

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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HALLOWEEN DISCO

What a night! We danced, laughed, and ventured into our haunted igloo. The piñatas were fantastic and it was great to see so many of our families attend the night. A special thank you to Miss Shannon and Miss Trish for their organisation of the night and to Mr Simon, Miss Amie, Miss Courtney and Miss Sarah who supported the children and families to have a fantastic night. We are always very grateful to our fantastic parents/grandparents support. A very special thank you to Reggie, Azaleigha's grandmother; Aimee and Vicki, Brylee's mum and grandmother; Sade, Dominic's mum; Rebecca, Emily's mum; Debra, Charlottes mum and Hannah's dad Tim who entertained us throughout the night as a very lovable minion. Congratulations to all our families who not only looked great but continually support all our events with enthusiasm and passion. (NQA, 4, 5, 6, & 7)



CELEBRATING ITALY



Throughout the month of October Jumpstart 4 Kids participated in a range of activities relating to Italy. The Baby Bunyips cooked Garlic Bread on Wednesday the 19th of October. The babies loved helping Miss Kristie add butter and garlic on the bread. Eating it was the best part. On Tuesday the 25th of October the Playful Possums had their turn in cooking. They made their own Spaghetti Bolognese with pasta, pasta sauce, capsicum, carrot, mushrooms and onions. What the Playful



Possums were most excited about was going out into our garden and picking some parsley, spinach



and chives to add into their spaghetti. The children assisted Miss Shannon in adding all the cooking

ingredients to create a fantastic lunch.

The Busy Bee's enjoyed making Pizza on Wednesday the 26th of October. A true Italian classic. (NQA 1, 5, 6, & 7)



WESTBUS - TRAVEL SAFELY

On Tuesday the 11th of October David from WestBus attended JumpStart 4 Kids to speak to the children about road safety and how to correctly



board and exit buses to maintain safe travel. The children were extremely attentive as David highlighted the safety rules when travelling on a bus.

- **No eating**
- **No drinking**
- **No Smoking**
- **Remain seated at all times**
- **Do not leave rubbish around**
- **If you find something on a bus Do not touch it, but tell mum and dad or the Bs driver**
- **Remain in your seat until the bus has stopped.**
- **Speak quietly and be respectful to other passenger.**



David presented all the children with a special activity bag and the children loved entering the bus and sitting at the back as they looked out the window.

The children used their manners by thanking David for their bags as he handed them out to each child. The children waved the bus goodbye as it slowly travelled up Harold Street.

This excursion allowed children to feel confident when boarding and exiting buses and highlighted safety needs for children when they approach buses. This was very significant for our ready to school children for 2017. We remind families that road safety needs to be taught each day with children so that they remain safe at all times.

Parents are reminded that children should hold their parents/carers hand when walking through the car park at JumpStart 4 kids to ensure their safety. (NQA 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7)

PET WEEK

During the month of October the centre enjoyed 'Pet Week.' As the children learnt about different types of animals for homes and farms. Sebastian from the Baby Bunyip's room bought in his pet snake. Sebastian's dad, Michael spoke to the children about the foods that snakes eat and how to be safe near snakes. More importantly the children learnt that they should never touch a snake in the wild.



The children were fascinated as they watch the snake move around and over Michael as he spoke to the children. Hudson and his mum Alice bought in

their dog. Hudson's dog was very friendly and the children enjoyed patting him, playing with him and giving him treats. Other children who were unable to bring in their pets bought in photos and discussed their pets during morning group times. The children participated in various activities based on their pets including craft where the children made their own dogs, horses, pigs and cats. The children also played using the puppet stand and puppets mimicking behaviours and sounds of their pets.

SUN SAFETY REMINDER TO FAMILIES

A reminder to all families that all children must have a hat for outdoor play. Children who do not have hat for 3 or more occasions will be provided with a hat and parent's accounts will be charged \$15.00 to cover this cost. **Children ARE NOT TO WEAR THONGS OR SHOE STRING STRAPS.** Children's shoulders need to be covered and protected from the sun. (NQA1, 2, 5, 6, & 7)



WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Bugs and Insects
2. Recycling
3. Kindness
4. Celebrations
5. Seasons



During the month of November the Busy Bees will be focusing on recycling; they will learn why it is important for our planet to recycle and they will look at the different ways which we can do this. We ask that parents donate any recyclable items so that we can reuse them and practice our recycling skills. The children will also be learning about different celebrations from around the world, if you and your family have any special occasions which you celebrate, if you could let the Busy Bee staff know that would be great. We can then make sure we have a focus on that particular celebration.

In October the Busy Bees undertook an experiment where they made a balloon blow up without using their mouth. The children used a funnel to pour



vinegar into empty plastic bottles, they also used a funnel to pour bi-carb soda into the balloons.

Miss Amie and

Mr Simon then helped to put the end of the balloon around the end of the plastic bottle. The Busy Bees then created a hypothesis; Zahlia thought that the water might turn blue as the balloon was blue, Joseph thought that as the bi-carb soda went into the vinegar it may bubble and

Hermione thought the balloon might blow up. The children were very excited as they saw both balloons begin to blow up as the bi-carb went in. We found out that if we shook it that the balloons blew up even more, this really made the Bees excited.

SCHOOL READINESS

Literacy Focus:

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

Z as in Zebra



W as in Worm



Numeracy Focus

This month the Bees will be focusing on the number 1-5 and subtraction, developing their number recognition and counting skills.



Concept

The Busy Bees will be learning about healthy eating this month, developing an understanding on what foods are good for the body and what foods are not. The

Bees will also gain an understanding about importance of regularly drinking water. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)



During the month of November the Bunyips will be focusing closely on the numbers 1 and 2.

1 2
one two

Throughout the month of October in the Baby Bunyips room the children have been learning about their 5 senses. The children learnt about this through exploring each sense. The children tasted vegetables from our vegetable garden, smelt flowers from our garden, touched sand and feathers, looked at images around



the room to explore their sight, and listened to music and sounds. Kaya and Ilona really enjoyed developing their sense of touch, exploring the feeling of the feathers and sand on their hands by touching with their fingers and hands. The bunyips were very curious and excited when discovering the resources gathered to explore their senses.

Sustainability

This month at Jumpstart for our sustainable activities we have been focusing on the use of recyclable items in our craft experiences and swapping original items out for something recycled. For example in the Bunyips room the children and educators created ghosts. Instead of using crepe paper for the bottom

of the paper plates, paper towels were used.

The children across the centre have been using resources from our vegetable garden during cooking and science experiences. For the Italian cooking experiences the children and educators ventured out into the front garden to pick chives to smell and add flavour to each of our food experiences.



The children also explored our orange tree from plant a tree day, following the growth of our orange tree as the orange blossoms turned to fruit. We are really excited to pick our first orange from our garden.

Fundamental Movement Skills

Throughout the month of October we have been implementing our fundamental movement skills in to our nursery rhymes to make them more physical. The Possums had lots of fun creating new and exciting actions to go along with twinkle, twinkle little star. . (NQA 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)

Scan this QR code with any smartphone using a free QR code scanner app to view a video of the Possums dancing to Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star



Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Lyrics:

Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are



BUSY BEE GRADUATION

Wednesday 14th December

6:45pm 7:00pm START.

Parents will receive their formal invitations during the first week in November

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



END OF YEAR REPORTS DATES ALL ROOMS

Graduating Busy Bees will have reports provided to families at the Busy Bee Graduation on Wednesday 14th December. Parents will be allocated 10 minute time slots with Educators. Interview appointment times will be placed on room doors 2 weeks prior to report feedback.

Non Graduating Bees: 7th -11th Nov
Graduating Busy Bees can also request an Educator interview at this time.

Possums: 14th- 18th November

Bunyips: 21st- 25th November

FOOD DONATIONS ST VINCENT DE PAUL.

Please place food items that you would like to enjoy at Christmas under the Christmas hampers in your child's room. We ask that parents do not place expired food in the hampers or food that is not appropriate to the celebration of Christmas.

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

TOY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Each year we ask families to donate toys for our Christmas Raffle. We would be appreciative if all families could place their toy donation in the foyer by Monday 7th November so that we can organise our Raffle prizes.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Monday 5th December - Blacktown

Sportsman Club on Reservoir Road at 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

Tickets must be purchased by Friday 25th November.



Family Tickets: (2 adults, 2 Children) include a BBQ dinner and a present from Santa for children attending the centre. All children receive a lolly bag from Santa.

Family Ticket \$ 40

Additional Adult Ticket \$11

Additional Children Tickets \$11

ON SALE MONDAY 31st October



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD SHOW

On Friday 25th November we will host a Christmas around the world show. This show will highlight the meaning of Christmas across several cultures. Parents will have \$10 added to their fees to cover the additional cost of the show.



Children who do not attend on this day are very welcome to attend with an accompanying adult.

FINAL FEE PAYMENTS 2016

A reminder that all fees are payable for 2017 by Wednesday 14th December. Accounts will be provided to families the week commencing 5th December. All accounts must be finalised by Wednesday 14th December.



PARENT FORUM FEEDBACK

Routinely throughout the year we seek parent feedback as part of our continual improvement and Quality Improvement Plan. During November we will be asking families to spend a few moments to reflect on the centre strengths and provide future suggestions so that we can continue to provide high quality care for our children and families. We sincerely thank families in advance for their support and comments. . (NQA, 5, 6&7)



CULTURAL FESTIVITIES

During the Month of November we will be celebrating the cultural diversity of India as we begin with the Diwali festival of lights and emerge ourselves in cultural dress, dance and a variety of food experiences. We would be grateful to families if they could assist us in presenting cultural experiences to the children throughout the month.

We will finish our cultural journey with Lebanon in December. Families are invited to share their expertise as we explore cultural diversity at the centre.

IMPORTANT DATES

23rd December Centre closes early
9th January 2017 Centre reopens

FINAL THOUGHT

*If children live with friendliness,
They learn the world is a nice place in
which to live.*



At Christmas time let us be examples to our children and support them in bringing in donations for these less fortunate in our community. It is by our examples that we build the identity of our future citizens. Our children are our future.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF