

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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SCIENCE SHOW - National Science Week 14th- 20th August



On Tuesday the 26th of July Sonic Kitchen attended the centre to support the children investigate sound. Jeremy used technology to show the children how sound can change and each child experimented with their own voices through the microphone, making high, low robots, giants and babies sounds. The children thought this was very funny! They learnt interesting facts about sound how sound can change and that there is no sound in space. The children experimented with using sound vibrations to create a number of different patterns through the use of an Ipad. Each child



sprinkled coloured sand onto a board and choose a picture to create with the tablet. This was a very interesting show which the children really enjoy. As centre we will extend this concept area as the children discover a variety of science experiments commencing the wee 14th August to celebrate National Science Week . If parents have any experiment ideas we would welcome any suggestions. (NQA 1,4, 5, 6, &7)



BOOK WEEK 21st August



Book week commences on the 21st August. This is a fantastic week to emerge children in the

wonder of books, through stories rhyme, songs and imaginary adventures. Children and staff are encouraged to dress up for the week by wearing their favourite costume .

Children and parents are invited to share their treasured childhood stories with the centre. We would love to share stories that have significant meanings to families from a variety of cultural perspectives.

Reading is a valuable experience for all children as it inspires imagination, builds literacy and vocabulary skills and develops language skills for children allowing them to use words and phrases that express their feelings and thoughts.

We encourage all families to make Book week count by reading to their child each night and asking questions about the characters, their adventures and story lines. (NQA 1,4, 5, 6, &7)

YOU ARE INVITED

FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON

TEA

FRIDAY 2nd September 4:00pm

ALL WELCOME



DENTAL HEALTH SHOW

THURSDAY 4th August 10:00am



This show will educate children on oral hygiene and promote healthy foods to support strong teeth and gums. Parents will have \$10 added to

their account for this show.



Jeans for Genes®

Wear your Jeans on Friday 5th August to show your support.

(NQA 12,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

1. Dental Health
2. Being a Friend
3. Science Week
4. Book Week
5. Keeping our environment clean

BUSY BEES:

During the month of August the Busy Bees will be gaining an understanding of dental health and the importance of keeping our teeth clean. The Bees will be learning about what foods are good for our teeth and what foods are not, this will also assist to developing an understanding of healthy and un-healthy foods.



TIME TO COUNT!!

During the month of July the Bees have been developing their counting skills by using mini abacuses. The



Bees have been busy looking at a number flash cards and making sure to identify the number on their card and then display that number on their mini abacus.

SCHOOL READINESS

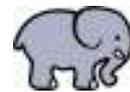
Literacy Focus:

The Busy Bees will be focusing on the letters B and E, developing their letter recognition skills as well as what sound these letters make.

B as in Banana



E as in Elephant



Numeracy Focus

This month the Bees will be focusing on the number **15** and **16**, developing their number recognition and counting skills.

Concept

The Busy Bees are now being introduced to months of the year and seasons. Each day the Busy Bees take part in completing the Busy Bee calendar, this experience develops the Bees understanding of the sequence of the days of the week and months of the year. While completing the calendar each day, the children learn about the weather, identifying what the weather is like outside and what season we are in. (NQA 1,4, 5, 6, &7)

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Dental Health
2. My Body
3. Science Week
4. Book Week
5. Keeping the environment clean (NQA 1,4, 5, 6, &7)



PLAYFUL POSSUMS

During the month of August the Playful Possums will focus on dental health. We will focus on looking at different foods that help to keep our teeth healthy and clean. We will also show a focus towards how to brush our teeth and keep them clean. As children have shown an interest in our bodies and body parts this month the Possums will focus on looking at our bodies and different body parts.

Literacy

Letter Ee



Letter Nn



E as in Elephant

N as in Nurse

Numeracy

Number 13

Number 14

Concept

Days of the week

Long and Short



Colour Sorting



During the month of July the Possums showed a focus towards colour recognition and beginning the colour sort as well

as developing fundamental movements. One way we combined these two focuses was through bean bag colour sorting. The possums enjoyed picking their bean bag and then matching it to the correct coloured hula hoop. Possums then tossed their bean bags into the matching hoop developing underarm throwing motions and fundamental movement skills.



BABY BUNYIPS:



1. Insects and Bugs
2. Transport
3. Science Week
4. Book Week
5. Care for the Environment

During the month of August the Baby Bunyips will be focusing on bugs and insects; they will go on nature walks to see what bugs and insects are a part of our Jumpstart environment. They will also use songs, books and pictures to learn about the different types of insects, what they look like and how they move. The children will also take part in some fun and interesting experiments during science week. During this time they will use their different senses to explore and gain an understanding of cause and effect. Don't forget it is Book Week beginning on Monday the 22nd of August. (NQA 1,4, 5, 6, &7)

Crafty Weather

Throughout the week of Monday the 25th of July the Baby Bunyips learnt all about the weather. They read stories *Rain, Rain Go Away*, *A Sunny Day* and *Seasons*. They also had fun learning a new song called 'How's the Weather?' and with this they practiced



some simple moves. The children made some fantastic storm collages using paint, cotton balls, pipe cleaners, glitter and rice.

These look absolutely amazing! Mila was great with the paintbrush and showed great control with it. Emiliana loved using her hands to spread the rice on her paper for the snow and Arthur had lots of fun exploring the different textures, he really loved the paint and used his hands to get involved.



NATIONAL TREE DAY FRIDAY 29th July



Each year in Australia around 3,000 preschools, primary and high schools across participate in Schools Tree Day.

School Tree Day is a great program that development children's understanding of the environment and caring for the world they live in.

School Tree was held on Friday the 29th July at Jumpstart 4 Kids. The Busy Bees and Playful planted a new orange tree and new spinach seedlings.



The children assisted with planting the tree in our front vegetable garden making sure it had plenty of water to drink. Once the tree was planted, the children explored through the vegetable garden and collected some vegetables (Snow peas, peas, garlic chives, broccoli and silver beet spinach).



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These vegetables were then used for our vegetable pasta cooking experience with Miss

Miss Chantelle visited Jumpstart 4 Kids and helped the children with our National Tree Day activities. The children and staff were very happy to see Miss Chantelle in our garden and coking experiences.



NPS MEDICINE WISE COLOURING COMPETITION



This competition forms part of NPS Medicine campaign to respond to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance. Using antibiotics for colds and flu is a major contributor to antibiotic resistance. Antibiotics only work on infections caused by bacteria. They do not work on viral infections like colds and flu. By using antibiotics in the wrong way, bacteria can become resistant. This means they will no longer work when we need them to.

At Jumpstart 4 Kids, the Busy Bees learnt about the importance of stopping the spread of cold and flu germs. The three main ways we can stop the spread of germs (CATCH the germs in a tissue, make sure to throw the tissue in the BIN and wash our hands with soap to KILL the germs)

We invite families to view our visual display on the Busy Bee window .A photo of our new display has been entered into the NPS Medicine Wise colouring competition to win book packs for the centre. (NQA 12,4, 5, 6, &7)

PYJAMA DAY 22nd July



Friday 22nd of July was Pyjama Day. All the children and educators at Jumpstarts participated in the day. National

Pyjama Day is all about wearing your best bedtime attire to help The Pyjama Foundation raise much-needed awareness for children in foster care.



FOCUS COUNTRY ENGLAND

During the Month of July, Jumpstart 4 Kids has been busy learning about the country England. The children engaged in learning experiences related to the country England.

On Thursday 21st July, Jumpstart 4 Kids



focused on creating signature English dishes. The Busy Bees cooked vegetarian bread puffs, the Possums made a traditional English Trifle and the Bunyips cooked some lemonade scones. All the dishes were a success and were all very delicious.



The children always love taking part in art and craft experience and it was great to see how excited the children were to create crowns just like the Queen.



SUSTAINABILITY

This month for sustainability, Jumpstart is focusing on the use of recyclables for various activities. The children in the Playful Possums room will be participating in building an igloo made of 2 litre milk bottles in the coming months. We ask if parents could please bring in any 2 litre milk bottles they may have to assist us in achieving this experience for the children.

At Jumpstart we now have two worm farms for both the Busy Bees and the Playful Possums to participate in the caring of our worm farms more regularly with each room having their own. (NQA 1,4, 5, 6, &7)



DONATIONS

If families have received any unwanted gifts please consider the centre.

- ✚ 2 Litre Milk Bottles
- ✚ Gifts for our raffles
- ✚ Books

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

AUGUST Celebrations

POSSUMS Room

Myra 9/8

BEES Room

Reet 4/8

Jia 19/8



FINAL THOUGHT

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF