

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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HALLOWEEN DISCO 29th October

What a great night! We thank all our children and families who attended on the night. The children, parents and staff are to be congratulated on their fantastic costumes and participation on the night. Face painting, guessing competition, witches hat tossing, sensory games and our special disco made the night one to remember. (NQA1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)



STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

EARLY START CONFERENCE WOLLONGONG UNIVERSITY.

On 28th – 30th September, Maree, John, Justine and Simon attended a conference at the University of Wollongong. This conference focused on the challenges that exist in policy and practice for children, families and educators by exploring current approaches to research in the early years of life and proposing strategies for the future that will both inform and improve work in the early childhood sector.. The conference focused around five key themes which were,

Theme 1: Cognitive Development

(This theme focused on translating theory and research into practice, giving insight into how educators and parents can support children's cognitive development)



Theme 2: Pedagogy and Education Policy

(Theme explored early childhood pedagogies that drive current and future practice)

Theme 3: Social Inclusion

(This theme focused on empowering individuals, families and communities to enable social connections and meaningful participation)

Theme 4: Healthy Lifestyles

(This theme focused on understanding factors associated with the development of healthy lifestyles among young children and their families.)

Theme 5: Digital Learning and Literacy

(This theme focused on how young children engage, learn and develop with digital technologies.) (NQA1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

WESTBUS INCURSION 21st October



On Wednesday 21st September all the children at Jumpstart were introduced to Road Safety through the WestBus Safety program. Elizabeth was a fantastic bus driver who shared specific bus safety rules with the children. The children learnt about keeping safe near and on buses. This included how to board a bus and the importance of sitting on the seats and not jumping on seats or putting your hands out the bus windows.



Westbus provided each child with a show bag which included bus safety stickers and road safety information for parents. This was a fantastic opportunity for children as they transition to school and use public transport within their local communities. (NQA1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)



BRAZIL COOKING EXPERIENCE:

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

During the month of October the children at Jumpstart 4 Kids investigated cultural foods from Brazil. The children explored Brazil's traditions, cultures and the similarities and differences between Australia and Brazil.

On Tuesday 20th October we celebrated the country Brazil by having a Brazilian feast. Each room made a traditional Brazilian dish and then came together to share their food.



Our menu consisted of Brazilian banana cake, Brazilian rice, orange salad and Brazilian lemonade.



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



Thursday 19th November 10:00am

Throughout 2015 JumpStart Kids has celebrate a number of different cultures. We are fortunate to live in such a multicultural country where children can learn and appreciate the different gifts, talents, customs and celebrations that occur around this world. At Christmas we will extend on this theme by sharing a multicultural experience to reflect the meaning of Christmas around the world. This show will incur a cost of \$10 for each child enrolled to attend on this day. (NQA1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS.



Staff have been actively engaged in focusing on the developmental accomplishments of all children throughout 2015. Our final reports sessions are a valuable time for families to reflect on the progress, needs and accomplishments of all children at JumpStart. (NQA1,2,3,4 5, 6, &7)

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS.

We ask that all families nominated a time with room Educators by placing their name on the interview schedules located on room doors during the WEEK COMMENCING 2nd November.

No reports will be issued to families without Educator interviews.

Graduating Busy Bees will be provided with their final reports on the Graduation night. Families of Graduating children are still able to make an appointment time with Educators during this interview time period.

TIME SCHEDULES:

Non Graduating Bees: 9th Nov-13th Nov

Graduating Bees: Graduation Night.

Parents are still offered a interview time if required.

Possums: 16th- 20th November

Bunvips: 23rd-27th November

CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSITY

11th November MULTICULTURAL FOOD DAY WE NEED YOUR

HELP

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday 11th November, we will be hosting a multicultural day within the centre. It would be greatly appreciated if you could bring in a small plate of traditional food on the day if possible and drop off with your child in the morning.

We ask that no food contains meat, nuts or egg due to allergies and some children being vegetarian.

This is a fantastic opportunity for families to prepare a small plate for children to try and create a real community where our families share with all our children and staff.



BUSY BEES:



ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

1) Seasons

2) Emotions

3) Celebrations

4) Weather

During the month of October the Bee's enjoyed experimenting with colours by mixing different combinations of colours to create new and exciting colours. The children quickly demonstrated knowledge about what colours are possible when you mix certain colours together. Miss Amie and Mr Simon conducted a variety of experiences about colour mixing using coloured water and paint. Mr Simon conduct an art experience with dyed water, allowing the Bees to mix colours together on cardboard.



SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

During the month of October the Bees have been progressing well with their School Readiness experiences and have demonstrated accurate knowledge in regards to transport. All the Bees were able to identify different types of transport and state if they were land, air or sea transport.



During the month of November the Bee's will be continuing to develop their letter knowledge by focusing on the letters

Z and W and sounds these letters make. The Bees will also be developing their numeracy

skills by focusing on the numbers 4,5,6,7,8,and 9. This month the Bee's will be continuing to develop their counting skills by focusing on subtraction.

Pre-Lit

The Busy Bees have continued to progress with the Pre-Lit Literacy program, demonstrating and retaining phonics and Sight Words from a variety of experiences. 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.

It is important that literature is always part of a child's environment and we encourage parents to read with their child each night for 15minutes to support our Pre-Lit program which focuses on developing reading comprehension, Sight Words and Phonemic awareness.

Supplementary Home Support

There are some left over homework booklets available for the Busy Bee's and we encourage parents to collect homework for their child as the homework links directly with the Busy Bees School Readiness Program. Homework is part of primary school and supplementary homework helps towards building children's confidence as they successfully transition to school. (NQA1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

1)Water week

2)Pets

3)Celebrations

4) Farm animals



During the month of October, the Possums focused on Hygiene. The Possums looked at a variety of different ways to promote hygiene. We also had a bus visit where the children explored how to enter, exit and travel safely on a bus.

During the month of November, the children will be focusing on water safety. The children will be involved in a variety of experiences based around this topic. The Possums will also be continuing to develop their letter and number recognition as we will be focusing on the letters Pp and Jj and the sounds they make. We will also be focusing on the children's numeracy skills by focusing on the numbers 17 and 18.



BABY BUNYIPS:

- 1. Counting**
- 2. Emotions**
- 3. Physical Movement**
- 4. Colour Green**



As the end of the year draws closer, most of the Baby Bunyip children will be moving up to the Playful Possums room next year. For this reason, we are focusing on counting, concepts, self help skills and being able to express ourselves verbally. It is important that children learn structure and we ask families to assist us by setting aside some time each day to engage in structured experiences with their child for at least 30 minutes each day whether it be counting, physical activity, cooking or reading. This helps stimulate the mind and allows children to become more excited and engaged in learning as they get older. We have also

been encouraging different facial expressions to be made to help children with communication challenges to let educators know their needs and feelings. In the upcoming weeks, we will be focusing on getting children physically active and focusing on experiences being undertaken while moving and take away from the typical sitting down.

Miss Nikki and Miss Trish

WE ARE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

In the Bunyips room, we are continuing to focus on physical activity. The children will learn to balance on different heights, learning the motion of jumping and directional skills. This is an important part of a child's development and we encourage parents to continue these areas at home with their children.



LANGUAGE MILESTONES AT THE AGE OF 2

- **Points to object or picture when it's named for him**
- **Recognizes names of familiar people, objects, and body parts**
- **Says several single words (by fifteen to eighteen months)**
- **Uses simple phrases (by eighteen to twenty-four months)**
- **Uses two- to four-word sentences**
- **Follows simple instructions**
- **Repeats words overheard in conversation**
- **(NQA1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)**

FEE RECEIPTS OCTOBER:

Receipts for the Month of October are now available for all families in the foyer. Any fee discrepancies please speak with Directors. (NQA 5,6&7).

BASKETS DONATIONS by 20th November

Our Christmas Party will be on Monday 30th November. Our Donation Baskets will be provided to the Lalor Park representative of St Vincent De Paul.



Bunyips: Soft Drinks, Fruit cakes, Custard, Christmas and savoury biscuits.

Possums: Chips, Lollies, Candy Canes, Chocolates.

Bees: Chocolates, Soft Drinks, Popcorn, Christmas Stockings.

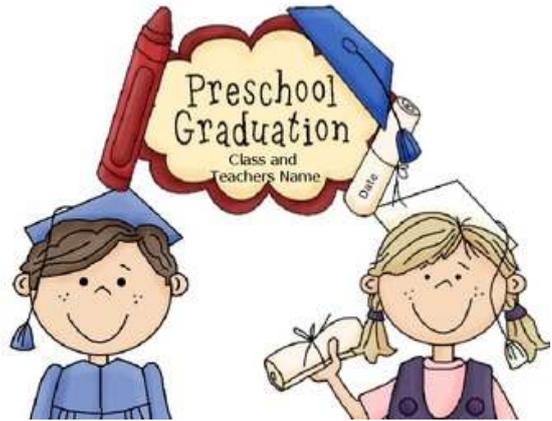
CHRISTMAS CONCERT:



Monday 30th
November -
Blacktown Sportsman Club on Reservoir Road at 6.30pm – 8.00pm . Tickets must be purchased by 20th November.

Family Tickets: (2 adults, 2 Children) include a BBQ dinner and a present from Santa for children attending the centre. All children receive a lolly bag from Santa.

Family Ticket \$ 40
Additional Adult Ticket \$11
Additional Children Tickets \$11



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

BOOKING DATES 2016

Parents are reminded that the grid located in the foyer is final confirmation of booking dates for 2016. This grid has now been finalised and any changes to this require at least 2 weeks' notice in writing as we are now taking waiting list applications for 2016. All families will be charged fees commencing Monday 11th January when the centre reopens for 2016.

POLICY CHANGES 2016 BUSY BEE ROOM.



Children preparing for their formal educational years require consistency and repetition of learning experiences in order to develop social, literacy, numeracy and independence skills. Attendance for one day per week does not provide children or educators with adequate exposure to support vital learning outcomes. For this reason children enrolled at JumpStart 4 Kids in the Busy Bee room will be required to attend a minimum of two days per week. (NQA1,4, 5, 6, &7)



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. The centre will reopen on Monday 11th January, 2016. Families are not charged during close down weeks.

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)

FEE INCREASES 2016

Improved educator to child ratios are due to **start 1st January 2016 in all states and territories, except Tasmania and Western Australia, where they are already in place.**

New ratios apply for **children older than 24 months and younger than 36 months at centre-based services** in NSW. This means that an additional educator must be employed in services to meet this new regulation.

This position must hold a current qualification to meet quality care for children at JumpStart 4 Kids. For this reason Fees will be increased by \$5 per day to meet this new regulatory guideline.

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

BOND PAYMENTS: 2016

Bond Payments for 2016 will be increased to \$200 or 2 weeks fees, if fees exceed \$200.

The bond is a refundable amount that is held to cover any changes with CCB or outstanding fee payments. Parents will be asked to make adjustments to their bond payment in the month of January 2016 to meet these new policy changes. Increases in days will also affect bond amounts and will be monitored throughout the year.

DONATIONS

A big Thank you to all our families who continue to make significant contribution to the centre through their generous donations.

As we approach the end of the year we ask that all families donate a food item to our Christmas Hamper and make a toy donation to our Christmas Raffle located in the front foyer.

DONATIONS : Food Hampers all families

DONATIONS: Toy Christmas Raffle All families



FINAL THOUGHT

"In the eyes of children we find the joy of Christmas. In their hearts we find its meaning."

May our preparations for Christmas remind us of what is really important. It is not money or possessions, but simply the love of family and children . There is not price tag for this truly amazing gift. May we cherish this always.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF