

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## BOOK WEEK 2014



At JumpStart 4 Kids one of our Quality Improvement goals for 2014 was to implement strategies, resources and teacher instruction to broaden children's awareness of literature through a variety of reading and

vocabulary games to increase children's enjoyment and use of language and literature types.

During Book week we were thrilled to see a large number of children attend the centre dressed in their favourite characters.



This was a fantastic week where children were able to share a variety of books and share stories about their favourite characters. Miss Trish- Goldilocks; Miss Courtney- Little

Red Riding Hood and Miss Kelsey as Super Girl. (NQA 1,2,5,6&7)

## DENTAL HEALTH

Our Dental Health Show has now be changed to September 2nd. This show is an interactive presentation that engages children in healthy eating options to support good oral hygiene. Children learn how to brush their teeth correctly and the importance of brushing their teeth twice a day. Parents are reminded that children's tooth brushes should be replaced every 3-4 months. Parents play an active role in reminding children to brush their teeth and modelling good oral hygiene practices. (NQA 1,2,5,6&7)



## AFRICAN DRUMMING SHOW

Tuesday 16th September 10:00am



All attending children will be required to pay \$8.00. We ask all families to pay by Friday 12th September. Parents who have not paid by this date will have this cost added automatically to their fees.

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

## BUS SAFETY PROGRAM 18th Sept



This program teaches children to board and travel safely on buses. The children will

learn about safety and safely travel habits.

## ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

### BUSY BEES:

1. Africa/ Multicultural
2. Jungle Animals
3. Transport
4. Insects
5. School



During the month of August the Busy Bees had a lot of fun learning about sea creatures and demonstrated a good understanding of the different creatures that live in the ocean. The Busy Bees focused on Sir Lanka, looking at their culture and traditions. The Busy Bees made a

traditional rice meal, in celebration of Sri Lanka.



In September the Busy Bees will be focusing on the country Africa, developing their knowledge of the country and how Africa is

different/similar to Australia. The Bee's will also be learning about different jungle animals, expanding on their knowledge of wild animals. 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 August the Busy Bees have demonstrated a good understanding of season, being able to talk confidently about what happens in each season. During the month of September the Busy Bee's will be continuing to develop their letter knowledge by focusing on



the letters N, K and V and the sounds these letters make. The Bees will also be focusing on the numbers 17, 18, 19.

This month the Bees will also be developing their counting skills which will assist with learning addition. Parents play an active part in children learning. Playing games and activities that focus on Numeracy and Literacy skills is an active way to support children learning both at the centre at within the home environment. **(NQA 1,2,5,6&7)**

### **Supplementary Home Support**

Homework is part of school and to assist with the transition to school, homework booklets are available for the Busy Bee's. We encourage parents to collect homework for their child as the homework links directly with the Busy Bees School Readiness Program. Supplementary homework helps towards building children's confidence in learning as well as further develops school readiness skills.

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

### **Pre-Lit**

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

Reading allows children to view words for a specific meaning. Children learn Sight Words and use these to gain proficiency with reading skills. It is important that literature is always part of a child's environment and we ask that parents read with their child each night for 15 minutes to support our Pre-Lit program and continue to develop comprehension, reading and writing skills.

### **Busy Bee Letter Box**

During the month of August the Busy Bees assisted Mr Simon and Miss Justine in setting up an area where the Bee's can write letters to each other. This new area in the Busy Bee room has been a big hit, all the Bee's love



writing letters to each other and sharing what they have written during their news time. The Busy Bees letter box promotes writing to occur in the room on a daily basis as well as assists in building the Bee's writing skills. Allowing the Bees to share their mail during news also builds their confidence in speaking in front of an audience. **(NQA 1,2,5,6&7)**

### **DO YOU HAVE ANY ODD SOCKS? DONATIONS OF NON PERMANENT WHITE BOARD MARKERS**

Recently we purchased a class set of mini white boards for the children to practice their writing skills. These boards will be used during small group time to allow children to practice their letter formations and awareness of simple Consonant Vowel consonant (CVC) words.



All children in the Busy Bees room will require a sock to place over their hand to use as an eraser. Each child will have their sock and marker clearly label and placed in a zip locked bag. Parents who would like to donate their children's sized ODD SOCKS to the Busy Bees rooms are asked to place these in the Busy Bees Room.

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

## COMPANION BEARS FOR AUGUST REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS.

WAYNE

EDDIE



Miss Justine & Mr Simon

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

Kiera  
Charlie

Zain  
Beau  
Hunter

Please make sure you only have the bear for ONE week. It is unfair to the children who are awaiting for a turn to hold onto the bears for a long period of time.

## PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Dental Health
2. Music
3. Pirates
4. Numbers
5. Space

Throughout the month of September the Playful Possums will be focusing strongly on identifying numbers 1 to 10. We are really looking forward to the Drum Show and we will focus on Music during that week. We will use instruments and learn about tempo and dynamics. If you have your own instruments at

home it would be great to bring them in for this week.

On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September it is Talk like a

Pirate Day; we invite you to dress up as a pirate and

really get into the day, it will be lots of fun! The Dental Health Show has been moved to



September and we will also be learning all about Dental Health that week. The Possums will focus on brushing their teeth, eating and drinking healthy food and drinks that are good for your teeth and doing the swish and swallow at school to look after your teeth. (NQA 1,2,5,6&7)

## HEALTHY EATING. PARENT REMINDER.

When supporting Dental hygiene it is important to remember that children will not be given any unhealthy food from their lunch boxes such as chocolate, lollies, potato chips, fast food etc. whilst at Jumpstart 4 Kids. This food will be sent home.

## NO TOYS

Please do not bring in any toys from home as they may be lost, broken, cause arguments and pose a safety risk for younger children. Thank you.

Miss Amie and Miss Trish

## Goopy Slime Experiment

In August the Playful Possums enjoyed making some very goopy green slime together. They mixed the water, borax and glue together with Miss Trish's guidance and decided to make it green by adding some green food colouring. They all helped mix it together using their hands and once it was all done they were very excited to see some very goopy slime in front of them. The Possums then took turns at squishing it through their hands, feeling the very different texture "it's so squishy" said Jacob, "oh goopy" said Elizabeth. The children loved playing with it throughout the week and we can't wait to make it again! If you would like a copy of the recipe to make this with your child please feel free to ask one of the Possum teachers. (NQA 1,2,5,6&7)



## BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Africa
2. Music
3. Ocean
4. Sports
5. Colours



During the month of September, the Bunyips will focus upon the country Africa with a main focus being within the first week. During this time we will look at African houses, food, schools, and clothes. These African themes will continue into the second week as we are invited to watch an African drumming performance. The Bunyips will be given the opportunity to engage in sounds through this show which will be extended through room activities as children look and listen to different types of instruments and sounds.

As the month carries on we will touch upon physical movement by undertaking and becoming involved in different types of sports. Children will be given opportunities to build upon fundamental movement and gross motor skills depending upon age and skill level. As the month draws to a close, Bunyips will end on a colourful note focusing on colours. We will create bright art works and for those older children begin to focus on naming colours.

## PARENT REMINDERS



- Reminders that if children have bottles that the preparation chart is filled out daily.

- All children must have shoes if they are mobile.



- All children must bring a hat to comply with our sun safe policy.

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

## SENSORY BUNYIPS through science and discovery



During the month of August, the Bunyips were experimenting with texture and investigating into sense of sight with magic sand. Children were curious sitting back and hesitant to touch the magic sand. As the educator encouraged children to touch the sand, children began to run the sand through their fingers.



The sand would fall through the children's hands as the educator wanted to create the purpose of making a textured

substance of fine material into the same textured feel with a harder doughier feel. Children found it challenging to mould the sand to hold together. It was interesting to watch and hold the hard moulds that educators created and watch it fall into light pieces once handed to children.

The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring texture through their senses of touch, sight, smell and sound.  
(NQA 1,2,5,6&7)



## FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE



We would be appreciative of any donations for our Fathers Day Raffle. The children will be hosting a special Father's Day Afternoon Tea on Friday 5th September at 4:00pm. We look forward to celebrating this afternoon with all our wonderful Dads and special men in each child's life.

## PARENT FORUM

Wednesday 17th September

Session 1: 4:15-4:45pm

Session 2: 5:00 - 5:30pm

At JumpStart 4 Kids we believe that parents are vital part of our business. Your suggestions and feedback is highly valued and we are constantly trying to improve the centre in respect to the educational, aesthetics and community links so that we support children and their families to the best of our ability. To achieve this we need families to discuss ideas and suggestions with us on a regular basis . we thank all our families who have contributed throughout the year and would like to extend an invitation to all families to join us for either session on Wednesday 17th September to provide feedback and to consult with us in respect our future goals.

We look forward to having a brief chat to as many families as possible in the possums rooms and of course share a coffee and cake. ALL WELCOME

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

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

22nd - 3rd October

As the school holidays approach we would like to remind parents that we would be appreciative if families could inform us if their child will be absent from care. Please call the centre prior to 9.00am to notify staff of your child's absence.

## FEE RECEIPTS AUGUST:

Receipts for the Month of August are Now available for all families in the foyer. Fee receipts are printed at the conclusion of each month. It is the responsibility of all families to ensure that they have collected their fee statement and discuss any fee discrepancies promptly with the Directors. (NQA 5,6&7)

## 2015 Enrolments

The 2015 booking sheet is NOW in the foyer. This will allow our current parents to accept nominate days for 2015. Parents are asked to speak with John , Maree or staff to confirm your nominated days for 2015. We remind all parents that it is important to place their child's name in the grids provided to ensure a placement for 2015.

Parents who do not confirm dates will not be guaranteed a position.

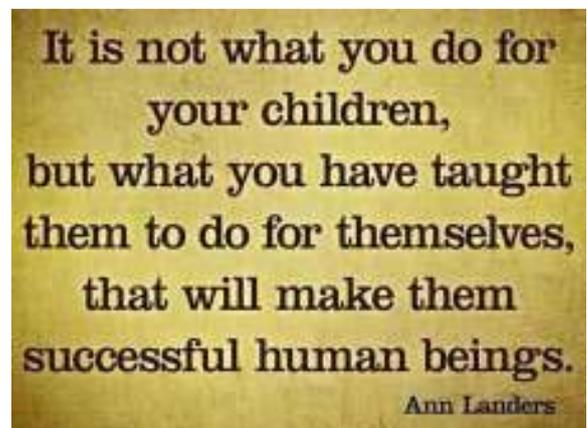
WE ASK ALL FAMILIES TO FINALISE BOOKING DATES BY SEPTEMBER 19th. (NQA 4,5,6&7)

## DONATIONS

- Father's Day Raffle prizes.
- Children's sized odd socks
- Non Permanent white board markers.
- Christmas gifts for our Christmas raffle.
- Books, Magazines
- Ice-cream containers
- Bottle top lids from juices and washing detergents
- Paper plates , disposable cups
- Shells. Sandstone, Rocks, Drift wood pieces for our nature table.

## FINAL THOUGHT

Our Staff truly enjoy developing and resourcing experiences for each child.



JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF

