

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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JUMPSTART 4 KIDS CELEBRATES 8 YEARS

On the 8th August JumpStart 4 Kids Celebrates our 8th Birthday. Mr John, Miss Maree and all the staff thank all the families and children who make our centre such a great place.



The centre has seen many children graduate and families grow in number over these 8 years. We hope that all our families can join with us as we officially Celebrate our Birthday on Friday 7th August with the children. The day will be celebrated with games and planned activities as we slice our 8th Birthday cake.

BLACKTOWN POLICE VISIT 10th AUGUST



Constable Nathan MacDonald will visit the Centre on Monday 10th August at 10:00am to speak with the children about how the Police help children and the role that they play in our community. Often parents use Police to discipline children, which may in fact have children fearful of Police. We ask that parents speak with their child prior to our Police visit and reinforce the positive attributes that Police offer children in times when they may be lost or when families need assistance. This will allow children to view police as safe and approachable. The



children really enjoy this experience as each child sits in the police car and turns on the siren. We look forward to our visit with Constable MacDonald from Blacktown Police. (NQA 1,5,6&7)

DENTAL HEALTH SHOW 11th August

On Tuesday 11th August the centre will host an incursion from a Dentist to speak with the children about Dental Hygiene. Children's brushing and oral hygiene is imperative to healthy teeth and gums. Highlighting healthy food choices not only supports children in having healthy bodies but also healthy teeth. The children will be engaged in a hands on discussion and learning presentation to learn how to brush their teeth correctly and how to maintain healthy lifestyles with the choices that they make.



Parents with children who are enrolled on Tuesdays will be automatically charged \$10 for this incursion through their fees. (NQA 1,2,5,6&7)

BOOK WEEK 24th-28th August

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character during book week. This week focuses on Literacy, imagination, discovery and creativity. Children are welcome to showcase their favourite book to share. (NQA 1,5,6&7)



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



17 - 24th August

Children learn best through a play based learning approach. This means that they will learn through discovery through play by asking questions, making predictions and testing their hypothesis (what they think will happen). Getting it wrong is great, because children then discuss why things happened and what they could do or change to create a different result. Learning is through doing and in Science Week the children will be engaged in interactive activities that challenge them to think and ask questions, just like scientist.



FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

We would be appreciative of Donations for our Fathers Day Raffle. Please place donations in the front office. Thankyou

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

We would be appreciative of any donations that families may like to contribute to our Fathers Day raffle. Tickets will be available from Monday 3rd August. We will be using these funds to purchase board games for the Possums and Bees room.

FATHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA

4th September 4.00pm ALL WELCOME

Some
SUPER
Heroes
don't have
capas...
they are
called **DAD.**

We would like to invite all the special men in our children's lives to celebrate with us on Friday 4th September. The children will have special gifts for their very special men. Children spend the entire day cooking and preparing items for this Special afternoon Tea. A family representative on the afternoon means the world to each child. We know that some families may be unable to make this Special afternoon tea, but we hope that with advance notice as many families as possible will join with us in celebrating the joy of being parents. Non Friday attending children as welcome to attend he afternoon tea with a parent or carer. We look forward to sharing the afternoon with all our families. (NQA 1,5,6&7)

OUTCOME BASED LEARNING EACH CHILD IS UNIQUE

It is very important to have outcome based learning for children and at Jumpstart 4 Kids. So What are Outcomes? These are essentiality goals that educators, parents and children discuss and record that build each child's strengths over a 3- 4 month period.

OUTCOME BASED LEARNING



These goals are monitored and recorded in children's Portfolios so that children are constantly challenged and inspired to learn and grow in a supportive learning environment.

We remind Parents to view their child's portfolio regularly to check on the attainment of outcomes.

Outcome Based Learning goals are embedded into all centre planning. Children achieve developmental milestones and learning overtime through a variety of experiences, and this is most successful when learning is planned with outcomes in mind. At Jumpstart 4 Kids educators actively communicate with parents through daily conversations, knowing me sheets and family feedback sheets.

Our outcome sheet is developed for each child, and used to assist in developing and implementing learning experiences that are important for each individual child to develop and meet their designated outcomes. This process between families and educators provides children with the best opportunity to reach their full learning potential as they are extended outside their comfort zones and challenged to investigate and question learning

The Best learning experiences are those where children build investigations , pose questions , solve obstacles and make conclusion. This is where real learning takes place. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On Saturday 18th July Miss Maree and Mr Simon attended a professional development conference that focused on Higher Order Thinking in a play based environment. The conference focused on developing a play based environment that is well structured and linked to children's interests as well as making sure it facilitates learning on a variety of levels.

Through children's play experiences, they are always learning and acquiring new skills and as educator it is very important that we are building on those skills and encouraging children to go beyond their current knowledge so that they are building confidence with new skills. Each child needs to be challenged beyond their comfort zone. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

AMERICAN COOKING 29th July

On 29th July the children experienced some traditional American food. The children learned about America through songs, stories, and videos. As a centre we participated in American cooking experiences with each room making a different recipe.

The Bunyips made mini doughnuts, the Possums cooked corn on the cob and made chocolate milkshakes, whilst the Busy Bees made homemade potato chips.



The children participated in cooking these foods and then came together outdoors to share their dishes and have an American feast. Each month we have a focus country and Parents are invited to share their traditional dishes with us during these cooking experiences. All cooking experiences are vegetarian to acknowledge different culture and children health restrictions.

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



COUNTRY OF INTEREST FOR AUGUST AFRICA

During the Month of August the Children will celebrate, the songs, festivities and foods of



Africa. If parents have recipes for vegetarian dishes we would be grateful.

NATIONAL TREE DAY

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day combine to make Australia's biggest community tree-planting and nature care event. Co-ordinate by Planet Ark, these are special days for all Australians to help out by planting and caring for native trees and shrubs to improve the environment in which they live. National Tree Day celebrates 20 years in 2015.



JumpStart 4 kids celebrated National Tree Day by planting our first range tree that will produce fruit in the next 2 years. This is the start of our sustainable garden at the centre. This will foster children's awareness of our environment as they care and nurture the plants and vegetables over the coming months.

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



NADOC WEEK:

During July as a centre we celebrated NAIDOC week. The children learnt all about the importance of NAIDOC week through discussions, stories, short videos and experiences. The children particularly enjoyed creating dot paintings and painting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags, these all looked fantastic!



BUSY BEES:

1. Insects
2. Dental Health
3. Science – Biology
4. Book Week



Throughout the month of July the Busy Bees really enjoyed learning all about our solar system during Science Week, they did a fantastic job at recalling the planets and some of their characteristics.



BUSY BEES:

We also focused on learning about some extreme types of weather, this really fascinated the children and they even went home asking their families about information to share it with the class the next day. During August we will learn more about science but will focus closely on biology. We also have a show which focuses on dental health, throughout this week we will continue to learn how best we can care for our teeth and we will continue these practices each day.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

During the month of July the Bees demonstrated a great understanding of making patterns, demonstrating their ability to develop their own patterns. During the month of August the Bee's will be continuing to develop their letter knowledge by focusing of the letters B, E and N and the sounds these letters make. The Bees will also be focusing on the numbers 15, 16 and 17. This month the Bees will also be learning about the months of the as well as seasons. Parental support at home to reinforce these concepts is highly valued.

Supplementary Home Support

New 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.

Pre-Lit

The Bees are progressing well in our Pre-Lit program, demonstrating and developing a broad range of literacy skills. Each week in our Pre-Lit program the Bees are introduced to a new book, which builds on their interest for reading. During Pre-Lit 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 15minutes to support our Pre-Lit program and continue to develop comprehension, reading and writing skills.

SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

During the month of July the Bees took part in a variety of science experiments. Incorporating science into children's learning is very important. Science involves a lot of talking and listening and encourages children to ask questions and think about the world they live in. Science also encourages children to think about what could happen before something occurs, developing ability to create a hypothesis in their mind.

Experiment 1: Melting Ice – This experiment taught the Bees how heat makes ice melt. The Bees used magnifying glasses to melt ice cubes



Experiment 2: Milky Plastic – This experiment introduced the Bees to the effect vinegar makes to certain liquids such as milk. The Bees added vinegar to milk which caused the milk to feel like plastic. **(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)**

DOG SAFETY SHOW



On Monday the 20th of July we were delighted to host our very first **REAL** Dog Safety Show. Nikki bought her dog to the centre and spoke to the

children about how we can stay safe around dogs. They practiced these techniques as a group and then a very sweet dog named Slade came out to visit. The Busy Bees got to practice these techniques with Slade which was lots of fun. The children then all took home a pamphlet about living safely with dogs and also a poster to colour in.

It would be fantastic if parents could look through these pamphlets with their your child and discuss the techniques and experiences that they children were involved in during this presentation. **(NQA 1,2,3,5,6&7)**



PLAYFUL POSSUMS

We will look at way to keep our teeth clean and the foods which help.

The Possums will be focusing on the numbers 12 and 13, as well as the letters Bb and Ee. We will also be looking at months of the year and days of the week and the children will be engaging in a variety of experiences to help them gain further knowledge of these subjects.

Throughout the month of June, The Playful Possums participated in Nadoc week, the children took part in a variety of experiences learning about Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders.



STICKY

All of the children continued their learning and investigating skills taking part in science and discovery each day, using their senses to explore their world. We have also been focusing on our natural environment, the children have had a chance to look after sticky for a week, taking him out each day holding him.



PLAYFUL POSSUMS

- 1. Animal week**
- 2. Country of the month
Africa**
- 3. Winter/seasons**
- 4. Dental hygiene.**

Throughout the month of August, the Possums will be focusing on dental hygiene.

STICKY



BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Dental

Awareness

2. Focus on pets

3. Science

4. Plants



During the month of August, we will begin with the importance on our teeth. Children will be exposed visually and hands on with foods that are good for our teeth and those that should be a sometimes or never foods.

Educators will look at educating families about what type of foods our children should be eating.



As the month progressed we will focus on pets and how we care for them to ensure they are happy and cared for.

The older children in the Bunyips room are beginning to transition into routines similar to the Playful Possums room. This assists children when they transition or move permanently in to the Playful Possums room. Children will be sleeping in a bed, sitting on a chair and using their independence skills. (NQA 1,2,3,5,6&7)



EMERGENCY EVACUATION



The Bunyips took part in our emergency evacuation, as it is important for the younger children to be aware of our emergency procedures.



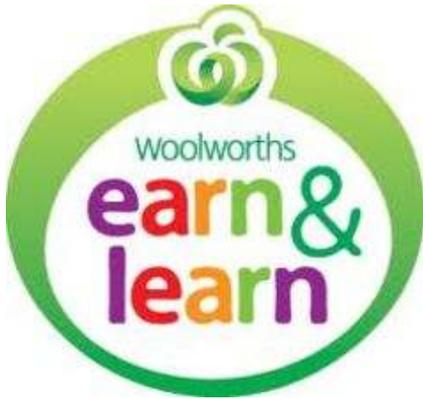
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CADBURY FUNDRAISERS



These are **NOW DUE BACK TO THE CENTRE.** We would be appreciative of all parents returning outstanding money by **FRIDAY 7th August**

EARN AND LEARN STICKERS



We remind all families to start collecting EARN and LEARN STICKERS from WOOLWORTHS> these stickers help support the centre through the purchase of resources for rooms from Educational experience. Your support is greatly appreciated and we hope to raise 6000 tokens for 2015.

DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of Donations for our Fathers Day and fast approaching Christmas Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gifts please consider the centre. Gifts for our Fathers Day raffle

- ✚ Books
- ✚ Paper cylinders
- ✚ Old cake tins
- ✚ Tree Stumps
- ✚ Bamboo pieces
- ✚ Sandstone rocks
- ✚ Ice-cream containers
- ✚ Margarine containers
- ✚ Bottle tops
- ✚ String
- ✚ Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies

FINAL THOUGHT

The children at JumpStart 4 Kids are fortunate to have many male role models in their lives. Dad's, uncles, grandfathers and family friends all signify what it means to share and celebrate the wonderful men in our children's' lives.

May all the great guys in our children's' lives have a fantastic Fathers Day.

Remember... the best gifts in the world are not in the material objects that we can buy from the shops, but in the memories we make with the people we love.

We hope to see all our families on Friday 4th September for our Special Afternoon tea. (NQA 1,5,6&7)



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