

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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STAFF TRAINING CREATING AWESOME EDUCATORS AND CHILDREN

On Tuesday 9th June staff at JumpStart 4 Kids discussed how we actively create awesome children and educators.

The foundation for this is in our JumpStart **TEAM**. Our meaning for **T.E.A.M** means that **Together Everyone Achieves More**. As a Team the staff all share differing experiences, skills and knowledge, but together we create fantastic learning environments and experiences by planning creative and stimulating play based activities that are generated through children's ongoing observations.

MAKE YOUR CHILD A STAR

We remind families that it through the support of families and the **Family Focus Sheets** that staff are able to



connect family and community to the learning experiences that the children undertake each day at the centre. We encourage all families to complete a Family Focus Sheet in the month of July to make your child a **STAR**. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

CUPCAKE SALE 2015

Each year the staff at Jumpstart 4 Kids cook up a storm to sell cupcakes to raise money for The children's Hospital Westmead, Still Birth Australia, Camp Quality to support children with Cancer and local charities such as the Lions club and Care flight to support families of children with disabilities. This Year Miss Justine set our Goal at \$1200.



With the support of parents and extended families at the centre and through community connections and a variety of workplaces, we were thrilled to achieve our target of **\$1200.00**. These funds will be distributed to the mentioned charities. Our charities are aligned with the needs of our families at the centre and support those in need within our local area. We thank families for their contributions and support for charities. (NQA 1,4,5,6&7)

EARN AND LEARN STICKERS STARTS 15th July- 8th September.

It's simple to participate.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet.



There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box in the foyer at JumpStart 4 Kids. Stickers will be exchanged for resources for the centre for all children to enjoy. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

CAMP QUALITY PUPPET SHOW



On Monday 15th June Camp Quality performed a puppet show for the children to highlight the importance of friends when people are ill with cancer.

Children at JumpStart have been affected by cancer, through the illness of a parent, grandparent or close family member. It is for this reason, that JumpStart 4 Kids actively invites Camp Quality to the centre and support donations to such a worthy cause.

The puppets Kylie and Dean spoke about what it was like to have your hair fall out and how our friends may not understand what is happening to their friends when they are being treated for cancer. The puppet show created awareness for kids with cancer by explaining to the children what cancer was and how they can help children with cancer or illness through the medicine of laughter. All children were involved in the show getting up and dancing and singing along with the puppets. What a fantastic way to show children that they can help others and develop empathy for children.



(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENTS

GET UP AND GROW

JUMPSTART KIDS LEARN FROM OUR GUEST HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS



During the month of June the children has been supported in their development

of Fundamental Movement skills by Janeen and Wayne who are trained high school PE Teachers.



Janeen and Wayne have been completing their Practicum hours as part of their qualifications to teach Certificate III in Children's Services to students in years 11 & 12.



Wayne and Janeen have been actively involved with the children in developing ball skills, soccer skills and encouraging the children to be active team players through a variety of games such as tunnel ball. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

PYJAMA WEEK



Monday 22nd – Friday 26th June the whole centre took part in pyjama week. All of the children looked great in their pyjamas, looking cosy and warm. The staff also looked very relaxed as they spent the week in their wonderful Pyjama's.



(NQA 4,5,6&7)

A TASTE OF INDIA (NQA 1,4,5,6&7)

Each month we celebrate the diversity of culture represented at the centre by Focusing on a specific country. The children actively participate in cooking experiences to develop their awareness of cultural foods. Educators discuss foods, cultures and songs associated with each focus country. This is a



great opportunity for families to share their culture with the centre.

CHILDREN ENJOY INDIA



During the month of June at Jumpstart 4 Kids we celebrated India by learning about their customs and traditions through stories as well as having an Indian feast. On Monday 29th of June we conducted a variety of Indian cooking experiences. The Playful possums made pappadams, the Busy Bees made naan bread and cooked corn with some Indian spices and the Baby Bunyips made Indian Rice. Once all the food was cooked, all three rooms came together outdoors for an Indian feast. All the children enjoyed taking part in cooking and loved trying all the different foods they made.





BUSY BEES:

- 1. Extreme weather & wonders**
- 2. Naidoc Week**
- 3. Science Week**

4. Australian animals

5. Friendships

Throughout the month of July the Busy Bees will be learning about the importance of Naidoc week, they will look at the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We will also be completing many experiments during Science Week, as the children have shown lots of interest in doing various experiments and we can't wait to try some new ones with the children.

WIZARDS BREW In June one of the experiments which we completed was called 'The Wizards Brew'. The children learnt that bi-carb

and vinegar together cause a reaction. We also added glitter, food colouring and dishwashing liquid to make the brew very colourful and bubbly. The children loved seeing it ooze over the container and were very excited to share what they had done with their friends and other teachers. (NQA 1,5,6&7)



SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

During the month of June the Busy Bees have demonstrated sound literacy and numeracy skills, especially on the topic of patterns. The Bees have been able to identify patterns and extend on pattern.

This month the Bees will be learning about the letters h, c and b and the sounds these letters make.

The Bees will continue to learn about patterns this month, demonstrating their knowledge of how to develop patterns. The Bees will learn about the numbers 13, 14, and 15 as well as focusing on the days of the week and months of the year. Parental support at home to reinforce these concepts is highly valued.

Pre-Lit

The Bees are progressing well in our Pre-Lit program, demonstrating and developing a range of literacy skills. The Bees enjoy being introduced to a new book each week, which is building their interest for reading.

It is important that children are always introduced to literature and we ask that parents read with their child each night for 15minutes to support our Pre-Lit program. Children are exposed to at least three reading session per day and it is through this exposure that children will develop comprehension, reading and writing skills.

Supplementary Home Support



Supplementary Home support Worksheets are available for the Busy Bees. These worksheets directly relate to our School Readiness program. Children experience great gains in confidence and skills through repetition in a supportive and nurturing environment. We strongly encourage parents to collect a supplementary home booklet for their child to continue building school readiness skills at home. (NQA 1,5,6&7)

PLAYFUL POSSUMS



1. Australia
2. Naidoc week
3. Beach
4. Science
5. Friendship

During the month of July, the Possums will be focusing on Australia and the Naidoc week. We will be looking at the history and culture of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Possums will be focusing on the letters Hh, Bb and Cc throughout our group times. We will also be focusing on revising colours and our numbers as well as learning about healthy eating.

HEALTHY EATING



Parents are reminded that children must bring a piece of fruit each day to the centre. **JUNK FOOD will not be provided to children. PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO ENSURE THAT ALL LUNCH BOXES ARE HEALTHY OPTIONS FOR MEAL TIMES.**

The children will engage in experiences that look at various foods and they will have the opportunity to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy foods.



Science week will focus on children being explorers and creating experiments that arise from children's questions, interests and curiosity. The children will explore their outdoor environments and discuss our plants and worm farm. Together, we will be looking at sandpit volcanos, celery changing colour, oil and water compositions, weather elements and decomposers in our environment. **(NQA 1,5,6&7)**



BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Counting
2. Health
3. Animals
4. Friendship



During the month of July, our first theme begins as counting that will be carried across the entire month.

BABY BUNYIPS:

PARENTS TO ASSIST WITH COUNTING 1-4

Educators will have a strong focus upon counting during the daily routine. Parents are reminded to count with children as we focus on counting from one to four. Counting can be completed when children are taking bites of their food, walking up stairs, taking steps or crawling. Counting will also assist educators as we move into the theme of animals during the middle of July.

Children will recognise lots of animals and smaller amounts visually by placing them all together and taking them away. Educators are returning to focusing on health. This was a focus at the commencement of the year. Children's health is very important and we remind families to pack healthy options and always encourage water to drink.

PAINTING IS FUN- 12.6.15



Children undertook painting using paper that was stuck onto the window. This created a new level to paint rather than sitting in a chair. Children were given free range to explore paints and were encouraged to work together.



The experience worked very well and perhaps we have discovered some very talented artists.



(NQA 1,5,6&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.

- ✚ Books
- ✚ Old cake tins
- ✚ Ice-cream containers
- ✚ Margarine containers
- ✚ Bottle tops
- ✚ String
- ✚ Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies

FINAL THOUGHT

ARE WE SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN TO BE AS HEALTHY AS THEY CAN BE?

"The early years are when you give your child a foundation for establishing a proper diet. If kids learn about the importance of eating healthy early in their lives, they will not have to relearn as an adult."

"Eating habits are learned behaviours; they're not intuitive. So what your children learn to eat at home early in life sticks with them well into adulthood."

Together Educators and Parents support children to develop , healthy and sustained lives. Please support the centre by providing ONLY HEALTHY EATING OPTIONS. Pamphlets are available in the foyer for parents at all times.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF