

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## Nominations NOW OPEN

ACECQA is proud to support the **2015 Australian Family Early Education and Care Awards** and encourages you to nominate outstanding early childhood practitioners and services in four categories:

- Early Childhood Educator of the Year – for all educators/carers who work directly with children
- Early Childhood Director of the Year – for those in charge of an early years' education and care service
- Early Childhood Service of the Year - for all early years' and out of school hours education and care services
- Rising Star Award – open to people who have worked in early childhood for five years or less, regardless of their age.

These national Awards celebrate the accomplishments, innovative practice and quality improvement of early childhood professionals across all areas of early childhood education and care. They are an important way of creating recognition for the work all early childhood professionals do.

As a way of acknowledging the care and dedication of JumpStart 4 Kids and staff we would be grateful if parents could consider taking a few minutes to nominate the Centre and/or staff for these awards. Nominations can be accessed by visiting

<http://australianfamily.com.au/earlyeducationandcareawards>. The centre email for confirmation of a nomination is [kids@jumpstarteducation.com.au](mailto:kids@jumpstarteducation.com.au)

We would certainly appreciate parental support in acknowledging the centre and staff for their dedication and support of each child's learning.  
(NQA 1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7 )

## EASTER HAT PARADE: DAILY DURING THE WEEK

COMMENCING  
30th March- 2nd  
April



We invite parents and children to share their creativity with us by creating their

magical Easter Hats at home so that children can share these with their friends. Every child who wears a hat will receive a Certificate of Participation and prizes will be awarded for 1st , 2nd and 3rd places.

## EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

We ask that all families return these tickets by Wednesday 1st April . Tickets \$10 a book.



EASTER SHUT DOWN:  
GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER  
MONDAY



A reminder to all families that the centre will be closed on Good Friday 3rd April and Easter Monday 6th April. We wish all our Families a very Special Easter.

(NQA 1,5, 6, &7 )

## ABSENCES SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

6th - 19th April

We remind all families that it is important to ring the centre or notify the centre in advance if children are not attending for the day. We ask that parents contact the centre no later than 9:00am if their child will be absent.



## CCB AND CHILD ABSENCES.

A reminder to all families that Child Care Benefit (CCB) will not be provided to families for children who have accrued 42 days of absence in a financial year. Children must present a doctors certificate to the centre for all days over 42 days until a new financial year is entered. We remind all families that this is a regulatory requirement for all child care providers and the responsibility of parents. (NQA ,5, 6, &7)



## HEALTHY KIDS

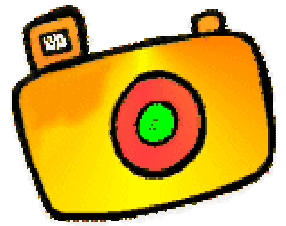
### GET UP AND GROW AWARENESS FOR CHILDREN

Healthy eating includes children eating ample fruit and vegetables each day. The attached flyer provides valuable information to families to support healthy eating options. Parents are reminded that the front foyer displays useful parent information. Please feel free to take information to support your family and child's needs.

## PRESCHOOL PHOTO'S

28th & 30th April

Children will have an opportunity to have Preschool Photo's professional taken in APRIL. Envelopes and package selections will be provided to Families after the Easter Break.



## CREATING STIMULATING ENVIRONMENTS. CAN YOU HELP?

This year in the Baby Bunyips room we are hoping to implement some new and exciting hands on activities or displays for the children throughout the room and for outdoor experiences. To begin we would like to create a stimulating sensory wall and a cognitive colour sorting activity for the ball pit. If families have any pieces of fabric , carpet squares or synthetic grass pieces



we would be appreciative. Old canvas squares that can be cored would also be warmly appreciated. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7 )

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY LANDCARE GRANT



Our centre has applied for a \$200 grant to support our outdoor area. Fingers crossed.

## TUESDAY 28th APRIL 6- 6:45pm TRANSITION TO SCHOOL NIGHT. IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR SCHOOL IN 2016?

Many families ask the question. Is my child ready for school. In recent media reports the debate will focus on the age of children and their ability to sit, listen, follow instructions and complete activities independently. To answer this question accurately all children need to be viewed as individuals and not just a decision based on the age of a child. Many European countries commence schooling when children turn 6 and 7. In Australia children are required to commence school

during the year in which they turn 5.



On Tuesday 28th April JumpStart 4 Kids will be hosting a

school information night. This night is presented by Mrs Elizabeth Devlin who is primary school Principal in Blacktown.

Elizabeth will speak to parents about school readiness and how parents can support children as they make the transition from Preschool to school. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7)

We ask that all families who are intending on sending their child to school in 2016 attend this evening.

## LANGUAGE SCREENERS/ DEVELOPMENTAL CHECKLISTS

During March Language screeners commenced in the Busy Bee room. Our language screener provides educators with the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the children's receptive and expressive language, articulation as well as their fluency. During April Jumpstart's Developmental Checklist will also be occurring. The developmental checklist provides educators with opportunity to see how the Bees are progressing with their skills for school (colour, shape, letter and number recognition) Our language screener and developmental checklist will also provide you as parents with opportunity to see how your child is developing and will assist you with answering the question: Is my child ready for school?

### BUSY BEES:

- 1) Health Eating
- 2) Zoo Animals
- 3) Environment
- 4) Pets
- 5) Space



During the month of March the Busy Bees have thoroughly enjoyed using their healthy eating placemats during all meal times. The Bees have demonstrated great knowledge of healthy/unhealthy food, often talking to their peers about what food in their lunch box is healthy. We ask that that parent make sure to pack at least two pieces of fruit in their child's lunchbox.

### SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

The Busy Bees have been demonstrating good knowledge of their letter sounds and are developing good number skills.

Throughout the month of April the Bees will be continuing on developing their knowledge of letters by focusing on the letters F, D, R and



the sounds these letters make. The Bees will continue to extend on their numeracy skills by learning about the numbers 6, 7 and 8 as well as focusing on the shapes (octagon, hexagon and pentagon). Developing skills for school is also important during April the Bees will be learning about the colours, purple, brown and pink.

### Pre-Lit



The Busy Bees have been doing well in our Pre-Lit program, demonstrating a range of literacy skills they have

gained from the variety of experiences from the program. Pre-Lit introduces a new book each week, which builds on the Bees interest in books. It is important that literature is 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.



### **COMPANION BEARS**

In the month of March the Busy Bees started taking home a companion bear. The Busy Bees companion bears are Wayne Winch and Eddie Teddie. Throughout the year each child will be given the opportunity to take a companion bear home.

During the month of APRIL the following children will be looking after either Wayne or Eddie. We thank parents in advance for returning our companion bears promptly after one week so that all children can be part of this experience.

### WAYNE



**Ngathjwok  
Hermione**

### EDDIE



**Hikmatullah  
Ashton**

### PLAYFUL POSSUMS



- 1) Italy
- 2) Healthy Eating
- 3) Environment
- 4) Creativity Week
- 5) Space

Throughout the month of March the Playful Possums have been improving at individually naming their shapes and colours. The children have taken really well to the use of the felt boards during small group times, enjoying matching colours and shapes.



During the month of April the children will be focusing on Italy, taking part in cooking experiences making pizza and pasta.

If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to talk to Miss Justine or Miss Chantelle. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7)

## BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Health
2. Sports
3. Gardening
4. Families



During the month of April, children will focus on linking gardening, responding to plants that we grow and showing how this is good for our health.

These themes will run across weeks one to three showing the cycle of gardening and growing our own plants, to how they are good for our body and make us physically active. We remind families to bring healthy options for children in their lunchbox. In the Bunyips room, we are focusing on group time and allowing children to become more of a play analyse in associative modelling. We will encourage social skills and in term teaching turn taking and sharing.



## **YOUR CHILD IS NOW 1!!!!**

Your one-year-old's newfound dexterity will make them eager to investigate objects around their environment. Musical instruments that can be shaken and banged will delight, as will toys with levers, wheels, and other moving parts. Blocks are a perennial favourite game, especially the part where they get to knock down a tower you built together.

Development, it turns out, occurs through this process of progressively more complex exchanges between a child and somebody else, especially somebody who's crazy about that child.

## IMMUNISATION REGISTER

A reminder to all families to provide their child's updated immunisation register to the centre when required.

## WORM FARM

All of the Playful Possums and Busy Bees loved going outside listening to the worm farm presentation hosted by Clean Away Blacktown. All of the children had the opportunity to hold a worm, to see where they live and what they eat. The children sat and listened to the show, learning about worms and what we can do to help our worms at Jumpstart.



## UNDER THE SEA SHOW

Jessica came out to talk to all of the children in an under the sea show. All of the children sat and listened to Jessica as she talked to us about the different creatures we find on the sand, rocks and in the sea at the ocean. The children had 3 opportunities to get up and walk around the tables touching, feeling and picking up the creatures.



## IRISH EXPERIENCES

During the month of March across all 3 rooms the children learnt about Ireland. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March we all took part in cooking a food associated with Ireland. The Baby Bunyips made Jelly, cake and biscuits, the playful possums made rice and the busy bees made hash browns and bread. The day was very successful all children helped in the cooking experiences before coming together eating and sharing the foods as well as green cordial in celebration of St Patricks Day.



## ILLNESS POLICY & HANDWASHING

A reminder to all families that **ill children are not permitted at the centre.** Sick children who attend the centre can spread illness to other children quickly. This can then lead to additional family members becoming unwell. The front foyer provides hand sanitiser for all families. We ask that families wash their hands or use the hand sanitiser when entering the centre to minimise the spread of germ and illness.

Children who are required to leave the centre during the day due to illness are not permitted to attend until 24hrs later . We ask that ill children are treated by their family doctor to ensure that they are healthy to return to care. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7 )



## POLICY UPDATE



JumpStart 4 kids is a SUNSAFE centre. This means that our sun safe policy and care of children in relation to sun protection meets the

Australian sun safety and Cancer Foundations guidelines. This policy has recently been reviewed by the SUNSAFE council and ensures that all children, staff and families are provided with adequate sun protection and shade areas at the centre. We remind all families that caring for children's skin by applying sunscreen, and wearing sun safe clothing such as long sleeves, closed shoes and sunhats protects skin that can be exposed to the sun's harmful rays. Our Sun Safe policy will be displayed through the Month of April for parents in the foyer. We remind all parents to ensure that all children have a hat each day during their time of care at JumpStart 4 Kids. Hats can be purchased at the front office for \$15.00.

## DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles.

- 🇺🇸 Gifts for our Mothers Day raffle
- 🇺🇸 Material pieces for Baby Bunyips sensory wall

## *FINAL THOUGHT*

*We wish all our families a very Safe and Happy Easter.*



JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF