

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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HAPPY EASTER



Congratulations to the following families who won a lovely Easter Basket through our recent raffle. Jacob, Mila & Zara, Emma, Azaleigha, Keira, Alexis, Cassandra, Mia, Lachlan.A. and Kgaon.

Thank you to all our families who supported our Easter Hat parade. We certainly have some very creative and artistic families. The following children were the winners:
Monday- Parker, Riley and Perry
Tuesday- Christian, Kaiden, Chase and Shanujan

Wednesday- Hannah, Ashton, Samuel, Cassie, Quade and Lachlan. A
Thursday- Aiden, Kgaon and Owen.
(NQA 1,5, 6, &7)



MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

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AFTERNOON TEA
8th May 4:00pm



We remind families that the centre will be hosting a Mother's Day afternoon Tea on Friday 8th May. This is a wonderful way for children to create a special afternoon tea for significant people in their lives who share qualities of a Mother with them. Grandparents, aunts, neighbours and friends are welcome to join us in this celebration. (NQA 1,5, 6, &7)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

Mr Simon attended a Training Day on Monday 20th April on TRANSITIONING TO SCHOOL. The experience of children transitioning to school can have an impact on a child's ongoing wellbeing, learning and development. The conference Mr. Simon attended was designed to support collaborative practices that connect prior-to-school settings, community agencies and schools at this important point in the lives of children and families. Mr. Simon had the opportunity to hear from colleagues and experts in the early childhood field who have a particular interest on effective transitions to school.



On Tuesday 28th April the Centre hosted a Transition to school night for families who are sending their child to school in 2016. Mrs Liz Devlin from St Bernadette's forwarded her apologies for the evening due to the recent weather that had affected her school community.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Mr Simon and Miss Maree spoke to parents in relation to the Busy Bees program and the specific programming that is provided to children each day to assist with their preparation to school.

- **Reading is crucial for children, so please support the centre by reading to your child each night.**
- **Show children how to read by moving left to right by placing your finger beneath words.**
- **Games using The Sight words lists.**
- **Playing games to introduce letter sounds**
- **Counting in respect to numbers. How many Bananas?**

Mr Simon has developed a term homework booklet for families. These will be available in the Busy Bee room from the 11th May. We encourage all families to work with us so that all children enter school with confidence and the ability to identify and write their name, draw, follow instructions, listens intently and share and engage through conversation with their peers.

These skills form the foundations of great learners who will build a love and passion for school. Parents are encouraged to speak with the staff in the Busy Bee room as the year progresses. The staff will continue to record and complete screeners for numeracy, literacy and skill development throughout the year so that parents have a sound understanding of their child prior to their commencement of school.

We thank all our families who attended on the night. (NQA 1,4,5, 6, &7)



PARENT RECEIPTS

COMPLYING WITH OUR OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE STATEMENTS

JumpStart 4 Kids is a Child Care Benefit (CCB) approved child care service. This means that we must provide regular written or electronic statements to each family using our service about their child's care usage, total fees and CCB paid. Statements need to be issued at least once every three months, and within one month after the end of the statement period.

At JumpStart 4 Kids Statements are provided to families at the conclusion of each month. These statements are placed in the pigeon holes located in the foyer. We remind all families that these statements are discarded when new statements are placed in pigeon holes. Parents have 4 weeks to collect their statements. Parents are responsible to collect statements each month.

Parents who require additional statements at any time are asked to speak with Maree or John.

LATE FEES:



Unfortunately we have had a number of families not paying fees on a regular basis. We remind families that \$20 will be automatically added to fees as we have consulted individually with parents are a reminder to their fee payment obligations. Families are highlighted on the role as a courtesy to avoid this payment.

Parents who do not meet this obligation of payments for their child's first day of attendance on a weekly basis will unfortunately incur this additional charge. We ask all families to be mindful and respectful of this request. (NQA 6, &7)

ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS: Families are reminded to ensure that fee payments are scheduled for prompt receipt of fees prior to the conclusion of your child's week of care. This is a parental responsibility.

IMMUNISATIONS: PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE

Parents who fail to show updated immunisation may be at risk of forgoing their child's placement in childcare.



We remind all families that immunisation schedules must be presented to the centre upon enrolment. Cases of whooping cough are up 300 percent in NSW compared to the same time last year as reported by the Sunday Telegraph March 29, 2015. We urge families to discuss with their local Doctors schedules vaccinations to ensure that their child is protected against childhood diseases. Whooping cough can be transmitted by other children and can be fatal. Parents are asked to consider the health and well being of their child, other children and families who attend the centre. Collectively parents can support each other in ensuring a safe and healthy environment for all children. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7)

ANZAC DAY



At Jumpstart 4 Kids we celebrated ANZAC day and spoke to all the children about the ANZAC centenary, we came together and Miss Nikki had a discussion with the children about the meaning of ANZAC day and how it is an opportunity to honour all the men and women who have participated in the wars. The children then watched a video called



“The Anzac Spirit” and then we had a moment of silence with the last post playing in the background. We came together to make ANZAC biscuits and decorated red poppies for

remembrance.

CHANGES IN PARENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

If parents have new care arrangements for their child, they are obligated to report this to Centrelink within 14 days of the change to their circumstances.



Where families have separated, the parents need to be assessed as two separate families for

Child Care Benefit (CCB) purposes. This is important because parents must only receive the CCB percentage to which they are entitled based on their individual assessment.

Families could assume that their out of pocket gap fee will not change after separation. If both parents want to receive CCB and Child Care Rebate (CCR), they need to have their own Centrelink Reference Number (CRN) and be assessed individually for CCB. In this case the centre will generate accounts for individual families based on their child care usage. We remind families that it is important to inform the centre if parental circumstances change that affect payment and billing requirements. (NQA, 6, &7)

STAFF NIGHT

Teams make a great centre. Our recent dinner acknowledged the hard work and dedication of all staff. We thank all our staff for the care and daily tasks that they undertake to make JumpStart



4 Kids such a great place. We thank our families for trusting us with your children and know that together we can inspire a love and passion for all children to learn to the best of their ability. (NQA 4,5, 6, &7)

APRIL COUNTRY OF THE MONTH: ITALY (NQA 1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7)

During April at Jumpstart 4 Kids we focused on the country Italy. Throughout the month across all rooms we learnt about all the interesting traditions, landmarks and food of Italy. On Wednesday 22nd April we had an Italian Banquet which involved a variety of cooking experiences with the children. Each room was involved in making Spaghetti Bolognese, Garlic Bread, Healthy Pizza and an Italian themed jelly. We all then came together to enjoy all the lovely food that was made.



National Simultaneous Story Time 27th May at 11:00am AEST



National Simultaneous Story time is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 15th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy using an Australian children's book that explores age appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Grades F to 6 and the pre-school Early Learning Years Framework. This year NSS takes place on Wednesday 27 May at 11am (AEST) and at JumpStart 4 Kids we will be joining in by sharing *The Brothers Quibble* by Aaron Blabey. (NQA 1,4,5, 6, &7)

BUSY BEES:

1. Dancing
2. Families
3. Caring for Animals
4. Weather



SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

The Busy Bees have been progressing well in school readiness during the month of April. The Bees are demonstrating sound letter recognition skills and are developing good number skills. During the Month of May, the Bees will be continuing on developing their knowledge of letters by focusing on the letters O and G, as well as the sounds these letters make. The Bees will continue to develop their numeracy skills by learning about the numbers 9 and 10 and will also learn about the shape Rhombus (Diamond).

The Bees will be introduced to patterns this month and will be involved in a variety of experiences to learn about what a pattern is, identifying patterns and creating patterns.

Skills for school is also very important and this month the Bees will be developing their colour recognition skills by learning about the colours, grey and black.

Pre-Lit

The Busy Bees have been progressing really well in our Pre-Lit program, demonstrating and developing a broad range of literacy skills. The Bees are enjoying 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.

COMPANION BEARS

The Busy Bees have been enjoying taking their companion bears home and we thank parents for all the effort they have made with the companions bear books. Children are responsible for the companion **Bear for ONE week ONLY.** It is very important that you only keep the bear for one week to allow other children to have their turn.

In the month of **MAY** the following children will be looking after either Wayne or Eddie:

WAYNE

EDDIE



Portmoresby
William



Kyle
Enaya

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Country
2. Reptiles
3. Food
4. Farm animals



Throughout the month of April the Possums focused on healthy eating, the children looked at healthy foods and sometimes foods. During the month of May the children will be following this up in food week looking at different foods from around the world, the children will be experimenting with foods and participating in cooking experiences. The Possums have been focusing on their numeracy and literacy skills, counting, recognising shapes and colours in large and small group times. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7)

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Colour Red
2. Shape Circle
3. Circus
4. Animals



During the month of May, we will be looking at the primary concept of the colour red and the shape circle. Children will begin to recognise the colour and shape as a whole, identifying objects as being red or not red and being a circle or not a circle. Children will process this information throughout the whole routine of the day to grasp a clearer understanding of the primary concept. We have recently introduced a stronger focus upon implementation on numeracy and literacy on the Bunyips weekly program.

Our goal is to have areas for children below 1 years and above 1 years old and look at a two words for the week and simple numeracy sounds. Parents it is important that what is implemented at school, is being carried out through learning at home. We always have access to the program and evaluation to provide information on our current learning theme. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7)

YOUR CHILD IS NOW 18 MONTHS!!!!

EYLF Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity. Your child will be beginning to cooperate when playing with others. Children rotate from associative play to parallel with other toddlers. Your child needs to be continued to be stimulated as they are very curious at this age.

OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT:

With the winter months upon us it is important that children have additional clothing to keep warm during outdoor play experiences. Please ensure that your child has a jacket or a jumper as children may remove additional clothing once inside the centre.

LOST PROPERTY.

We have a large number of items in our lost property basket in the front foyer. We remind families to view this basket and take any items that belong to their child. These items will be donate to charity after 2 months, so please check this basket weekly.

PREGNANCY BABIES AND CHILDREN'S EXPO. 22nd May - 24th May



Sydney Showground Exhibition Centre Sydney Olympic Park.

Free Ticket On line . We invite all families to collect a flyer in the foyer to this event.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY

Each year JumpStart 4 Kids makes donations to a number of charities. In April we donated to the KID BIG FUN DAY OUT. This event is supported by the Lions club and supports local families who have children with special needs. Funds also go to the Oncology ward at Westmead hospital to help people with cancer, Bear Cottage , St John's Ambulance and the Motor Neurone and MS society to support cures. Our raffle and fundraising events throughout the year contribute to our centre resources and also to our extended community to support children and families who may be challenged by an illness or obstacle in their lives. We thank all our families who support the centre, as your generosity support us in helping those in need.

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. Thank you to Niam's and Meya's (Possums) mum and Azaleigha's' Grandmother (Bunyips) donated items to the centre for room resources and raffle prizes.

- + Books
- + Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies

FINAL THOUGHT



JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF