

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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STAFF NEWS

Miss Justine is expecting her second child in early June. We wish Justine, Stephen and Charlotte all the very best as they prepare for their new arrival. Justine will commence her maternity leave around mid to late May and will return in January 2017. We know that Justine will visit the centre throughout her maternity break and we look forward to her return in 2017.

WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA



Thank you to all our wonderful families who were able to join us for our very special

'Welcome Afternoon Tea'.



Miss Trish read our Welcome Book beautifully to our children and families.

This book was created with the children to share their experiences at JumpStart 4 Kids. Families received a special gift from Miss Nikki to help soften parents apprehensions as their child commences preschool.



Valentine's Day is celebrated to express our love for those who are most dear to us. Our

parents enjoyed some shortbread hearts to share with their families to celebrate this day. . (NQA1, 5, 6, &7) EASTER EGG DONATIONS



We ask that all families Donate an Easter egg to our Easter Raffle by Friday 4th March. Please remember to take your Easter Raffle

tickets .

EASTER HAT PARADE:

The children will be involved in an Easter Hat Parade during the week of the 21st- 24th March. Parents are asked to make a hat at home with the children in preparation for this week.



UNDER THE SEA SHOW: Wednesday 9th March 10:30 am. Cost \$10. This will be billed to all attending Wednesday enrolments.

GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA FRIDAY 8th APRIL 4:00pm

In preparation for this event we would ask that families provide a photo of their child Grandparent/s or significant person so that we can include this in our afternoon Tea presentation. Please provide photos to room staff.

CARPARK REMINDER TO FAMILIES

A reminder to all families that the car park to the **Right** when entering the centre is designated for staff parking. We would ask that Parents park in the allocated parking at the front of the centre near the air conditioner and towards the garden that has our JumpStart Sign. . (NQA1,1,2,, 6, &7)

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH

CHINA

Throughout the month of February the centre explored **China as a FOCUS country**. The children actively engaged in a variety of cooking experiences that allowed children to taste a variety of vegetarian dishes from China. The Baby Bunyips cooked fried rice. They helped Miss Amie measure the rice and vegetables out before tipping them into a bowl. The children then took it in turns at mixing the ingredients together before Miss Amie



completed cooking the fried rice. The children loved touching the rice, feeling the texture of the rice and most importantly tasting

their wonderful creation of rice and vegetables. Our most fussing eaters were sold. They are certainly our future Master Chefs.



The Playful Possums made Chinese Custard Tarts. The children assisted Miss Trish in placing the pastry into the cupcake tins. The children then assisted Miss Trish in preparing and making the custard before tipping the custard into the pastry.



The Busy Bees made rice paper rolls. The children dipped the rice paper into warm water before laying them on the tables in front of them.



The children then chose which ingredients they wanted on their rolls, choosing from carrot, lettuce, cheese, cucumber, and tomatoes. The children placed the ingredients on the rice paper before rolling the paper up nice and tight ready to eat. All three rooms came together sharing the foods that they had made.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT THANKYOU

Arthur and Zemira

We had fantastic parental involvement in our Chinese New Year celebrations. A big thank you to Arthur's family who brought in Chinese biscuits to share with the children and to Zemira's family who made spring rolls for all

of the children to share. They were delicious.



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

CHINESE DANCE

Miss Justine, Miss Trish, Miss Nikki and Mr Simon taught the Busy Bees and Playful Possums a traditional Chinese dance.

The children all stood together, watching and following their educators learning the dance.



The Baby Bunyips focused on learning about China through literacy experiences. Miss Amie read the children **Panda in China**. Looking at the pictures on each of the pages, focusing on what foods can be found and what traditions Chinese people follow.



PANCAKE TUESDAY

On Tuesday the 9th of February we celebrated Pancake Tuesday which is also known as Shrove Tuesday and is the last day of indulgence before lent. The children at JumpStart 4 Kids had a great time helping the teachers to make lots of delicious pancakes which we then came together as a centre and enjoyed,

they were yummy.



PANCAKE TUESDAY



WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Ocean
2. Ireland
3. Sports
4. Easter
5. Sun Safety



Throughout the month of March, the Busy Bee will be focusing on the importance of being sun safety. Sunscreen is applied to children during our school readiness program. This allows more than 20 minutes for the sunscreen to soak in and teaches children that sunscreen does not work straight away. We have been looking at pictures of sun safe hats and discussed how the road brim and neck protection helps to protect them against the sun. . (NQA1,2,3,4,5, 6, &7)

SUN SAFETY



Parents will notice that if a note has been sent home, it is because your child either does not have a sun safe hat or they have not bought a hat for their visit. **Hats will be provided to children and parents accounts charged \$15 if children do not have a hat for 3 consecutive days of care.**

During March the Busy Bees will be focusing on sporting activities that support the development of over arm throwing. This supports the development of fundamental Movement skills for all children.

Mr Simon and Miss Nikki . (NQA1,2 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 letters I and F, developing their knowledge on the sounds these letters make and their letter recognition skills.

I as in Igloo



F as in Flag



Numeracy Focus

This month the Bees will be focusing on the number 5 and 6, developing their number recognition and counting skills.

5 Marbles



6 Marbles



Concept

Focus on the colour **ORANGE** and **PURPLE**. Children will learn to identify a collection of items that are orange and purple and discount all items that are **NOT ORANGE AND PURPLE**.

This is a **PURPLE** flower:



This is not a purple flower:



LOOK WHAT WE HAVE READ TODAY



Literacy is an important aspect of a child's development.

Early exposure to literacy prevents children from experiencing difficulties with other areas of learning such as reading and writing. Each day, the Busy Bees, Possums and Bunyips are exposed to at least 5 literacy experiences each day.



These are displayed in each room for parents to view and discuss with their children in

partnership with educators at JumpStart. This is great opportunity for us to support children's learning together. Parents can encourage language, reading and writing skills for children by reading a book each night with their child.

PLAYFUL POSSUMS.

Throughout the month of February the Possums focused on the environment, by watering the plants each day. The children learnt about the importance of watering plants and how water is required for the growth of all living things.



During the month of March the Playful Possums will be focusing on Sea Animals, the children will explore the different creatures found on the rocks, in the sand and in the water. The children will take part in the **Under the Sea Show**, as they touch, feel and hold different creatures. Leading up to Easter the children will take part in Easter craft, making Easter hats and baskets using their imaginative skills to decorate eggs and bunnies. Children will learn the letters Ii and Tt for literacy during the month of March and the sounds that they make. Children will focus on tracing the letters whilst singing **Ants in the Apple** learning what sounds each letter make.

Ii as in ice



Ff as in frog



For our concept group the children will be looking at the colours green and pink.

This is **Green**



This is **NOT** Green



This is **Pink**



This is **NOT** pink



We will be also learning about rectangles and ovals.



POSSUMS LITERACY

5 6

For literacy the children will be learning the numbers 5 and 6, focusing on identifying and naming them.

Monthly focuses:

- 1) Sea Week
- 2) Ireland
- 3) Cultural Diversity week
- 4) Easter
- 5) Transport



BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Environment
2. Sea Animals
3. Shapes
4. Easter
5. Pets



During the month of March the Baby Bunyips will be focusing on their environment by exploring the natural environment we have here at the Centre, this will include our worm farm, vegetable garden and flowers. We are also very excited to learn all about the sea animals during sea week. We will focus on what animals live in the sea by looking at pictures and short videos showing how they move and the sounds they make.

The Baby Bunyips are focusing closely on the numbers 1 and 2 during March and for literacy they will be focusing on the words 'no' and 'drink', this will be done not only through group times but also through routine experiences throughout each day.

OUR GARDEN During the month of February the Baby Bunyips began to explore our front garden. We discovered that there are tomatoes, strawberries, chives, chilli and mint growing. The babies used their senses to learn about each of these and then helped to water each of the fruit, vegetables and herbs. We look forward to continue to help take care of our gardens here at Jumpstart.

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH

MARCH - IRELAND

ST PATRICKS DAY 17th

MARCH

As a centre we will be exploring Ireland with song, dance and cooking experiences. If parents from Irish backgrounds could assist with our focus country we would be appreciative. All children are asked to wear Green on Thursday 17th March to Celebrate St Patricks Day.



MARCH Celebrations

BUNYIPS Room

Charlotte 5th Happy 1st Birthday

POSSUMS ROOM

Hudson 2nd, Peyton 19th Arnya and Patrick 20th Happy Birthday

BEES ROOM

Christian 13th Happy Birthday

FINAL THOUGHT

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."— Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

Together we can inspire all children through reading. Educators and parents can work together to inspire and promote creative minds.

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