

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the month of August Miss Nikki attended a personal development in service on Sustainable Environments within a centre. Educators are being encouraged to embed sustainable practices in the children's daily routine through using recyclable materials where possible and teaching them about recycling within their lives. The course also gave insight how to encourage families to create a sustainable environment in the home by providing access to information about environmental protection and using parent forums to discuss centre activities that promote sustainability. It is important to create an environment to children that is constantly using sustainable approaches to build a basis upon the way they grow up.

At JumpStart 4 kids we appreciate the donations of shoe boxes, egg carton, plastic bottles, yoghurt containers, ice-cream containers and small fabric softener bottles. These items are used for children to refine fine motor skills through sorting activities, number matching and a variety of craft activities. All rooms are active in promoting sustainability by placing food scraps in our worm farm, fertilising our garden plants with worm wee, sorting recyclable paper and using recyclable materials for craft.

ROADS AND TRAFFIC INSERVICE



On Monday 1st September JumpStart for Kids hosted a Roads and Traffic inservice using music to teach young children about road

safety. Mr John, Miss Maree. Miss Courtney

and Miss Kelsey attended this evening. In the lead up to our Bus Safety incursion the children at JumpStart 4 Kids have been eagerly learning songs and playing games with music to reinforce safety and travelling skills to ensure their safety when travelling in the community.(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

GRANDPARENT AFTERNOON TEA 24th October 4:00pm

Grandparents are very special in the lives of children. They have the years of experience that now allows them to share their patience and wisdom. They provide love, support, and guidance to our children and most of all the best cuddles. To show our appreciation of all our wonderful Grandparents we would like to invite you to share a special afternoon tea with us. The children will be baking for the afternoon tea and become quite excited when they can share their creations with you. So put this special date in your diary. We look forward to celebrating with all our wonderful grandparents.

HALLOWEEN DISCO 31st October 6:30pm



Our Halloween Disco will be hosted at Jumpstart 4 Kids. Tickets for children are \$5.00. Parents are asked to bring a small plate to share. This is a great night for families to mingle and for children to enjoy a themed disco and to share in Trick or Treat in a safe and fun environment.

We would be appreciative if we could have 3 around 4 parent volunteers to assist on the night for about 15 minutes at activity tables. If you can assist please see Miss Maree or Mr John. your support would be greatly appreciated.

Parents are encourage to dress up in the spirit of the night. All Welcome. (NQA 1,4,5,6,7)



BUS SAFETY PROGRAM 11th Sept

On Thursday 11th September the children were introduced to Road Safety through the WestBus Safety program. David shared specific bus safety rules with the children in respect to keeping safe near and on buses. This included how to board a bus and the importance of sitting on the seats and not juming in seats or putting your hands out the bus windows. Each of the children learnt the signal used to inform the driver that their bus stop was approaching. Westbus provided each child with a bag of stickers and road safety information for parents. This was a fantastic opportunity for children as they transtion to school and use public transport within their local communities. **(NQA 1,2,5,6 &7)**

AFRICAN DRUMMING SHOW **Tuesday 16th September 10:00am**

On Tuesday 16th September the children enaged in an African drumming. This hands on show captured children's attention as they discovered different cultures through music and movement experiences. Each child had the opportunity to play an instrument while all of the children danced along to the music that was being played. This was a fantastic experience with all the JumpStart children participating, watching and listening to an array of African drumming tunes.



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

Spain:

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



ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

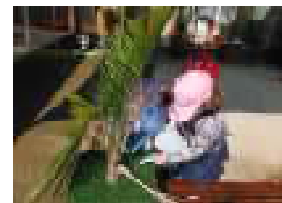
BUSY BEES

- 1) School
- 2) Circus
- 3) Holidays
- 4) Halloween



Throughout the month of October the Busy Bees will be exploring the circus. On Monday 29th- Friday 3rd October please come with **CRAZY HAIR**. We would appreciate photos of any holidays you have been on for our week learning about holidays. We will be revisiting any exciting holidays looking at different destinations.

In the month of September the children loved focusing on the environment, feeding the worms and watering the plants on a weekly basis.



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

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

During the month of September the Bees have been doing very well in school readiness experiences. The Bees have demonstrated a good understanding of Transport and have been able to identify transport that belongs in the air, land and sea. During the

month of October the Busy Bee's will be continuing to develop their letter knowledge by focusing on the letters V, P and J and the sounds these letters make. The Bees will also be developing their numeracy skill by focusing on the numbers 19 and 20. This month the Bee's will also be developing their counting skills by focusing on addition and 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 in learning as well as further develops school readiness skills as well as assists towards a successful transition to school. (NQA 1,2,5,6&7)

Pre-Lit

The Busy Bees are doing really well in our Pre-Lit program, demonstrating a broad range of literacy skills they have gained from the variety of experiences from the program. The Pre-Lit program allows the Bees to be introduced to a new book each week, which builds on their interest in books and love for reading.

It is important that literature is always part of a child's environment and we encourage that parents read with their child each night for 15minutes to support our Pre-Lit program and continue to develop comprehension, reading and writing skills.

BOOK CHAT:

This is a Strategy where you discuss with your child features of books. Prior to reading ask your child to locate the Title. Who is



the Author / Illustrator? Pronounce their names with your child. Discuss how an author writes the book, while the illustrator draws the wonderful pictures that are found on the pages on the book. Share thoughts about what the story may be about by looking at the front and back

covers. Be imaginative with your ideas. Allow your child to hold the book and support them in turning the pages so that they can count the page numbers and become aware of how books are read, But most importantly enjoy your special time together. (NQA 1,2,5,6&7)

COMPANION BEARS FOR AUGUST REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS.

WAYNE

EDDIE



Lilly-belle
Ashton

Miss Justine & Mr Simon

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



Bridie
Mitchell

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Occupations
2. Pets
3. Families
4. Halloween



Throughout the month of October the Possums will learn all about different occupations; they will then explore these through exciting dramatic play experiences. During Pet week we would be appreciative if your child could bring in a photo of their pet to share with the class. We will have the RSPCA show during this week and will continue to learn about caring for our pets and what the best way to do this is. Focusing on Families is a great opportunity for your child to bring in a photo of their family to share with their peers. We will look at all the different people that are a part of our families and why they are so special to us. This then brings us to our Halloween theme to finish off the month, the children will enjoy dressing up and getting into the spirit as we finish the month of October with our Halloween Disco. Miss Amie and Miss Trish

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

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Jungle
2. Food
3. Instruments
4. Halloween



During the month of October the Bunyips will explore jungles as a theme, by creating an atmosphere that makes the room feel like we are in the jungle linking this to the environment. We will investigate a variety of animals that live in the jungle and how jungles are different to other environments. Throughout October we will explore foods, tasting various textures through experiences within the room. If any families have favourite recipes that do not contain nuts we would be appreciative.. We will continue our interest of music from September focusing on sound, learning different tones and how to play a variety of musical instruments. We are reminding families that Halloween is at the end of October. We encourage families to look at costumes that their child may wish to wear during the week of Halloween. We would like to ask parents of older children to pack sandwiches for lunch meals, as heated foods can at times require children to wait for meals. This will assist children who are in the transitional stages of moving into the Possums room and support self help skills in food consumption.

Miss Nikki and Miss Chantelle

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

BUNYIPS HAVE PARACHUTE FUN

Together in our morning fundamental movement, the Bunyips focused upon upper arm strength to lift the parachute up and



down. We were looking at positioning and colours that are on the parachute. The children loved the experience

being able run under and look up at the rainbow.

It is exciting to begin a game of hide and seek with the



parachute and learn to find our peers. This allowed a group experience and for children



to gain colour recognition and learn to recognise up and down.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION



This month Miss Justine conducted our monthly evacuation procedure. All the rooms responded very well to the evacuation procedure, ensuring all children and staff exited the centre quickly and safely. Practising the evacuation is very important as it allows the children and staff to be ready for an emergency situation. We encourage all parents to discuss safety with their children as well as the importance of being safe. Practicing



safety evacuation procedures at home in case of a fire or other emergency need will support children and families

maintaining safety.

Immunisation:

If your child is due to be immunised please ensure that you maintain their immunisation schedule requirements. Each time your child is immunised, an updated immunisation Registry form is required by the centre. This is a Federal Government requirement that was introduced in January 2014 for all Child care centres. We appreciate your assistance in compliance with their regulatory requirement.



Medication:

If your child becomes unwell and staff from JumpStart 4 Kids contact you asking to administer medication, parents are required to come and pick up their child within 30 minutes or as soon as possible to avoid infection to other children and families. If you are not able to arrive within 30 min we will then contact the next person of contact. As our policy states, if your child is sent home unwell, your child must not return to the centre for 24 hours.



- If teething is the cause of your child being unwell/sent home, then you will need a clearance from your doctor stating it is teething to allow your child to return to the centre within the 24 hours. This ensures the safety of children, families and staff at the centre.

VISION SCREENING 9:30 am Thursday 23rd October



For Children who are 4 Yrs of age the centre will have Free eye testing on Thursday 23rd October. This is conducted through NSW Health by trained nurses who will attend the centre at 9:30 am. Parent must

complete a parental permission for children's screening to be completed. If children have vision deficits they will receive feedback on the day with a follow up session through NSW health. This is a vital screener for children before they begin school. If parents from The Busy Bees room have not received their Parental permission form yet, please speak to Miss Justine, Mr Simon or Miss Maree prior to this date to collect relevant information.

Parents please return completed forms to room staff by MONDAY 20th October. (NQA 1,2,4,4,,5 6 & 7)

PARENT FORUM

Wednesday 17th September

We thank all our families who attended our parent Forum. The Minutes to the parent Forum are located in the foyer on the newsletter holder. We ask all families to take a copy. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

FEE RECEIPTS OCTOBER:

Receipts for the Month of OCTOBER are now available for all families in the foyer. Any fee discrepancies please speak with Directors. (NQA 5,6&7)

BASKETS DONATIONS by 22nd November

Each year JumpStart 4 Kids supports St Vincent's DePaul in donating food items for Christmas. Baskets will be distributed to rooms at the end of October.



Bunyips: Soft Drinks, Fruit cakes, Custard, Christmas and savoury biscuits.

Possums: Chips, Lollies, Candy Canes, Chocolates.

Bees: Chocolates, Soft Drinks, Popcorn, Christmas Stockings.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
DONATIONS BY ALL FAMILIES BY
22nd November

Each year we have a Christmas raffle and ask parents to donate a small toy or gift for this raffle.

We would be appreciative if families could make their donation to this raffle by the 22nd November.

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

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

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS GRADUATION
Tuesday 9th December 6:45pm 7:00pm
START.

Families will be receiving their invitations to the Busy Bees Graduation during late October. Families are welcome to invite extended families members to this very special evening.



CHRISTMAS SHUT DOWN 2014



We remind all families that the centre will close on Wednesday 24th December. We ask families to collect children by 2.00pm and will reopen on Monday 12th January.

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

I keep my mind
focused on peace,
harmony, health,
love and abundance.
Then, I can't be
distracted by doubt,
anxiety, or fear.

~Edith Armstrong

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF