

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## **CENTRE PHILOSOPHY**

At JumpStart for 4 Kids our Centre Philosophy identifies our centre beliefs and goals. During our January staff meeting we reviewed our Centre Philosophy and we would like to invite families to view this document in our foyer and share any thoughts or changes to this document.

We will then incorporate these changes into our Philosophy for 2015. We thank all parents for being active learning partners at JumpStart 4 Kids. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, & 7)



## **WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA**

**Friday 27th February 4:00pm-4:45pm ALL FAMILIES**

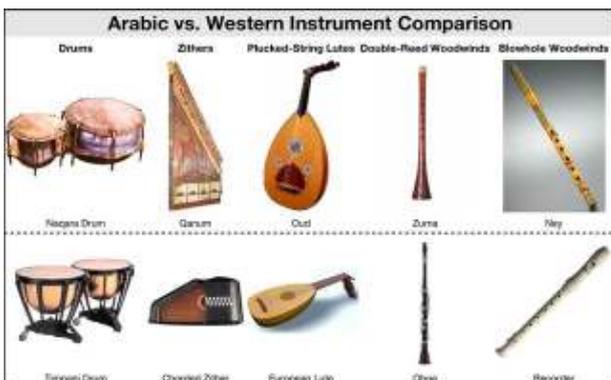
**WELCOME** (NQA 5, 6, &7)

We would like to invite all our parents to our **Welcome Afternoon Tea** on Friday 27th February.



This is a fantastic opportunity to speak with room staff, view your child portfolio and meet other families at the centre. The children take great delight in cooking items for this event and sharing the afternoon with parents. We hope to see all our families at our first event for 2015.

## **INCURSION FEBRUARY 10th**



## **THE MUSIC MAN Tuesday 10th February**

**Cost \$10.00 10:00am**

**PAYMENT DUE 5th February**

This is a fantastic hands on interactive show that allows children to listen , dance, sing and clap their way around the world. Children experience a variety of instruments from around the world and explore tone, pitch and rhythm.

Families are asked to make this payment by Friday 5th February. All booked children on Tuesday 10th February will be charged \$10. Children who are absent will still be charged as incursions are priced based on all children in attendance. Parents with children who do not attend the centre on Tuesday are welcome to attend. (NQA 1,5, 6, &7)

## **VALENTINES DAY FEBRUARY 14**

At JumpStart 4 Kids we celebrate Valentine's day to discuss people that we love in our daily lives.



The children will be making gifts for their families as a way to express their love for the people who care for them every day.

It is important for children to acknowledge verbally those who they love and extend their appreciation. May this occasion remind all of us to show our love for others through our words and our actions.

We wish all our families a wonderful Valentine's Day. (NQA 1, 5, 6, &7)

## CHINESE NEW YEAR 2015 THE YEAR OF THE SHEEP



**2015 Year of Sheep - Three  
Goats Start Fortune**

Kung Hei Fat Choy and  
welcome to the **Year of the Sheep.**

Chinese New Year is the most important time in Chinese culture. It's a time to celebrate the coming New Year, reflect on the past year and spend time with our family and friends.

At JumpStart 4 Kids the children will be exploring the brilliant colour of traditional dragons and lions, the glow of lanterns and stunning contemporary art of Chinese culture. Many families may take part in celebrations in Chinatown such as Lunar Streets, Twilight Parades, Dragon Boat Races and glowing Lanterns of the Terracotta Warrior Exhibition which embrace Chinese cultures. We invite families to share any traditions, celebrations and cultures with us throughout the year.

## WHAT IS PANCAKE TUESDAY ? - SHROVE TUESDAY



**17th February**

### **Background**

Many Christians take part in Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent, which is a time when people traditionally fasted and avoided food containing eggs and dairy products. Families would have a feast on Shrove Tuesday. It was a time for them to eat food that contained these ingredients so that meals would not be wasted. Shrove Tuesday prepares Christians for the session of Lent which concludes with Easter Celebrations. Sharing different cultures and traditions with children allow them to explore and interpret meaning to events that are experiences within their daily lives. We welcome cultural events from all our families. please share these with us so that all children can learn in a culturally rich and diversified environment that build respect, dignity and resilience.

We know that all our children will enjoy tasting the fantastic Pancakes that they will make on this day. (NQA 1,, 5, 6, &7)

## EASTER EGG DONATION by 27th February



Each Year we ask families to Donate an Easter Egg for our Easter Raffle.

We would be appreciative if families could **Donate an egg by Friday 27th February.**  
The more eggs the more prizes.

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:



### **BUSY BEES:**

1. Farms
2. Music
3. China
4. Recycling

Throughout the month of February the Busy Bees will be learning about music through musical instruments. If your child has a favourite musical instrument at home, please bring it in to support our musical experiences.

The Busy Bees have also shown a lot of interest in farms and farm animals throughout the month of January. Throughout February a variety of experience will be implemented about farms to build on this interest and develop the Bees knowledge.

A reminder to parents that sandwiches is the preferred lunch time food and to make sure all lunch boxes and bottles are clearly labelled.

## SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

This month the Busy Bees will be continuing on their Literacy and Mathematic learning through numerous learning experiences.



Literacy experiences will be focusing on the letters M, S and T and the sounds these letters make. Mathematics experiences will introduce the children to the numbers 2, 3 and 4 as well as the shapes, circle, Triangle and Rectangle.

The Busy Bees will also be developing their skills for school by learning about colours, focusing on the colours, Blue, Green and Yellow.

### Pre-Lit



The Busy Bees have been doing really well in our Pre-Lit program so far, demonstrating literacy skills they have gained from the variety of experiences from the program. So far learning about words and syllables has been the main focus and the Bees have demonstrated a good understanding of syllables and breaking words up.

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. As the Bees have been demonstrating a good understanding of syllables we also encourage parents to talk about syllables with their child at home, encouraging their child to segment words from their favourite story books. (NQA 1, 2,3,4,5, 6, &7)

## PARENT SUPPORT

The Busy Bees will be required to sign in each day to their room. Mr Simon has set up a list of names for each day which is located on the Busy Bees white board.



The scrap book allows children to practice their writing skills each day. Parents are asked to support children in finding their laminated name and assisting them in writing their name in the scrap book provided. for each day of their attendance at JumpStart 4 Kids. Parents will be personally approach to encourage support with children in completing this daily requirement. (NQA 1,, 5, 6, &7)

## PLAYFUL POSSUMS.

1. Circus
2. Music
3. China
4. Recycling



Throughout the month of February, the playful Possums will be focusing on the letters M and S. The children will be involved in a variety of experiences to be able to identify and gain recognition of these letters. Our number focus will be the numbers 2 and 3.

This month we will also be focusing on the Chinese New Year and the children will be involved in cooking experiences revolving around the Chinese culture.

A reminder to all parents to please have your child's lunch in a labelled lunch box as well as labels on drink bottles. If your child is in nappies, a quick reminder to please bring at least 5 a day as well as remembering to bring a hat for your child.



## BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Animals
2. Music
3. China
4. Recycling



As we enter a new month we will be focusing on sound and using this to support verbal skills across all age groups of the room. We want children to express their needs verbally rather than non verbal gestures to educators. We ask you support this at home through speaking out the action your child wants or is about to do, to allow familiar sounds so they can link these in acknowledgment to know what is about to occur. We are emphasising communication and ask that parents fill in the daily sheet on the door, so we have an idea about how your child has been at home prior to attending the centre. We thank those parents who have started completing these as these assist in supporting your child throughout the day. We are also looking at bringing in a suggestion box for the bunyips room and love any ideas or suggestions to take on board. Reminder to bring all labelled items and a family photo.

## GROUP TIME - SOCIAL SKILLS



All children have settled in well this year and friendships are beginning to form. It is nice to see all children play together amongst the different age groups. We support this behaviour as it teaches children to share and develop turn taking which creates a learning bond between children to learn skills from each other.



## PORTFOLIOS



All children now have a Portfolio for parents to view. Portfolios are a collection of Individual observations; Group observations and craft activities that your child has undertaken. These activities are chosen to identify an attainment of a goal or educational outcome that collectively parents and educators have discussed at the commencement of the year. Your child's outcome sheet is located at the commencement of your child's Portfolio and guides educators to support the developmental needs of each individual child. These records are connected to the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF). Parents will note that each Portfolio insertion has a corresponding EYLF outcome. Parents can familiarise themselves with these outcomes by viewing the Outcomes page located in their child's portfolio. Every 3-4 months staff will consult with families to review and update your child's outcome sheets. This partnership enables educators to focus on each child and work with families to build confidence, skills and enjoyment for learning. Parents are invited to view their child's portfolio at any time. These can be located above lockers in each room. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

## SUSTAINABILITY:



Sustainability is a significant focus for our centre. We will encourage families to donate plastic bottles so that children can create their own musical instruments during the month of February.

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Parents are always welcome for children to use during free time and books for our reading corners is always appreciate. Our worm farm at the centre allows children to engage in recycling food wastes and conserve water by watering our plants with water from our outdoor containers. We encourage families to speak with their children about recycling and support the centre by donating recyclable material that can be use for a variety of craft and stimulus experiences. (NQA1,2,3 , 5, 6, &7)

## QUALITY IMPROVEMENT 2015



As Part of the Centre Quality Improvement Plan we have installed a widescreen TV in the foyer to display our

Day Books and to relay information to families. Each room focuses on conveying to families the events and experiences that children engaged in within their room each day.

A focus on Literacy -Books read; words explored and concepts are highlighted along with numeracy skills such as counting, grouping shapes and number identification. We welcome suggestions to this new format an hope that parents attain a deeper appreciation of the wide variety of learning activities that take place across all room each day at JumpStart 4 Kids. (NQA1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)

## FEE INFORMATION

**ALL LATE FEES INCUR a \$20 late fee per week.**

Parents are reminded that they are required to pay their weekly fee on the first day of attendance each week. Payment statements are placed in the foyer pigeon holes at the conclusion of each month. We ask that families check these statements are notify John or Maree of any discrepancies arise.



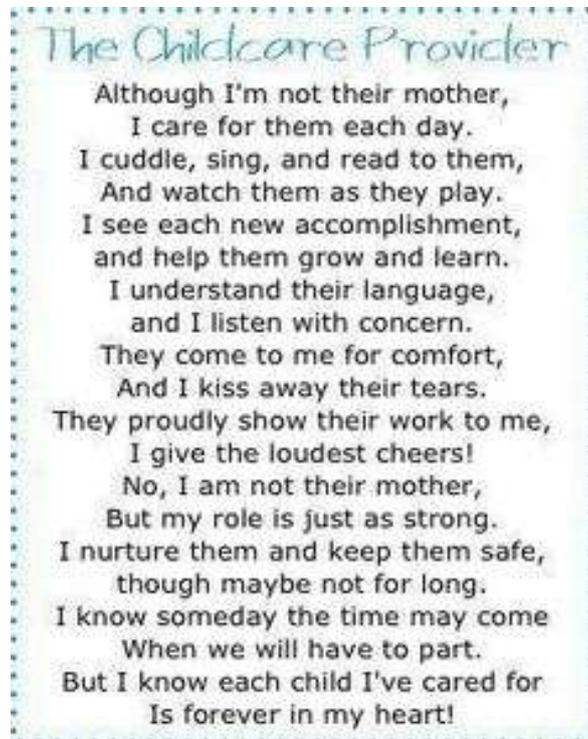
## **DONATIONS**

We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gift over the Christmas period please consider the centre.

- ✚ Easter Eggs for our Easter Raffle
- ✚ Gifts for our Mothers Day raffle
- ✚ Books
- ✚ Old cake tins
- ✚ Ice-cream containers
- ✚ Margarine containers
- ✚ Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies

## ***FINAL THOUGHT***

*February is about reflecting on the year past , looking forward to the new year and celebrating family. Our staff are an extension of family and we hope that all our families feel part of our JUMPSTART family.*



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