

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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MOTHER'S DAY
AFTERNOON
TEA FRIDAY
6th May 4:00pm
ALL WELCOME

We look forward to celebrating Mother's

Day with all our Wonderful Mothers on Friday 6th May at 4:00pm. The children spend a great deal of time preparing for these events and it is fantastic to see mums, aunts, grandmothers, neighbours and friends attend these events. We look forward to celebrating with all our families on Friday 6th May. NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE
TICKETS

We will be drawing our Mothers Day Raffle prizes at our Mothers Day Afternoon Tea on Friday 6th May. Please support the centre by purchasing raffle tickets which are located in the foyer.

NETHERLANDS EXPERIENCE

On Monday 2nd May Owens Mother and Grandmother visited Jumpstart to conduct a discussion and cooking experience about the Netherlands, to showcase their cultural heritage. Owens Grandmother spoke to the Bees about the country Holland. The Bees learnt about the traditional clothing of Holland and even had the opportunity to dress up in traditional Dutch clothing which Owens Grandmother made for all the Bees. The children then learnt a traditional Dutch song (counting from 1-5 in Dutch). The children danced and sang in their traditional Dutch costumes.



The whole centre then joined Owens Grandmother and Mother outside for a Dutch cooking experience. Owens Grandmother made Dutch pancakes and Owens Mother prepared a traditional Dutch cake with butter.

We would like to say a big Thank you to all the effort Owens Grandmother and Mother put in to teach the children about the Netherlands. All the children and staff loved the experience and the fantastic dress up resources Owens Grandmother made.



GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA



On Friday the 8th April Jumpstart 4 Kids held a Grandparents Afternoon Tea. Throughout the month the Bees and Possums enjoyed practising a special grandparent's song.

“Grandma, Grandpa”, which they performed in front of all the families who attended. The Busy Bees were also very busy throughout the month creating a grandparent display, displaying pictures of the children with their grandparents. We would like thank all the families who attended and we hope you had a lovely afternoon.



TRANSITION TO SCHOOL NIGHT



Jumpstart 4 Kids recently held our annual **Transition to School Night**. Mrs. Elizabeth Devlin who is the Principal from St. Bernadette's Primary School provided parents with information on enrolling children into their school as well as informing parents on how to help children develop school readiness skills. Mr. Simon informed parents about the school readiness and pre-lit programs conducted at JumpStart 4 Kids. Our centre programs offer numeracy and literacy skills each day and parents are supported in developing these skills at home for children by speaking with educators in respect to their child's individual needs. Parents viewed children's portfolios and screeners to support the development of skills as children transition from preschool to school.

CUPCAKE SALE

6 Cupcakes - \$10 a tray



Each Year the staff at JumpStart4 Kids support local charities through a cupcake sale.

CUPCAKE SALE

Staff bake cakes to sell to families with the hope of raising over \$1000 to support a host of charities which include, The Children's Hospital Westmead, Still Birth Australia, Care Flight Australia, Anzac - Legacy support, children with disabilities through the Lions club, and Rotary.

We would be appreciative if parents could support staff by purchasing these cupcakes.

Collecting orders from your workplaces can be a great way to support staff as they strive to reach their goal of \$1000.

POLICE VISIT 11th April

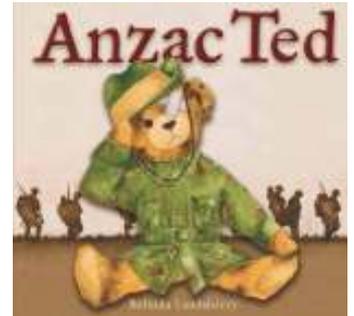


On Monday 11th April Constable Nathan McDonald attended Jumpstart 4 Kids to speak with the children about being safe. Constable Nathan had a discussion about safe people (Parents, Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Police and Firefighters) as well as informing the children about safe places and what symbols to look out for so that they know that they are in a safe place.

All the children had an opportunity to look at Constable Nathan's police car. We would like to thank Constable Nathan for coming out and teaching the children about safety.

ANZAC DAY

On Friday 22nd April At Jumpstart 4 Kids we celebrated ANZAC DAY and spoke to all the children about the ANZAC centenary. We came together and Mr Simon had a discussion with the children about the meaning of ANZAC DAY and how it is an opportunity to honour all the men and women who have participated in war. The children listened to a story called Anzac Ted and then watched the video "The Anzac Spirit".



SYMBOLS FOR ANZAC DAY RED POPPIES

The children and staff joined together for a minutes silence as the Ode of Remembrance and the last Post concluded our very Special Anzac Day Commemoration ceremony.



Staff and children came together to make ANZAC biscuits and decorated red poppies for remembrance. To show our respect and in commemoration of the Anzacs the children all wore a red poppy pinned to their shirts throughout the day. Each poppy was in commemoration of a different soldier displaying each soldier's personal information. One of the soldiers that we remembered was



A SOLDIER REMEMBERED

Luke Nathan Gavin
Service Number: 8496923
Rank: Lance Corporal
Unit: 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment
Service: Australian Army
Conflict: Afghanistan, 2001-
Date of death: 29 October 2011
Place of death: Qandahar Province, Afghanistan
Cause of death: Killed by Afghan National Army soldier
Age of death: 29



LEST WE FORGET

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Mother's Day
2. Superheroes
3. Music
4. Farms



During the month of April the Bees have been developing their understanding of hygiene (Handwashing). Washing our hands correctly is very important and the Bees have been learning the correct way to their hands.



During the Month of May the Busy Bees will begin focusing on celebration and meaning behind Mother's Day. Educators will provide the Bees with an understanding about the importance of taking part in celebration and how celebration are similar and different around the world.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

LITERACY FOCUS:

The Bees will be focusing on the letters O and G, developing their knowledge on the sounds these letters make and their letter recognition skills.

O as in Octopus



G as in Giraffe



Numeracy Focus

This month the Bees will be focusing on the number **9** and **10**, developing their number recognition and counting skills.

Concept

Focus on the colour **GREY** and **BLACK**.

Children will learn to identify a collection of items that are grey and black and discount all items that are **NOT GREY AND BLACK**.

This is a GREY car



This is not a grey car



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PLAYFUL POSSUMS.

1. Mother's Day
2. Music
3. Families
4. Circus



Throughout the month of April the Possums engaged in fundamental movements. The Possums enjoyed learning new gross motor skills.

During the month of May the Possums will be exploring different types of music and beginning to look at tempo and dynamics by listening to music and playing with the musical instruments. The Possums will focus on families and through this we will begin to prepare for Mother's Day as we create Mother's Day cards and decorate different gifts. Children will learn the letters Oo and Gg for literacy during the month of March and the sounds that they make. Children will focus on tracing the letters as well as singing **Ants in the Apple** learning what sounds each letter make. We will focus on the numbers 9 and 10 beginning to look at creating collections of the numbers. We will begin to look at and learn about positions during concept group time. Children will begin to understand positions of on top, underneath, beside, in front and behind.

Numeracy



Concept



Colours – Brown & Black



Shape – Diamond

Concept – Positions

Literacy

Letters Oo & Gg

Oo as in Octopus



Gg as in Garden

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Emotion - Happiness
2. Healthy eating
3. Multicultural week
4. Farm week



During the month of April the Baby Bunyips enjoyed connecting and contributing to their world through participating in various cooking experiences; including the Grandparent's afternoon tea and our celebration of the Netherlands for the country of the month.



'thank you' and they will be focusing on concepts 'big' and 'small'.



The children in the Bunyips room have also been exploring our sustainable environment of the centre; the children

practiced their social responsibility skills and demonstrated their respect for their environment by looking after our front vegetable garden and also our warm farm assisting the Playful Possums and Busy Bees in caring for our worms.



During the month of May the Baby Bunyips will prepare for Mother's Day; they will create cards, decorate presents and talk about why our Mums are so special to us. We are also going to focus on farms and farm animals. The children will read books, watch short videos of animals, look at pictures and play with animals to learn what animals are on a farm and the sounds which they make. The Bunyips are also going to learn about different cultures through books, cooking experiences, music, and take part in the Multicultural Show which will be on Wednesday the 18th of May. Throughout the month of May the children in the Bunyips room will be focusing on words 'stop' and

Celebrate Screen-Free Week!

On May 2-8, children, families, and communities around the world will rediscover the joys of life beyond the screen. Unplug from digital entertainment and spend your free time playing, reading, daydreaming, creating, exploring, and connecting with family and friends.

Turn off the television and computer and get active!

Time spent in front of the television, watching DVDs or playing computer games is time away from being active. These screen-based activities keep children sitting for long periods of time and should be limited.

The national physical activity recommendations state that:

- children younger than 2 years of age should not spend any time watching television or using other electronic media.
- children 2-5 years of age, should spend less than one hour per day sitting and watching television and using other electronic media.

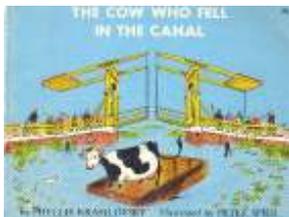
Screen-based activities for children under two years of age have not been shown to lead to any improvements in health, intelligence or language. Encourage your child to spend more time being active either inside or outside, rather than in front of the box!

OUR CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

During the month of April Jumpstart 4 Kids took part in a variety of experiences about the Netherlands.

All rooms took part in a Netherland cooking experience, developing the children's understanding on some traditional Dutch food.

- The Bunyips made some Dutch cookies
- The Possums made some Apple and Raisin Fritter
- The Bees made a Butter Cake



All the children at Jumpstart also enjoyed listening to a traditional Dutch story "The Cow who fell in the canal".

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 25th MAY



National Simultaneous Story time is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Jumpstart 4 Kids will be participating in this National Literacy campaign and encourage all families

throughout the month of May to support children's literacy through nightly reading sessions.

DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gifts please consider the centre.

- + Gifts for our raffles
- + Books
- + Paper cylinders
- + Stones / Shells
- + Barbie dolls



MAY Celebrations

BUNYIPS

Shanaya 9/5

Brandon 29/5

BEES Room

Mariah 20/5

EVENTS FOR APRIL SNAP SHOT

Monday 2nd-6th Screen Free Week

Friday 6th Mothers Day afternoon Tea

ALL WELCOME

Monday 9th Phonics Screeners Busy Bee

Monday 9th Cupcake Sale

Tuesday 10th Cupcake Sale

Week 16th Busy Bee Numeracy Screeners

Wednesday 18th Multicultural show \$10y

Wednesday 25th National Simultaneous Story

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