

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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WELCOME TO 2014

Welcome to Miss Kelsey who has joined us as a trainee for 2014. Kelsey is looking forward to meeting our families and caring for the children at JumpStart 4 Kids.

LEADERSHIP ROLE:

Miss Justine has been appointed Nominated Supervisor for the centre. Miss Justine is responsible for supervising the day to day running of the centre in respect to children's needs, routines, policy implementations and parental concerns. Miss Justine's professional approach and understanding of child care regulations will assist her in fulfilling this role as she supports children, families and staff. We thank her for undertaking this leadership role in 2014. (NQA 4,6&7)

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS



Congratulations to the following winners of our Easter raffle .

Bunyips:

Possums:

Bees:

We hope that all our families had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter with friends and family.

MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA

FRIDAY 9th May

We invite all our families to celebrate our Special Mums on Friday 9th May at 4.00pm. We hope to see all our mums at this Special afternoon tea. The children will be creating special gifts to share with their families as we celebrate the care, love and time that mums give each and every day. (NQA 4,5,6&7)

POLICE VISIT Tuesday 13th May

10:00 AM

On Wednesday 23rd April Constable Nathan MacDonald attended JumpStart 4 Kids and spoke with the children about the role of a Policeman and how they can assist children if they need help. Constable MacDonald took the children into the front car park and allowed them to explore the Police car and use the Police siren. Charlie from the Busy Bees room was given a special hand shake from Constable MacDonald to celebrate her 5th Birthday.

The children gave Constable MacDonald a huge clap of thanks. Constable MacDonald will visit the centre again on Tuesday 13th May to speak with all the children . We hope all our children can tell Constable MacDonald all the wonderful things that the Police do for us in our community on his next visit.

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



FARM ANIMALS 21st MAY 9:30 am
THE FARM COMES TO
JUMPSTART 4 KIDS



On Wednesday 21st May the children will engage in a hands on experience with farm animals . The animals will arrive at 9:30 am. The front car park will be used to host this event, so the car park will be closed after this time. Parents are asked to have children at the centre prior to this time to assist with the organisation of this activity. The cost of this activity is \$8.00 per child . Parents are asked to make this payment by Friday 16th May. All children who are enrolled on this day will be charged this fee regardless of absenteeism on the day as extracurricular activities a charged based on 40 children in attendance.

This activity allows children to see animals up close, by feeding, patting and caring for them.

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

WEATHER ACTIVITIES



The Busy Bees have been investigating weather and checking the daily temperature by viewing the outdoor thermometer and collecting rain samples from our rain gauge located in our vegetable garden. The Busy Bees will be creating their own special micro environments to grow our special plant seedlings through the use of donated plastic bottles. The children have explored the water cycle, seeing how water is evaporated by the sun's rays as moisture into the clouds. Collected moisture through condensation quickly turns into rain droplets. The Busy Bees now know

that a very fancy name for rain is precipitation . The Busy Bees are continuing to be excellent weather watchers take some time to view their experiments around the room. (NQA 1,2,3,5,6&7)

National Simultaneous Story Time
21st May at 11:00am AEST



National Simultaneous Story time is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 14th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades F to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework.

This year NSS takes place on Wednesday 21 May at 11am (AEST) and at JumpStart 4 Kids we will be joining in by sharing *Too Many Elephants in This House* written by Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrated by Andrew Joyner.

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

BUSY BEES

1. **Mother's Day**
2. **Emergency Helpers**
3. **Farm Animals**
4. **Friendship week**

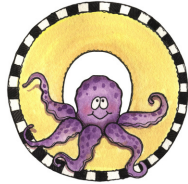


Throughout the month of May the Busy Bees will be focusing on our Emergency helpers- Police, Firefighter, Ambulance looking at the roles they play and how they help us. We will also be looking at different friendships focusing on Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Day looking at what both of these days are.

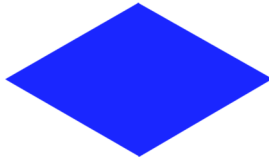
SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

The Busy Bees have been progressing well in school readiness during the month of April. The Bees are demonstrating good letter recognition skills and are developing good number skills, showing developing knowledge with addition.

During the Month of May, the Bees will be continuing on developing their knowledge of letters by focusing on the letters O and G, as well as the sounds these letters make.



The Bees will continue to develop their numeracy skills by learning about the numbers 9 and 10 and will also learn about the shape **Rhombus (Diamond)**.



For school readiness this month, the Bees will also be introduced to patterns and will be involved in a variety of experiences to learn about what a pattern is, identifying patterns and creating patterns.

Skills for school is also very important and this month the Bees will be developing their colour recognition skills by learning about the colours, grey and black.

Supplementary Home Support



Supplementary Home support Worksheets are available for the Busy Bees. These worksheets directly relate to our School Readiness program. Children experience great gains in confidence and skills through repetition in a supportive and nurturing environment. We strongly encourage parents to collect a supplementary home booklet for their child to continue building school readiness skills at home. (NQA 1,2,3,5,6&7)

COMPANION BEARS

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 **MAY** the following children will be looking after either Wayne or Eddie:

WAYNE

EDDIE



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 Miss Justine & Mr Simon

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

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| - Brodie | - Kgaon |
| - Ezequiel | - Remedy |
| - Noah | - Ngathjwok |

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Family week

2. Autumn

3. Farm week

4. Friend ship week



During the month of May, the Playful Possums will be focusing on the way autumn changes the colour of our leaves and how they fall on the ground. We will also be celebrating Mother's day during Family week which we encourage all parents to please bring in their family pictures for us to hang in the room and prompt language interaction with your children. We are also focusing on interactions in friendship week, during this week we will be focusing on being good friends to one another, the children will be encourage to stop and listen, share and be kind to one another. **(NQA 1,2,3,5,6&7)**

LANGUAGE SCREENERS

During the Month of May the Playful Possums will be completing language screeners to identify children's receptive and expressive language needs. receptive language refers to a child's ability to understand instructions and comprehend what is being spoken about. Expressive language refers to a child's ability to communicate their needs, wants and feelings. Both these language skills are important as children build their use of words. We encourage all parents to read with their children each night so that they are listening and hearing a wide variety of words and having one-on-one opportunities to use their communication skills.

MID YEAR REPORTS:

These will be completed for the Playful Possum by the end of May. Parents will be invited to a Parent teacher interview to discuss their child's achievements and strengths during the first week of June.

Miss Lauren and Miss Patricia
(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Celebration – Mother Day
2. Insects Week
3. Farm Animals
4. Families

During the month of May, children will focus on celebrations that we focus on during the year with Mother's Day being our focus. We encourage all families to join us at the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. We are going to explore animals both insects and farm and recognise the two differing between them. We will link animals to texture and senses with also having a farm visit us. Bunyips have been focusing on singing and stories that allow group social interactions. Parents are welcome to bring their child's favourite story to share with the class.

Miss Nikki & Miss Chantelle.

A Healthy Slice

Many parents will be surprised by this fantastic slice. Noah from the Busy Bees has a very clever mum who has been baking some fantastic treats for the children over the last few months. The chocolate cake brownies were a great hit. Rebecca made a wonderful Easter cake for the children, St Patricks Day biscuits and wonderful slices with a variety of vegetables. We thank Rebecca for sharing this recipe with us and for making these special treats for the staff and children at JumpStart 4 Kids.



Chocolate Cake Brownies

Recipe Ingredients

2 cups wholemeal Self Raising Flour
1 teaspoon bicarb soda
1 cup of grape seed oil or Rice Bran Oil
1 mashed avocado
2 mashed bananas
2 cups of cooked puréed vegies (u can use 4 pkts of Raffetys garden if u don't have any on hand) in my purée is spinach, broccoli, peas, zucchini
4 small beetroots finely grated (do not use canned)
Woolies sell fresh cooked packs in produce section which are delicious.
1/4 cup of pure coco or cacao powder
1 egg (use egg substitute if u have egg allergies)
1/2 cup of chopped dates (helps sweeten as well as good iron source)
If your children have really sweet teeth you can add 2 tablespoons of honey or maple syrup or agave syrup or 1/2 cup of stevia to the mix. Put in a well greased rectangle tin and bake on 160C for 45mins to an hour (skewer test) Allow to completely cool.

Frosting

Small can of coconut cream. Only use cream part. Do not shake the can. Mix coconut cream, coco powder, a little bit of corn flour, icing sugar or stevia though the coconut cream until a smooth icing is formed. Enjoy (NQA 1,2,3,5,6&7)

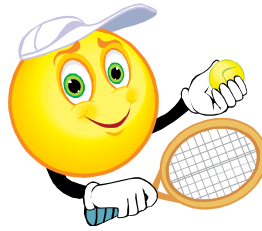
NO HAT NO PLAY CLOTHING

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 Minimising the Spread of Infectious Diseases.

We remind families that to
miminish the spread of disease this in the
centre that families 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
centre policies that exist for the welfare of
children, families and staff who care for
children each day.

IMMUNISATION

**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. (NQA 1, 2, 6 & 7)

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 fees are payable on
the first day of attendance each week.
Payment statements are placed in the foyer at
the end of each month. Please check these
statements and notify John or Maree of any
discrepancies.. (NQS 6 & 7)

DONATIONS

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

FINAL THOUGHT

I believe in..

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

because..

I'VE BEEN LOVING

MY MOTHER SINCE

I OPENED MY EYES..

To all our Special Mums

Happy Mother's Day

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF