to a minimal to support all families. We have not raised fees for over 12 months at the centre.

Room Rates from 1st July

Fees Bunyips room	\$85.00 per day
Playful Possums room	\$80.00 per day
Busy Bees room	\$75.00 per day

SCIENCE SHOW Tuesday 22nd July \$8.00 per child.



On Tuesday 22nd July the centre will host a Science show. This show explores discovery through experiments and investigations.

Children will be conducting experiments throughout the month of July and we would be appreciative if parents could share any safe experiments that we can add to our daily programs. Experiments allow children to make predictions and use different tools to investigate and solve problems and challenges.

We ask that all families make payment of \$8 by Friday 18th July.
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HAPPY 7th BIRTHDAY JUMPSTART 4 KIDS 8th AUGUST

On Friday 8th August we will celebrate 7 years as a business. We would like to thank all our families for their generous support. We will have a party day with the children to celebrate, with games, activities and of course a slice of cake.



CADBURY FUNDRAISER

14th July

The Cadbury fundraising chocolates are our most significant source of funds for children's resources at the centre and we ask all families to take a box to sell and return to the centre. Families are asked to return collected funds by Wednesday 30th July. This is an active way for each family to support the centre.



Presently we are investigating the costs associated with an interactive white board to support the educational learning outcomes of all children.



**FAMILY PORTRAITS
FRIDAY 15th August
\$20.00**

Advance Life Photography will be attending the centre on Friday 15th August to complete portraits for families. These portraits are an inexpensive way to capture growing families. Families are invited to place their names on the list in the foyer. Payment must be made prior to selecting an appointment time. Times commence at 3.30pm and will continue through to 8.00pm in the evening. We encourage all families to take part in this fundraiser.

STAFF SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH CANCER & Still Birth Australia



Each year the staff at JumpStart 4 Kids cook a variety of morning tea treats for parents to purchase in order to raise funds for children with cancer and Still Birth Australia. Many families, children and staff have had personal experiences of loved ones who have suffered with cancer or the loss of a child. We would like to thank everyone who purchased our cup cakes. We have raised \$1000, which will be donated to Westmead Children's Hospital, Still Birth Australia, Camp Quality and Care Flight Australia.

ASTHMA

Attacks in young children

Seeing your child having difficulty breathing is a very frightening experience. Asthma tends to cause symptoms at night and early morning, and it can be exhausting and distressing for both parents and infants to cope with.

Signs that your child's asthma is getting worse include:

- Cough, wheeze, and/or shortness of breath, especially at night or early morning
- Needing extra doses of reliever medication
- Having symptoms while they are playing

What should I do when they are sick?

The most important things to do are:

- Be informed – understand what the medication does and when and how to give it to your child
- See your doctor regularly. Most asthma can be managed by your GP, but sometimes referral to a paediatric respiratory specialist is needed
- Have a written [Asthma Action Plan](#).

ASTHMA PLANS AT JUMPSTART

At Jumpstart 4 Kids all staff are trained in Asthma management and each room has an Asthma kit in the event that a child has an Asthma attack. Our centre policy states that asthma plans are to be provided to the centre every 3 months. With the onset of winter we ask all families to provide an updated copy of their child asthma plan so that we can support all children's health needs.

Don't be afraid to ask for help. Call 1800 645 130 to talk to the Asthma Foundation about your child's asthma, talk to your doctor or an asthma nurse.

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DONATIONS

- **Books, Magazines**
- **Raffle prize gifts**
- **Paper, craft items, cardboard rolls**
- **Shells, Sandstone, Rocks, Drift wood pieces.**

FINAL THOUGHT

Its not often that we know the impact of our actions. Sometimes it can be the simplest of actions that means the very most.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF