

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 1, 2015 JANUARY

## **WELCOME:**

We are delighted to see our families from 2014 return after the Christmas break and warmly welcome all our new families to Jumpstart 4 Kids. Each year brings new opportunities for staff and families to work together to make your child's learning a positive and enjoyable journey. Together we aim to build children's confidence, curiosity and imagination by providing a stimulating and enjoyable learning environment. Parents are an active part of children's learning and we invite all our families to take time each day to talk to staff about our child's interests and needs.

## **STAFF NEWS:**

### **STAFF for 2014**

Mr John and Miss Maree are the Directors and owners at Jumpstart for Kids. We look forward to getting to know our new families and invite all families to speak with us at any time. We actively encourage families to express concerns with us at any time. Concerns will be dealt with promptly on the day with parents receiving a courtesy call from the Directors.

## **STAFF POSITIONS**

**Directors: Mr John and Miss Maree**

**Nominated Supervisor: Miss Justine**

**Educational Leader: Miss Maree**

**Bunyips Room Leader : Miss Nikki Bunyips**

**Room Staff :Miss Trish**

**Playful Possums Room Leader: Miss Justine**

**Playful Possums Room Staff: Miss Chantelle**

**Busy Bees Room Leader: Miss Amie**

**Busy Bees Early Childhood Teacher: Mr**

**Simon & Miss Maree**

**Trainee Miss Kristie**

(NQA 4, 5, 6, &7)

## **CENTRE PHILOSOPHY**

At JumpStart for 4 Kids our Centre Philosophy identifies our centre beliefs and goals. We invite families to view this in our foyer and share any thoughts with us at any time. JumpStart 4 kids believes that each child is unique. By offering a variety of experiences through our weekly stimulus areas, spontaneous play and extension of children's interests, children become engaged learners through active play and investigations. Our Monthly shows reflect our connection with our community and allows children to experience a broad range of learning experiences.



## **FAMILY FOCUS**

**Make your child a star  
for the week**

Parent input is a significant part of our centre and we welcome the ideas and cultural experiences of all our families. Please feel free to speak with staff by sharing your experiences through our Family focus sheets and by volunteering at the centre. (NQA1, 5, 6, &7)

## **FAMILY PHOTO REQUIRED.**



**During the MONTH  
of January** each room  
will be getting to know  
your child and your  
family.

Please support us by providing us with a family photo and speaking with staff so that we can get to know the needs of your child and family. (NQA 4, 5, 6, &7)

## **HEALTHY FOODS AND DRINKS**

Families are encouraged to bring healthy foods for children each day. Chips, chocolate bars and non healthy foods will **NOT** be provide to children . These items will be left in children's lunch boxes and staff will support families by providing suggestions for healthier options.

**DRINKS:** No cordial, juice or poppers are to be placed in children lunch boxes. Children are encouraged to bring a drink bottle with water. Children will be offered water and milk during each meal session. Good dental hygiene supports reducing sugary drinks for children under 5 years.



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

## **PORTFOLIOS**

Each child has an individual portfolio that captures developmental skills, observations and a variety of craft and activities that are completed by your child during their time with us.



We ask all parents to complete a brief question sheet for their child so that this can form part of their portfolio. Parents are welcome to view their child's portfolio at any time. (NQA 1, 5, 6, &7)

## **INCURSIONS FOR 2015**

Throughout 2015 we will be inviting a variety of different organisations to present shows and activities to the children. We wish to notify parents that these will be at an additional cost to

families of \$10.00. These fees will be payable one week prior to each show. Parents are reminded that they will be charged if their child normally attends on this day. All children across the centre take part in all extra curricula activities. Absent children will automatically be charges. (NQA 1,3, 5, 6, &7)



## **WEEKLY EXPERIENCES** **ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:** **BUSY BEES:**

1. Orientation
2. Getting to know Australia Day
3. Weather

Throughout the month of January the Busy Bees will be learning and getting use to their routine and creating new friendships as well as further developing those already created last year. As Australia Day approaches the children will learn why we celebrate Australia and how people do this; we will also celebrate here at Jumpstart 4 Kids. As we set our calender each day in the Busy Bee room we will focus on learning all about the different types of weather and seasons. The children will do this through stories, discussions, video clips and experiments.

Please don't forget to pack a sandwich, wrap or roll for your child for lunch; something which does not need to be heated as they are preparing for big school. Also don't forget a hat, drink bottle, set of sheets and at least 2 spare changes of clothes. All items must be clearly labelled.

## **SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS**

The School Readiness Program this year will continue to have a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy, providing children with learning experiences to assist them in developing English and Mathematic skills which will allow them to be ready and confident for primary schooling.

In the month of January the Busy Bees will be focusing on the letters A, M, with a focus on letter recognition and the sounds the letters make. For mathematics The Busy Bees will be focusing on the numbers 1 and 2 as well as learn about shapes. In the month of January the Bees will also be focusing on colours (red and blue).

It is very important that before children start primary schooling that they are able to recognise their name as well as write their first name. This year in the Busy Bee room we will also be having a strong focus on recognising/writing names, to assist with this the Bees will be required to sign themselves into the Busy Bee room. We encourage parents that when bringing your child into the Busy Bee room to approach the school readiness table and assist your child in looking for their name and signing themselves in.

### **Pre-Lit**

The Busy Bee will be continuing to develop their reading skills this year by being part of our Pre-Lit Program. Pre-Lit is a fantastic program to assist with developing key literacy skills and is endorsed by Macquarie University. In our Pre-Lit program the Bees are introduced to a new book each week, which builds on their interest for reading. 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.

### **PARENT SUPPORT Commencing**

#### **19th January**



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



### **PLAYFUL POSSUMS**

#### **1. Getting to know me.**

#### **2. Friendships**

#### **3. Australia Day**

Throughout the month of January the Playful Possums will be focusing on settling into the room, creating friendships and sustaining friendships. We will be focusing the letter A, the number 1 and identifying genders.

**Please remember** to bring a fitted and top sheet each day, a lunch box (you must have your child's food contained in a lunch box) with a selection of foods a sandwich is preferred for lunch, please remember to pack extra food for the day, a drink bottle, hat and at least 2 changes of clothes.

**If your child is in nappies please provide at least 5 nappies per day and wipes.**

Please ensure all items are labelled, staff are not responsible for lost items without labels. If you have any questions or concerns please talk to Miss Justine or Miss Chantelle.

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### **BABY BUNYIPS:**

#### **Upcoming themes**

#### **1. Getting to know me**

#### **2. Environment**

#### **3. Colours**



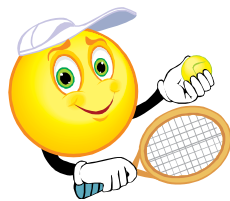
We would like to welcome back all children to the Bunyips room. This year the teachers will be Miss Nikki and Miss Trish, with Miss Kristie on some occasions. This year we are focusing strongly on each individual child's needs and incorporating them into a group experience. We are looking at trailing out new areas and things across the room. We would ask families that they fill in a daily sheet to briefly fill staff in to how their child was the previous night and in the morning.

We are focusing upon forming new bonds and looking into becoming familiar with the new room. Please ask as many questions as you need. We look forward to watching your child develop. - (NQA1,2,3 , 5, 6, &7)

## **NO HAT NO PLAY CLOTHING**

**Children are required to wear Sun Safe clothing at Preschool this means:**

**T shirts - NO SHOE STRING STRAPS  
Covered in shoes – NO THONGS  
SUN HATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY**



**New Enrolments will receive their hats and T-shirts during the last week of January.**

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

## **YEARLY CALENDAR**

Each year the centre generates a yearly calendar to assist in planning throughout the year. This calendar will be included in the February newsletter to assist families with identifying events and family experiences throughout the year.

## **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. We would ask all families to be respectful of this request. .(NQS 6&7)**

## **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.**

-  **Gifts for our Mothers Day raffle**
-  **Books**
-  **Paper cylinders**
-  **Old cake tins**
-  **Ice-cream containers**
-  **Margarine containers**
-  **Bottle tops**
-  **String**
-  **Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies**

## ***FINAL THOUGHT***

**As we begin 2015 we look forward to a successful partnership with all our children and families.**

***Although no one can go back and make a new start anyone can start from now and make a brand new end.***

**We hope that at the end of 2015 our children have aspired to achieve their goals and grown in confidence with a love and passion to take on challenges and enjoy success.**

**JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF**

