

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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JUMPSTART 4 KIDS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS TOGETHER



A BIG THANKYOU TO Mr Tim Rae

(Dad to Hannah Pictured) Thank you to Tim who assisted with the barbeque on the night. This is always a challenging job and Mr John and Nathan were extremely grateful for his time and generosity on the night.



Thank you to all our families who attended our Christmas Concert on Monday 30th November. This night is certainly a highlight for staff and it is always a pleasure to join with our families to celebrate the festive season. Santa's made sure that all our JumpStart children received a special gift and lolly bag. He was very quick to tell Mr John and Miss Maree that all the children at JumpStart were on his nice list for 2015.



**We wish all our families a very
happy and safe Christmas.**

(NQA1,2,3 ,4, 5, 6, &7)

STAFF PROFESSIONAL

DEVELOPMENT: (NQA1,2,3 , 5, 6, &7)

MUSIC 0-3 years

On Tuesday 20th October Miss Shannon, Miss Kristie and Miss Chantelle attended an inservice which focused on including music into children's learning environment. Children benefit from an environment with music. Music is a great for transitions as it teaches key learning concepts in a calm and enjoyable environment. The inservice introduced a variety of songs which are now being used on a regular basis across our three rooms.

CELEBRATING OUR JUMPSTART CULTURES 11th November **CONNECTING WITH FAMILIES**



On November 11th, Miss Shannon and Miss Kristie organised for Niam's mum Nidhi and Christian's mum Rima to visit our centre to teach the children about Indian and Lebanese cultures respectively.



CELEBRATING OUR JUMPSTART CULTURES 11th November

Niam's mum taught the children about India. The children learnt how to say Hello in Indian, and where India is located on the world map. Christian's mum taught the children about Lebanon by conducting a cooking experience with the children. The children tabouli and enjoyed tasting a traditional Lebanese food called falafel, which Rima had bought in for the children.



(NQA1,2,3 ,4, 5, 6, &7)

DIWALI - FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Diwali is called the Festival of Lights. It is believed that on this day Rama returned to his people after 14 years of exile during which he fought and won a battle against the demons and the demon king, Ravana.



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People lit their houses to celebrate his victory over evil (light over darkness).

The goddess of happiness

and good fortune, Lakshmi, also figures into the celebration. It is believed that she roams the earth on this day and enters the house that is pure, clean, and bright. Diwali means “the awareness of the inner light”.

On November 12th all the children at JumpStart



came together to celebrate the Diwali festival. All the children took part in a discussion about the festival and then made lanterns, which are on display in the Jumpstart hallway.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November 11th learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day.



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.



All the children at Jumpstart took part in a minute silence and listened to the Ode as well as discussed the significance of the poppies and rosemary. (NQA1,2, 5, 6, &7)

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



(NQA1,2, 5, 6, &7)

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

On Thursday 19th November Jenny came to the centre to share the "Christmas Around the World" show. All of the children loved listening and participating in the songs and dances, learning about traditions, cultures and variety of celebrations that are shared with families for Christmas around the world. This was great show that engaged children and shared the joy of Christmas as children continue to prepare for this very special holiday with their own families.

WATER SAFETY

Summer months are often spent around water. Backyard swimming pools, beaches, lakes and ponds all provide a welcome relief to our hot summer days. It is really important for children and families to understand the dangers that can be faced around water. For this reason the staff at JumpStart 4 Kids have spent a considerable amount of time discussing safety with children when they are at the pool or the beach with friends and family. We remind families that it is important to speak with your child about water safety and reinforce these rules every time children are around water sources.

JUMPSTARTS 4 KIDS VEGETABLE GARDEN

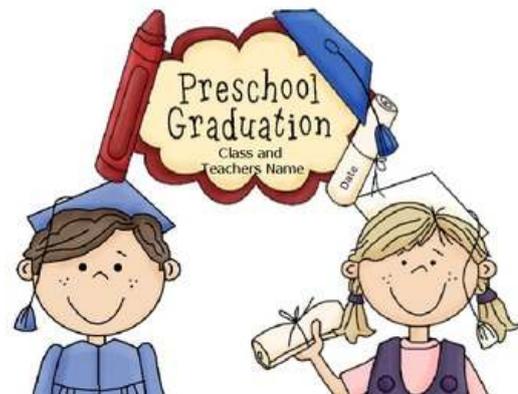


Jumpstart 4 Kids have recently constructed a vegetable garden, which includes a variety of vegetables and fruit. Our vegetables and fruits have been growing really well and it has been great to see how interested the children and



families are in our new garden. The children at Jumpstart are regularly taking part in experiences to

learn more about vegetable garden and we will be using fruit and vegetables from the garden for cooking experience. We encourage families to visit our new garden and please feel free to speak to educators about using fruit and vegetables from our garden and donating seeds to continue with the development of our community garden. (NQA1,2,3 5, 6, &7)



JUMPSTART 4 KIDS GRADUATION Wednesday 9th December 6:45pm for 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. We ask that parents return the attendance slip with the number of guests attending for catering and seating arrangements.

(NQA 1,5,6&7)

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



Throughout the month of November the Bees, Possums and Bunyips conducted parent teacher interviews.

This is a great opportunity for parents and educators to have a sit down discussion about their child's progress and developmental accomplishments throughout the year. If parents haven't had an interview please make sure to book one with your child's educators to receive your child's report.

(NQA1,2,3 ,4, 5, 6, &7)



WESTERN SYDNEY
UNIVERSITY



Western Sydney University is currently running a study investigating family physical activity participation in families with 2-4 year old children living in the Western Sydney area.

If you are a parent of a 2-4 year old child, we would like to hear from you!

What will your participation involve?

* We will ask you to take part in a focus group or interview that will last between 45 minutes to one hour and then complete a brief 5 minute survey which asks some information about you and your family. The focus group or interview can be done at a time and location

convenient for you (e.g. in person, or over the telephone). We are interested in parents' experiences of family-based physical activity participation which can be used in the development of resources and programs in the local community. We are interested in hearing many different perspectives so it doesn't matter to us whether you do a lot or very little physical activity with your child.

*** For your time, we will provide you with a \$15 Coles/Myer gift voucher.**

If you are interested in taking part or would like more information, please contact Dr Tania Bortoli, Research Associate for the PAWS study, on 0481 061 553 or paws@westernsydney.edu.au. Please note that your participation is completely voluntary and will in no way affect your relationship with [organisation] or Western Sydney University.

BUSY BEES:



1: Gardening

2: Sustainability

3: Christmas around the World

Throughout the month of December the Busy Bees will be focusing on Christmas celebrations and traditions.

The Busy Bees are very excited to celebrate Christmas and take part in lead up events, completing craft, cooking experiences as well as reading stories.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

During the month of December the Busy Bees will be revising all that they have learnt throughout the year, revising colours, shapes, numbers, letters, and sounds of letters, patterns and name recognition. Focus will also be on concepts that the Bees struggles with throughout the year, which will assist towards building their confidence for Primary School.



Pre-Lit

The Busy Bees have done very well this year with the 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. The Bees have loved being introduced to a new book and it is clear that the Bees love 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 15 minutes to support our Pre-Lit program and continue to develop comprehension, reading and writing skills.

COMPANION BEARS

During the month of December the following children will receive the companion bears.

Wayne Winch: Hikmatullah and Kaillee

Eddy Teddy: Jayden and Japji



PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Sustainability

2. Christmas around the world

3. Christmas

During the month of November, the children have been focusing Water safety. The children engaged in a variety of water based



experiences where educators were able to explain the importance of being safe around the water. We have also been focusing on our numeracy and literacy skills through a variety of school readiness based experiences.

Throughout the month of December, we will be looking at sustainability and what we can do to save our environment. Our main focus will be Christmas and looking at how it is celebrated not only in Australia, but around the world. We will also be focusing on revising our numbers 1-20 as well as our letters and various concept skills.

BABY BUNYIPS:

1: Gardening

2: Sustainability

3: Christmas around the World



Throughout the month of December, the children will be busy preparing for Christmas! We are all very excited to get creative as we are beginning to get involved in Christmas craft as well as reading Christmas stories.

We will also be participating in Christmas cooking experiences where we will get to decorate what we make.



Running using our fundamental movement skills

The Baby Bunyips have been focusing on learning to wait for instructions. This has been achieved through starting from one end of the year to another. While children are moving from one end of the room to another, the educator will instruct children to begin using a fundamental movement skill such as hopping or leaping. Children are very determined and have been trying really hard. EYLF: 3.1, 3.2

(NQA1,2,3,4,5,6,&7)

MILESTONES

As the year draws closer to the end, children have been assessed on each of their developmental milestones. The main key point that educators want children to focus on more is expressing their selves to educators to allow them to communicate their needs, want and interests.



2016 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

In 2016 we will extend on our focus on learning in the areas of Numeracy and Literacy.

At JumpStart 4 Kids Learning...

- respects the dignity of each child.
- builds on the child's prior experiences, personal interests and innate potential
- build critical thinking and application of knowledge
- promotes continual growth and well being
- is relevant, purposeful and engaging
- enables children to live lives of meaning in a changing world.

We look forward to highlighting our continued philosophy of learning with families through our 2016 Quality Improvement Plan goals. We thank all our families in 2015 who have contributed to our evaluation, amendments and strategies for continual improvement for 2016.

NO JAB NO PAY From 1 January 2016 (NQA,2, 5, 6, &7)



From 1 January 2016, there will be changes to the immunisation requirements for Child Care Benefit (CCB) and the Child Care rebate (CCR).

What Are The Changes

From 1 January 2016 children will no longer be exempt from meeting the requirements of CCB and CCR payments if their parents have registered an objection to vaccination .

Children must be fully immunised to commence childcare at Jumpstart 4 Kids . Parents will be denied access to childcare at JumpStart 4 kids without an updated copy of their child's immunisation register statement.



CHRISTMAS SHUT DOWN 2015

We remind all families that the centre will close on Thursday 24th December. We ask families to collect children between 2:00-2:30 prior to our 3.00pm close.

24 DECEMBER PARENT NOTICE IMPORTANT

A reminder for parents to collect children by 2:30pm, as the centre will close early to allow children to be with families for Christmas.

ALL FEES FOR 2015 Payable By Monday 14th December.

All Fees will need to be paid in Full by Monday 14th 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 **7th 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)**

BOND ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2016

As highlighted in our previous newsletter bonds will be readjusted to for 2016. Bonds are in advance for two weeks fees or \$100, as determined on the greater amount. Parents will have this adjustment made to their fees for the week commencing 7th December, 2015.

2016 Centre OPENS

The centre will reopen on Monday 11th January, 2016 at 7:00 am.

DONATIONS

Many families may be throwing out books, dolls and toys over the Christmas period. We are always appreciative of donations for raffles and learning experiences for children. Please consider the centre, as we use these materials in all rooms across the centre.



FINAL THOUGHT



JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF