

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON

TEA (NQA1,2,3 ,4, 5, 6, &7)



A fantastic event for our wonderful fathers. It was lovely to see so many of our Dad's attend the centre to Celebrate Father's Day with the children. We know that the children were very excited to share the gifts

that they had made for the special men in their lives.

Congratulations to the lucky families who won prizes in the Fathers Day Raffle



- Vivaan- Possums
- Raphael - Bees
- Alexis - Possums
- Matilda - Bees
- Niam - Bees
- Mila and Zara - Bunyips / Possums
- Emma - Bees



A VISIT FROM THE FARM

Exploring a variety of farm animals certainly came to life when the children experienced a visit from Golden Ridge Farm. This hands on experience allowed the children to touch, feed and handle farm animals in a secure and nurturing environment. Many of the children at the centre care for cats, dogs and birds at home. Caring for animals supports children in

developing responsibility and social skills as they nurture and care for their pet. Children who do

not have pets at home experienced the joy and excitement of touching animals that they may not have been previously exposed to through feeding sessions for each room at the centre.



EGYPTIAN FOOD EXPERIENCES CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Each month the children explore a different country that is representative of the family cultures that we host at JumpStart 4 Kids. During the Month of September the children engaged in a cooking experience that explore some of the foods associated with Egypt. (NQA1,2, 5, 6, &7)

EGYPTIAN FOOD EXPERIENCES

Our Menu consisted of Egyptian Pides, made with spinach, garlic, fetta, ricotta and cheddar cheese.

Egyptian Fish Skewers, included fish fingers, capsicum and pineapple. Our delicious salad was made with couscous, chickpeas, cucumbers, tomatoes and celery.

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



HALLOWEEN DISCO THURSDAY

29th OCTOBER.6:45-8:00pm

Our Halloween Disco allows children to explore Halloween in a safe and fun environment. **Halloween** falls on the evening before the Christian holy days of All Hallows' Day (also known as All Saints' or Hallowmas) on 1 November and All Souls' Day on 2 November, thus giving the holiday on 31 October the full name of All Hallows' Eve (**meaning** the evening before All Hallows' Day). Children and parents are asked to dress up as their favourite characters for a night of fun. We ask that parents bring a plate to share on the night. Children's Tickets are \$5.00 and must be purchased by Friday 23rd October. (NQA1,2,3 , 4, 5, 6, &7)

OUR GARDEN

CHILDREN LEARN HOW FOOD IS GROWN AS THEY CARE FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

Children learn best through hands on experiences. Living a healthy life through exercise and nutrition allows children to make healthy options for sustained life. Our Vegetable garden located at the front of the centre will be used to educate children in healthy eating choices by growing a range of vegetables and fruit so that children can use these ingredients through our cooking experiences and cultural foods experiences. If



parents have any vegetable seedlings , seeds or gardening tools that they would like to donate for our vegetable garden we would be most appreciative. (NQA1,2,3 , 5, 6, &7)

BUS INCURSION WEDNESDAY

14th October 10:00 am



Many children will begin school and will commence using public transport. To assist children to safely use buses as an effective mode of transport, the centre will host an educational incursion to allow children to correctly enter, exit and travel safely on buses. This will support all children as they transition to school and use buses within their local community. (NQA1,2,3 , 5, 6, &7)

BUSY BEES:

1. Care for animals
2. Hygiene
3. Water safety
4. Halloween



During the month of September the Busy Bee took part in a variety of learning experiences about Healthy Eating. The Bees made a large banner which shows what foods are healthy and what foods are unhealthy. During September the Bees also learnt about the Human body, focusing on bones and organ. The Bees also made a poster about the human body, which displays organs in our body. The Bees loved this experience and their Human Body poster is also on display in the Bees room.

COMPANION BEARS FOR OCTOBER.

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS.

WAYNE EDDIE



This month the following children will be taking the companion bears home. **We ask that ALL parents return the Companion Bears promptly so that all children can enjoy this experience.** It is very distressing when a child is not offered the companion bear on their scheduled turn due to families not returning the companion bears promptly.

Wayne Winch: Ngathjwok and Akon

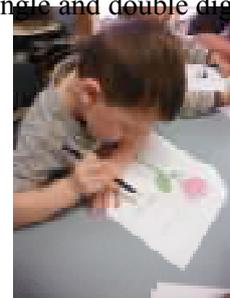
Eddie Teddy: Elizabeth and Kaillee

Miss Amie & Mr Simon

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

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

The Bees have demonstrated a good understanding of Transport and have been able to identify transport that belongs in the air, land and sea. During the month of October the Busy Bee's will be continuing to develop their letter knowledge by focusing on the letters V, P and J and the sounds these letters make. The Bees will also be developing their numeracy skill by focusing on the numbers 19 and 20. This month the Bee's will also be developing their counting skills by focusing on addition and subtraction of single and double digits.



Supplementary Home Support

Homework booklets are 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 in learning as well as further develops school readiness skills as well as assists towards a successful transition to school.

Pre-Lit

The Busy Bees are doing really well in Pre-Lit, demonstrating a range of literacy skills they have gained from the variety of experiences from the program. 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 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. (NQA1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Care for animals
2. Hygiene
3. Water Safety
4. Halloween



Throughout the month of September the children focused on their numeracy skills- practising to count 1-15. The children also focused on exploring their investigating and exploring skills by enjoying our science and discovery table activities.

The children created colouring books and they thoroughly enjoyed looking at these during our free play experiences. The children focused on colour recognition through small group discussion with educators and peers. The children are now developing great competency with colours and the varying shades of colours within their environment.

The children have really enjoyed using the new puppet theatre donated kindly by Hannah's dad. The children have been using the small finger puppets putting on a show for all of the of their peers, displaying their social skills.



In the month of October the Playful Possums will be focusing on hygiene and water safety. The children will participate in a range of different experiences allowing them to learn how to use their self-help skills to wash their hands before and after meals as well as before and after outdoor play. The children will also be focusing on placing their own sunscreen on before outdoor play. (NQA1,2,3 , 5, 6, &7)

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Physical Activity
2. Under the sea
3. Water Safety
4. Colour Blue



During the month of October, children will focus on developing their physical wellbeing skills. Educators aim for children to have physical activities for at least 4 hours a day. We remind parents that children below the age of two should not have any exposure to media such as television or computers. Parents need to focus more on getting their children physically active, whether it be walking around helping in the kitchen or playing with a ball outside. We will incorporate our theme of ocean to our theme of water safety. Parents are reminded to provide healthy options for their children. Please ask staff if you require ideas for your child's lunchbox as we have many suggestions and resources to support families located in the front foyer.

The Bunyips are looking at using their fine motor skills working on holding pencils and crayons.



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FUN FACT about allergies.

Remember NO NUTS OR EGG

Around 8% of children and 2% of adults have some kind of food allergy, this occurs when the body's immune system incorrectly assumes a certain food protein is harmful and attacks it. Common examples of food allergies include reactions to peanuts, gluten and shellfish.

VISION SCREENING 9:30 am **Thursday 22nd** **October**



For Children who **are 4 Yrs of age** the

centre will have Free eye testing on Thursday 22nd October. This is conducted through NSW Health by trained nurses who will attend the centre at 9:30 am. Parents must complete a parental permission for children's screening to be completed. If children have vision deficits they will receive feedback on the day with a follow up session through NSW health. This is a vital screener for children before they begin school. If parents from The Busy Bees room have not received their Parental permission form yet, please speak to Miss Amie, Mr Simon or Miss Maree prior to this date to collect relevant information.

Parents please return completed **forms to room staff by MONDAY** **19th October.** (NQA 1,2,4,4,,5 6 & 7)

PARENT FORUM

Wednesday 16th September

We thank all our families who attended our parent Forum. The Minutes to the parent Forum are located in the foyer in the newsletter holder. We ask all families to take a copy.
(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

END OF YEAR REPORTS ALL ROOMS

All parents will be asked to conduct an interview with room staff during the month of November. Graduating Busy Bees will have reports provided to families at the Busy Bee Graduation on Wednesday 9th December. Parents will be allocated 10 minute time slots with Educators. Interview appointment times will be placed on room doors 2 weeks prior to report feedback.

Non Graduating Bees: 9th Nov-13th Nov

Graduating Busy Bees can also request an **Educator interview at this time.**

Possums: 16th- 20th November

Bunvips: 23rd - 27th November

FEE RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER:

Receipts for the Month of SEPTEMBER 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

Each year
JumpStart 4 Kids
supports St
Vincent's DePaul
in donating food
items for
Christmas. Baskets
will be distributed
to rooms at the end of October.



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

Possums: Chips , Lollies, Candy Canes, Chocolates.

Bees: Chocolates, Soft Drinks, Popcorn, Christmas Stockings. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

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

ON SALE MONDAY 26th November

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS

GRADUATION Wednesday 9th

December 6:45pm 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.

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DONATIONS:

- ✚ Books
- ✚ Old cake tins
- ✚ Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies
- ✚ Old taps, door handles items for treasure hunts in our sand pit for archaeological digs



FINAL THOUGHT

From The Early Years Learning Conference at Wollongong University attended by Mr Simon, Miss Justine, Miss Maree and Mr John.

"Like it or not, the most important mental and behavioural patterns, once established, are difficult to change once children enter school"(Heckman& Wax, 2004)

As educators and parents it is important that we support children in developing sound lifelong habits in respect to friendships, nutrition, behavioural , social and academic competence.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF