

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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WELCOME:

A very special welcome to our new families who have commenced at Jumpstart in 2016. JumpStart 4 Kids prides itself on forming relationships with all families and developing a partnership with children and families to ensure that children's needs are met in a supportive and positive environment. Together we can achieve fantastic goals for all children. Parents are encouraged to approach the staff at any time to discuss concerns.

STAFF NEWS: STAFF for 2016

STAFF POSITIONS

Directors: Mr John and Miss Maree

Nominated Supervisor: Miss Justine

Educational Leader: Miss Maree

Bunyips Room Leader : Miss Amie

Bunyips Room Staff :Miss Kristie

Playful Possums Room Leader: Miss Justine

Playful Possums Room Staff: Miss Trish & Miss Shannon

Busy Bees Room Leader: Miss Nikki

Busy Bees Early Childhood Teacher:

Mr Simon & Miss Maree

Trainee: Miss Megan

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

CENTRE PHILOSOPY

At JumpStart for 4 Kids our Centre Philosophy identifies our beliefs and goals. We invite families to view this in our foyer and share any thoughts with us at any time. JumpStart 4 kids believes that each child is unique. By offering a variety of experiences through our weekly stimulus areas, spontaneous play and extension of children's interests, children become engaged learners through active play and investigations. Our Monthly shows reflect our connection with our community and allows children to experience a broad range of learning experiences.

FAMILY FOCUS

Make your child a star for the week

Parent input is a significant part of our centre and we welcome the ideas and cultural experiences of all our families. Please feel free to speak with staff by sharing your experiences through our Family focus sheets and by volunteering at the centre. Family focus sheets are located in the foyer beneath the display monitor. (NQA1, 5, 6, &7)

HEALTHY FOODS AND DRINKS

Families are encouraged to bring healthy foods for children each day. Chips, chocolate bars and non healthy foods will **NOT** be provided to children. These items will be left in children's lunch boxes and staff will support families by providing suggestions for healthier options.

DRINKS: No cordial, juice or poppers are to be placed in children lunch boxes. Children are encouraged to bring a drink bottle with water. Children will be offered water and milk during each meal session. Good dental hygiene supports reducing sugary drinks for children under 5 years.



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

PORTFOLIOS

Each child has an individual portfolio that captures developmental skills, observations and a variety of craft and activities that are completed by your child during their time with us.



We ask all parents to complete a brief question sheet for their child so that this can form part of their portfolio. Parents are welcome to view their child's portfolio at any time. (NQA 1, 5, 6, &7)

INCURSIONS FOR 2016

Throughout 2016 we will be inviting a variety of different organisations to present shows and activities to the children. We wish to notify parents that these will be at an additional cost to families of \$10.00. These fees will be payable one week prior to each show. Parents are reminded that they will be charged if their child normally attends on this day. All children across the centre take part in all extra curricula activities. Absent children will automatically be charged. (NQA 1,3, 5, 6, &7)



WEEKLY EXPERIENCES ROOM STIMULUS AREAS: BUSY BEES:

1. **Getting to know me**
(across two weeks)
2. **Focus upon Australia**
(country of the month)
3. **Weather**

PARENT NOTICE

Children who commence school in 2017 will be encouraged to engage in quiet reading time during rest periods after lunch. Children will be offered a rest if required, but staff will use this opportunity to focus on small group based activities to build school readiness skills through play based learning experiences. These sessions will build

children's resilience and support parents in developing routines that will be supportive to their school transition. Many children will require earlier bed times at home to support their active days. At 1:30pm children will be following the non sleepers program designed to focus upon Literacy, Numeracy and Concept areas which are located on our program window near our bathroom. Please speak with Mr Simon or Miss Nikki if you have any questions. We remind families that all children are supported with their individual rest needs and will be offered these opportunities if required.

BUSY BEES PROGRAM FOCUS:

Throughout the month of January the Busy Bees will be learning the room routine. They will be creating new friendships as well as further developing those already created last year. Throughout the year, children will focus on different countries each month. Through the month of January, the focus month will be Australia due to Australia Day approaching. The children will do this through stories, discussions, video clips and experiments.

LUNCH: Please provide children with a sandwich, wrap or roll, fruit and a healthy option for morning tea and afternoon tea. Each child must have a hat, drink bottle, set of sheets (if sleeping) and at least 2 spare changes of clothes. All items must be clearly labelled.

No juice poppers or cordial. Water and Milk ONLY. these will be provided during all meal sessions. (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. THE SOUNDS THAT OUR LETTERS MAKE PHONICS :



In the month of January the Busy Bees will be focusing on the letters **A** and **M**, with a focus on letter recognition and the sounds that these two letters make.

NUMERACY: The Busy Bees will be focusing on the numbers **1** and **2**. Children will be encouraged to look at groupings for each of these numbers.



1 Strawberry



2 Oranges

CONCEPT: Focus on the colour **BLUE**.

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



This is a **BLUE** Butterfly



This **IS NOT BLUE**

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

Our school readiness program assists children going to Primary school where they will need to recognise their name and at least write their first name.



To support children in writing their names we ask that all parents assist children by signing them into the Busy Bee room attendance book each day located in

the Busy bee room. If parents need support please approach a staff member in the morning. This is to be completed each day.

Pre-Lit

Pre-Lit is a fantastic program endorsed by Macquarie University. The Pre-Lit program introduces a new book each week, which builds children's exposure to reading , comprehension and vocabulary development. 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)



PLAYFUL POSSUMS

- 1) Getting to know you
- 2) Friendships
- 3) Australia



Throughout the month of January the Playful Possums will be focusing on settling into the room routine. Children will become aware of the daily events and routines. Children will begin to make friendships with one another. Their interests, needs and wants will become clear and imbedded into the program. There is a section in the program for parents input, so if you wish to contribute please see room staff.

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

In the Playful Possum room there is a strong focus on literacy and numeracy, each fortnight the children will be learning a different number and letter as well as a concept skills. These are located on the scope and sequence on the program window as you enter the room.

LITERACY letter sound **A**

A as in Apple 

A as in Alligator 

NUMERACY: Groupings of **1**

Questions: Can we find 1 ?



1 Turtle (yes 1 turtle)



No this is more than 1

CONCEPT: Gender

Girl (Female)

Boy (Male)



WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR CHILD

Parents are reminded to bring in clearly labelled each day:

1. at least 8 nappies and a packet or wipes
2. Top and fitted sheet (cot size)
3. Hat
4. At least 2 changes of clothes
5. Drink bottle (water only) and
6. lunch box (healthy options only)

Children can bring food to be heated in the Possums room as there s a microwave and fridge located in the Playful Possums room.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Miss Justine, Miss Trish or Miss Shannon. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

BABY BUNYIPS:

1) Getting to know you

2) Our cultures

3) Australia



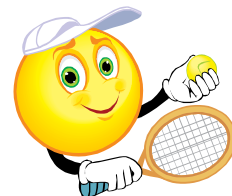
Welcome Baby Bunyips. To begin the year we will begin by getting to know one another and settling into our routine. We are focusing on the word 'hello' and looking at the shape circle. The babies are going to look at their cultural backgrounds by looking at pictures and listening to different types of music. We will also have fun learning about Australia and we will celebrate Australia Day in the last week of January.

Please don't forget to bring your child an appropriate hat, no matter what age they are. Also remember to label every item that is your child's with their name. This includes dummies and their cases, bottles, their teats and lids; containers, clothes and hats. Miss Amie and Miss Kristie. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

NO HAT NO PLAY CLOTHING

Children are required to wear Sun Safe clothing at Preschool this means:

**T shirts - NO SHOE STRING STRAPS
Covered in shoes – NO THONGS
SUN HATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY**



New Enrolments will receive their hats and T-shirts during the last week of January.

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

YEARLY CALENDAR

Each year the centre generates a yearly calendar to assist in planning throughout the year. This calendar will be included in the February newsletter to assist families with identifying events and family experiences throughout the year.

FEE INFORMATION

**ALL LATE FEES INCUR
a \$20 late fee per week.**



Parents are reminded that they are required to pay their weekly fee on the first day of attendance each week. Fee statements have been printed for all families during our opening week commencing on the 11th January. If parents have not received their Fee statement please speak with Maree or John to obtain a printed copy.

Payment statements are placed in the foyer pigeon holes at the conclusion of each month. We ask that families check these statements and notify John or Maree of any discrepancies arise. (NQS 6&7)

IMMUNISATION SCHEDULES:

New immunisation requirements came into force on 1 January 2016 in relation to child care benefits and family assistance payments (the Commonwealth) and the enrolment of children in child care (in NSW). The **Commonwealth** has made changes to child care benefits and family assistance payments under the '**No Jab, No Pay**' campaign. This will affect parents eligibility for the Child Care Rebate, Child Care Benefit, and Family Tax Benefit (Part A - Supplementary). Parents who do not fully immunise their children up to 19 years of age are no longer eligible for child care benefits and family assistance payments. **Parents are reminded that it is a government requirement that all children enrolled in a childcare setting must provide upon enrolment their child's immunisation**

registry statement. When children receive updated immunisations a copy is to be proved to the centre. This is a parental responsibility that ensures the safety of all children, families and staff at JumpStart 4 Kids . We appreciate parents consideration and support in this request. (NQA ,2,3 5, 6, &7)

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



JANUARY Celebrations

BUNYIPS Room

Ryan 24 January Happy 1st Birthday
Jacob 24 January Happy 2nd Birthday

FINAL THOUGHT

There are no strangers here,

Only friends we have yet to meet.

This greeting is located on our front door near the bell. We look forward to developing new friendships, strong connections and relationships with all our children and families in 2016 . Welcome to a fantastic year.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF