

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 2, 2016 FEBRUARY

## JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF 2016

We welcome all our new and returning parents for 2016. Educators are a great support to children and families as they settle in for 2016. Parents are encouraged to speak with staff about their child's day and we encourage all parents to discuss any concerns that they have with Educators on a daily basis. The ability to develop collaborate communication between families and the centre allows us to support each child need so that they can achieve their full potential.

### STAFFING 2016

**Directors Mr John and Miss Maree**  
**Nominated Supervisor Miss Justine**  
**2nd Nominated Supervisor Miss Nikki**  
**Early Childhood Teacher Mr Simon**  
**Room Staffing 2016**

**Baby Bunyips:**

**Room Leader: Miss Amie**

**Room Staff: Miss Kristie**

**Playful Possums**

**Room Leader: Miss Justine**

**Room Staff: Miss Trish**

**Room Staff: Miss Shannon**

**Busy Bees:**

**Room Leader: Miss Nikki**

**Room Staff: Mr Simon**

**Trainees 2016**

**Miss Shannen-Maree**

**Miss Megan**

### QUALIFICATIONS OF STAFF

Parents can view staff qualifications in the foyer at all times. All staff have a minimum of Cert 111 in Children Services All Room leaders hold as a minimum a Diploma in Children's Services. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

## WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA FRIDAY 12th FEBRAURY

4:00pm

YOU'RE INVITED



This year we have a number of new families at JumpStart 4 kids. Each year we invite our new Families to join us for an afternoon tea. The children take great pride in preparing a wonderful afternoon tea to share with their families.

This is a great opportunity for families to meet with staff and to view their child' portfolio for 2016. We invite all families to join us on Friday 12th February at 4:00pm to share in or Welcome afternoon tea.

We look forward to sharing this afternoon with all our families.

We ask that families RSVP to this afternoon with room staff to accommodate catering requirements.

Thank you

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

**CHINESE NEW YEAR 2016**  
**THE YEAR OF THE MONKEY**  
**CELEBRATING DIVERSITY**



Each month we celebrate a cultural event or country that is representative of our JumpStart community. In February we will be celebrating China as the Chinese Lunar New Year commences. The month will include cooking, songs and costumes of China. We would be appreciative if parents are able to support the centre with Photos, books, songs or costumes that are reflective of the Chinese culture. Parents can often support staff by presenting art and craft sessions; cooking experiences or by sharing a cultural festival.

If you would like to assist in our Chinese New Year cultural experiences through February please speak with Miss Justine,



Miss Maree or Mr John.

**INSPIRING YOUNG READERS**

The Daily Telegraph and the Sunday Telegraph are supporting families to build their child's love of reading. Books are magical tools that open up each child's imagination. At JumpStart 4 Kids we build children literacy by reading a

**INSPIRING YOUNG READERS**

minimum of 5 books each day to each child. Books build vocabulary, introduce letters , sounds and writing to children . They build children confidence to ask questions and explore and investigate.

We encourage all families to purchase their 14-part collection of Dr Seuss books on Sunday, February 7 with a FREE\* premium Collector's Case and The Cat in the Hat book!

*The first book and paper will cost \$2.70. Books 2 – 14 are available for \$2.60 each with purchase of the paper. One book per original token. Available at Coles & Woolworths supermarkets and participating newsagents while stocks last.*



*Parents are encourage to take advantage of this offer to support their child's literacy skills. All children benefit from being read to at night and we would encourage all families to read books to their children each day to share a passion and love of books . (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)*

**AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL**  
**FOOD DAY**

**THURSDAY 28th January**

Each month at Jumpstart 4 Kids we celebrate and learn about a specific country.

## AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL FOOD DAY

### **THURSDAY 28th January**

During the month of January we reflected on our Australian culture. We explored the Australian landmarks such as the Harbour Bridge, Opera House and Ayers Rock, we also learned about our traditions as we all celebrated Australia Day and sang the National Anthem, Waltz sing matilda, and A home among the gum trees, which is certainly one of our favourite Australian songs.



On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January all the children participated in an Australian food experience. Each room cooked a traditional Australian dish. The children enjoyed coming to together to enjoy their tasty creations. **Bunyips:** Anzac Biscuits  
**Possums:** Cheese and Vegemite Scrolls  
**Bees:** Banana Damper

These experiences expose children to different foods, support their learning listening and following instructions and build social skills as they share and enjoy foods that they have cooked with their friends and educators.

## PANCAKE TUESDAY- 9th February

On Tuesday 9th February the children will celebrate **Pancake Tuesday or Shrove Tuesday.** This is a day of celebration because it's the last day before Lent. Throughout many countries people indulge themselves on foods that traditionally aren't allowed during Lent.



Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which

were

forbidden during Lent. Many of our families observe Lent and celebrate Pancake Tuesday. We invite all our families to share a pancake that your child has made with us in the afternoon when you collect your child.

## SWAG FULL OF INSTRUMENTS MUSIC SHOW

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February The Swag Full of Instruments show visited Jumpstart 4 Kid. This music show introduced the children to instruments from all around the

world. All the children and staff loved the show and learned a lot of songs. We would like to thank Greg for putting on a great show.





**VALENTINES  
DAY  
FEBRUARY 14**

**At JumpStart 4  
kids we celebrate  
Valentine's day to**

**recognise our Fantastic Mums and Dad  
who love and care for us. The children  
will be busy making special gifts on this  
day to show their families how much  
they mean to them . We wish all our  
families a very Happy Valentine's Day.**



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

**WEEKLY  
EXPERIENCES  
ROOM STIMULUS**



**AREAS:  
BUSY BEES:**

- 1. Music
- 2. Chinese
- 3. Kindness
- 4. Space
- 5. Sea week

Throughout the month of February, the Busy Bees will have a strong focus around showing kindness to others. It is important for children to see kindness around them as it teaches children how they would like to be treated and how they should treat others.

We will explore Chinese culture in the first week, with cooking experiences and dances. We will compare how children

learn in China and look at our similarities and differences. We would love if families have Chinese backgrounds, to assist staff in ideas to plan in the program.

Mr Simon and Miss Nikki

***BUSY BEE SIGN IN***

A reminder to all families, that Busy Bee children need to signing in every morning. This book is located next to the lockers. Children are to write their name in the book. Educators speak about this throughout the day, and we require parents to support educators with this task.

**MY  
NAME**

**COMPANION BEARS FOR  
FEBRUARY**

**REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS.**

**WAYNE EDDIE**



Mia S.  
Joseph



Elizabeth  
Kyle

**A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES  
THAT THE COMPANION BEARS  
MUST BE RETURNED AT THE END  
OF EACH WEEK. Many children**

become quite distressed when they are unable to have their scheduled week due to families not returning the bears promptly. (NQA,1,2,3, 4,5,6&7)

### SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

The School Readiness Program has a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy to support children to develop as confident and competent learners as they Transition to school.

#### LITERACY FOCUS:

This month the Bees will be focusing on the letter M and S, developing their knowledge on the sounds these letters make and their letter recognition skills.

A as in Ant



A as in Apple

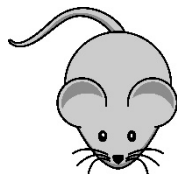


#### LITERACY FOCUS:

M as in Moon



M as in Mouse



### Numeracy Focus

This month the Bees will be focusing on the number 2 and 3, developing their number recognition and counting skills.

2 Fish



3 Fish

### Concept



Focus on the colour

#### GREEN.

Children learn colour by focusing on one colour at a time. They learn to identify a collection of items that are Green and discount all items that are NOT GREEN.

This is a **GREEN** Frog



This **IS NOT GREEN**



### Pre-Lit



The Pre-Lit program introduces a new book each week, which builds children's exposure to reading, comprehension and vocabulary development.

During the month on January the Bees were introduced to the following stories, 'Dear Zoo' and 'Aaaarrggghhh Spider'.



Learning experiences focused on introducing children to words (concept of a spoken word and written words) It is important that literature is always part of a child's environment and we ask that parents read with their child each night for 15 minutes.

Miss Nikki & Mr Simon

(NQA 1,, 5, 6, &7)

### SUPPLEMENTARY HOME SUPPORT

Homework is part of primary school and supplementary homework helps towards building children's confidence as they successfully transition to school. This year in the Bees room the Bees will receive a new homework sheet each week. Parents please make sure to collect a sheet for your child, which are located next to the Bees sign in desk.

### PLAYFUL POSSUMS.



- 1) Music
- 2) Chinese New Year
- 3) Kindness
- 4) Beach Week
- 5) Sea Week



Throughout the month of January the Possums focused on the letter sound A, Number 1 and gender concept. In January the children focused on learning about Australia in celebration of Australia day. The children painted Australian flags during art and craft. During craft we also learnt about Australian animals, learning about the



koala, kangaroo, platypus and echidna.

To extend on the children's interest of the animals they watched a video on Australian animals learning about their habitats. After the short film the children jumped like kangaroos and walked like emus.

Throughout the month of February the children will be focusing on the letter sound **M**

**M** as in Monkey



**M** as in Mango



The children will also be focusing on the Number 2. Looking at groupings:

This is 2



This is not 2



As a part of the children's concept group they will be focusing on square and circle.



In the month of February the children will be looking at different types of musical instruments. This will be supported by the incursion on Tuesday 2nd February, as

children will be exposed to a variety of musical instruments become aware of different instruments. If you have any instruments at home feel free to bring them in and show the children how they work.

### **BABY BUNYIPS:**



- 1) Music
- 2) Chinese New Year
- 3) Emotion – Love
- 4) Weather
- 5) Sea Week

In the Baby Bunyips room during the month of February the children will enjoy experimenting with different types of musical instruments. They will learn about the tempo and dynamics of music by playing the instruments fast and slow, and loud and soft.

If you would like to bring any instruments from home for your child to share with the class that would be fantastic! We will also explore the emotion ‘love’ and enjoy stories on this emotion. During this week we will speak about our loved ones and why we love them.

Sea week is something we are really looking forward to as we are going to learn about the animals that live in the sea. We will get up close and personal with some of these creatures during the Under the Sea Show. What a great month we are looking forward to!

Please don't forget to label all of your child's belongings, this includes shoes, dummies, bottles and their lids and teats.

### **Water Play**

During the month of January the Baby Bunyips enjoyed experimenting with water which was lots of fun. They felt and played in the water using their hands, and then used cups and spoons to scoop up the water and tip it back out. The younger babies enjoyed splashing their hands in the water and the older children liked using the cups to move the water from one container to another.



## **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.

- + Gifts for our Mothers Day raffle
- + Books
- + Paper cylinders
- + Old cake tins
- + Ice-cream containers
- + Margarine containers
- + Bottle tops
- + String
- + Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies



to Niam's mum Niddhi ( Possums )  
Azaleigha's mum Sam ( Possums )  
Azaleigha's grandmother Reggie (Possums )  
who recently donated items to the centre.  
We are extremely grateful. Thank you for your continuing generosity and support of the centre.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### **FEBRUARY Celebrations**

#### **BUNYIPS Room**

**Emiliana 27th**

#### **POSSUMS Room**

**Isabella 2nd**

**Delicia 4th**

**Liam 8th**

**Kaiden 24th**

#### **BEES Room**

**Mia 1st**

**Owen 26th**

## ***FINAL THOUGHT***



***At JumpStart 4 Kids we acknowledge the uniqueness of each child. We ask that all families complete their child' outcome sheets by Friday 5th February so that educators can build and develop each child's potential.***

***We look forward to sharing afternoon tea with all our families on Friday 12th February***

**JUMPSTART 4 KIDS  
STAFF**

