

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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RSPCA



On Wednesday 22nd October The RSPCA visited Jumpstart 4 kids for a presentation outlining dog safety. All the children learnt valuable information about how to take care of dogs and most importantly how to be

safe around dogs. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and loved meeting the RSPCA dog. Children show emotions and build nurturing qualities through the care of animals These qualities allow children to develop their interactions with peers and develop skills as they grow. We encourage families to talk to their children about the responsibilities associated with pets as they develop skills of responsibility, ownership and compassion.

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



GRANDPARENT AFTERNOON TEA



On Friday the 24th October JumpStart4 Kids held our annual Grandparents afternoon tea. The Busy Bees and Possums looked forward to the

afternoon tea all week as they rehearsed a surprise performance for their very special grandparents. The Bees and Possums sang two songs to their grandparents and the songs were a success.

We would like to thank all our grandparents and parents who attended our afternoon tea, as we acknowledged



the very Special place that Grandparents hold in the lives of our children, families and community. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)



HALLOWEEN

Thank you to all the families who attended our Halloween disco. A big thank you to those parents who helped assisted staff on the night with activities and



cleaning at the end of the night.

A very Special Thank you to Mr Paul Munro (Jacob's dad) who lead the children throughout the night with his creative dance moves and spontaneous encouragement. Paul has attended all our centre Discos and has always provided support to staff and children. We also thank Reggie (Azaleigh's Grandmother) for assisting with the table activities on the night.





observe this significant day and discuss this with their children.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES.

Significance of poppies

Red poppies are often worn on Remembrance Day. The tradition has its origins in a poem written in 1915 by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, a doctor in the Royal Canadian Medical Corps. Lieutenant Colonel McCrae noticed that, despite the devastation caused by the war to towns, farms and forests, thousands of small red poppies began growing everywhere in Spring. This inspired his poem, *In Flanders Fields*:



Significance of rosemary

Traditionally, sprigs of rosemary are worn on Anzac Day and sometimes on Remembrance Day. Rosemary is a herb which is usually added to cooking. However, since ancient times, the herb has been believed to have properties to improve the memory. Perhaps for this reason, rosemary became an emblem of remembrance in ancient folklore. Rosemary is now worn as a symbol of remembrance and has particular significance for Australians as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula.

Turkey:

This month we will be focusing on Turkey. Across the centre all rooms will be learning and discussing Turkey to build on the children's knowledge about this country. Learning experiences will give children a better understanding of Turkey in regards to their traditions, culture and way of life in comparison to Australia.



ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

REMEMBRANCE

DAY:

November 11

The poppy is a popular Remembrance Day symbol. Many Australians stop what they are doing at exactly 11am in their local times on **November 11** each year to dedicate a minute of silence for those who died in war, especially soldiers from as far back as World War I.



Children will observe a minutes silence and will listen to the Ode and discuss the significance of the poppies and rosemary. We ask families to

MINISTER FOR HEALTH & SPORT

THE HON PETER DUTTON MP

WATER SAFETY

Now is the time to speak with your children about water safety. During the Month of November each room will focus on water safety with the children.



We have parent copies of the CD "Living with Water" and encourage families to borrow this resource to watch with the children in your home environment to

reinforce the dangers and

safety precautions that need to be taken to maintain the safety of young children. Staff will be using the newly released educational resources which feature songs, videos and books to assist with teaching water safety in the early childhood setting and improve water safety at the beach, in homes on farms and around pools.

WATER SAFETY SHOW:



**Wednesday 19th
November.**

As a follow up to this very important message we will be

hosting a Water safety to reinforce this message with all children across the centre. Non attending children who would like to attend with a parents are welcome on the day. (NQA 1,2,3,5,6&7)

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD SHOW: COST \$8.00

Thursday 27th November



Christmas is celebrated globally with different countries celebrating with a variety of traditions. This show

explores a variety of cultures and connects with a range of cultures within our JumpStart community. All children will be involved in this hands on experience through dress up, dance and song as we draw closer to our Christmas celebrations with family and friends.

We ask that payment be made by Friday 21st November (NQA 1,2,4,5,6 &7)

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES

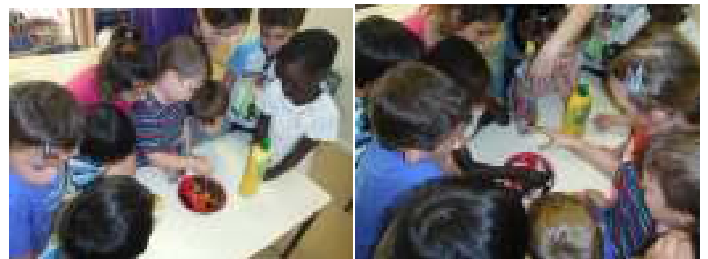
- 1) Gardening
- 2) Feelings
- 3) Insects
- 4) Healthy Eating



BUSY BEES

During the month of October the Bee's enjoyed learning about the Circus and demonstrated good knowledge about what happens at a circus. During October the Bees began a Space project and started learning about Space. The Bees have had a lot of Fun completing space art and learning about the different planets.

They also completed experiments with Miss Laura, using their investigating skills. During the month of November the Bees will develop their knowledge of Gardening by being involved in gardening experiences, learning how to plant and take care of plants. The Bees will also be learning about insects, expanding on their knowledge of different types of insects. If you have any questions or ideas for each week's focus, please feel free to talk to Miss Justine or Mr Simon.



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

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

During the month of November the Bees have been doing well during School Readiness and have demonstrated good knowledge in regards to transport. All the Bees were able to identify different types of transport and state if they were land, air or sea transport.

During the month of November the Busy Bee's will be continuing to develop their letter knowledge by focusing on the letters Z and W and sounds these letters make. The Bees will also be developing their numeracy skills by focusing on the numbers 4,5,6,7,8,and 9. This month the Bee's will be continuing to develop their counting skills by focusing subtraction.

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

Supplementary Home Support

Homework booklets are available for the Busy Bee's and we encourage parents to collect homework for their child as the homework links directly with the Busy Bees School Readiness Program. Homework is part of primary school and supplementary homework helps towards building children's confidence as they successfully transition to school. (NQA 1,2,5,6&7)

NOVEMBER COMPANION BEARS

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS.

WAYNE

EDDIE



Mitchell
Ashton

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



Bridie
Jasmin

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Sport
2. Being Kind to Others
3. Water Safety and Play
4. Holidays



Throughout the month of November the Playful Possums will be learning about different sports such as soccer, t-ball, basketball, football and athletics. The children will focus on developing gross motor skills through kicking, passing, catching, shooting, throwing and hitting with a bat. Water safety especially at the beach and around pools will be promoted through the Water Safety Show.

The children will be participating in various types of water play as well so it is very important to remember to bring their hats and lots of changes of clothes. If there is anything that you would like to bring in that would tie in with the themes for each week that would be fantastic.

Miss Amie and Miss Trish

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

BABY BUNYIPS:



1. Animals
2. Feelings
3. Colours
4. Plants

During the month of November in the bunyips, we will be encouraging the older children in the room to begin taking off their shoes, packing the plates and spoons away and building upon their self help skills. This is in preparation for when they move up to the Possums room. We are also encouraging children to have sandwiches for lunch. This is a healthy option and will fill up your child's tummy. Families are reminded that our lunchboxes are now being put into the bottle fridge. Reminding also that if your child has a bottle or heated food that you fill in the preparation sheets prior to dropping your child off. During the second week of November we would like children to use their feelings and start to look at more emotions. This always allows children to communicate their needs and express how they are feeling to educators.

FOOD

SENSORY

Baby Bunyips Experience

Bunyips are beginning to stimulate our minds through allowing it to see objects for extended



purposes. Children quite often become unsure of new textures, with educators promoting the ability to move past comfort zones. One activity we focused on was using sugar, cocunut and sprinkles to create a collage during craft. Children saw this as another craft resource, although once shown to look past the experience, they saw the use of food and was able to recognise the resource as a familiar object to them.

Miss Nikki and Miss Chantelle

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

ROOM REPORTS

As the year draws to a close all parents are reminded that they will need to schedule appointments with their child's teacher to discuss their progress over the year. Sheets outlining interview times will be placed on room doors for parents during mid to late November.

24th November - Non Graduating Busy Bees

1st December - Possums

8th December - Bunyips

Graduating Bees will be able to speak with staff on the Graduation night. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Monday 1st December -
Blacktown Sportsman Club on
Reservoir Road at 6.30pm – 8.00pm .Family Tickets:
(2 adults, 2 Children) include a BBQ dinner and a present from Santa for children attending the centre. All children receive a lolly bag from Santa.

Family Ticket \$ 40

Additional Adult Ticket \$11

Additional Children Tickets \$11 Tickets on sale

Monday 4th November. All Tickets will need to be purchased by Monday 24th November.

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JUMPSTART 4 KIDS GRADUATION

**Tuesday 9th December 6:45pm
for a 7:00pm sharp START.**



All children attending kindergarten in 2014 will be formally farewelled on Tuesday 9th December at 7.00pm.

IMPORTANT ALL CHILDREN AT THE CENTRE BY 6:45 pm

We ask that all children are at the centre by **6:45pm so that they** can be assisted with their gowns in preparation for a 7:00pm start.

We are unable to wait for late families , so we ask that parents attend the centre promptly so that

staff can be assisted in preparing children for their graduation night.

PARENT FORUM: 17th November

This will be our last Parent Forum for 2014. We ask that all our parents make an effort to raise areas of strengths and challenges so that we can continue to improve the centre for all children in our care. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

CHRISTMAS SHUT DOWN 2014

We remind all families that the centre will close on Wednesday 24th December. We ask families to collect children between prior to 3.00pm The centre will reopen on Monday 12th January.



ALL FEES FOR 2014 Payable By 16th December.

All Fees will need to be paid in Full by Friday 16th December to accommodate processing of payments prior to the end of the year. Final Statements will be processed with accounts due for the week commencing **8th December** we ask all families to collect their receipt in the front foyer during this week so that all accounts can be finalised (NQS 4,6,&7)

DONATIONS

- St Vincent De Paul Hampers.
- Gift for the Christmas Raffle . One per family.
- Empty Formula Tins
- Children's sized odd socks
- Non Permanent white board markers.

FINAL THOUGHT

Take some time to share the true spirit of Christmas with friends, family and those most dear to us.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF