

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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HALLOWEEN DISCO

FRIDAY 28th October

6:45 pm - 8:00pm



On Friday the 28th October we will host our JumpStart 4 Kids Halloween themed Disco. Children's tickets are \$5 and families are asked to bring a plate to share. Parents and children are encouraged to dress up on the night and join the staff as we dance and enjoy a variety of activities. We would be appreciative of parent support on the night in organising a few activities, so if you can spare 10 minutes on the night please let John, Maree or a member of the staff know prior to the disco so we can allocate jobs to volunteering parents. The night will be a fun night where children can dress up and enjoy the festivities of Halloween in a safe environment as families get to know one another. We look forward to seeing all our families on this night.

CELEBRATING OUR Philippine



CULTURE

Throughout the month of September the children at Jumpstart 4 Kids focused on the Philippines. Each room enjoyed cooking a different dish which included Potato Pancakes, Fried Butter Cookies and Banana Pastillas. The children also created a Sarimanok Bird for art and craft; this is a legendary bird that has become a symbol of Maranaw art. It is depicted as a bird



with wings and a feathered tail, holding a fish on its beak or talons. The head is decorated with scrolls, leaves and spirals. The children also enjoyed

learning the game Patintero this game takes three to five children per team. You draw a rectangle on concrete with chalk, five to six meters with equal sections. Create as many teams as you'd like. Half of the children guard the area, while the other half tries to pass through without getting tagged. The team guarding must not step out of line, or they lose. The children thought this was lots of fun and loved trying to get their friends.

PHILIPINES COOKING

EXPERIENCES



The Busy Bees enjoyed making

Traditional Philippine Biscuits
(Gorgoria Fried Butter Cookies)
The Possums enjoyed making
Traditional Philippine Sweet Potato
pancakes. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)



JumpStart 4 kids we encourage all
children to ask 'WHY'. When children
ask 'Why ' they are expanding their
knowledge by making connections with



new ideas.
This is a
fantastic skill
for children
to build as
they enter
their formal
educational
years. (NQA 1,
2, 3, 5, 6&7)

SCIENCE IN ACTION INVESTIGATION 14th

September



On Wednesday 14th September the
children investigated scientific
challenges and were focused on using
their brains to explore the world of
Science. Scientist Jason showed the



children a
variety of
scientific
phenomenon
and asked the
children why
particular

objects rose or sunk and how particular
objects moved. The children were asked
to use their brains and focus on
explaining why objects behave in
particular ways. The children were
totally engrossed throughout this 90
minute hands on presentation. At

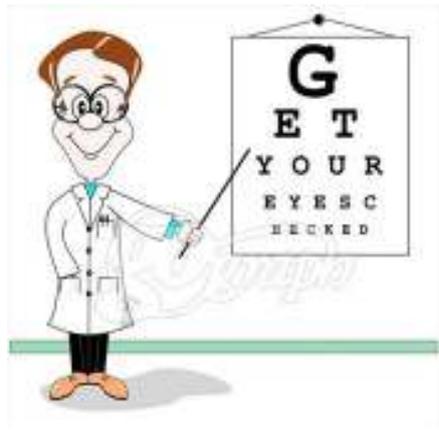
LANGUAGE SCREENERS



During the last 2 weeks of September Ms
Sally Hanna Kodsy, Speech Pathologist -
'Your Speech Room' - Eastbrook Medical
Centre, Main Street Blacktown undertook
Speech screeners for the Busy Bee room.
This assessment provided families with a
clinical screener to identify children who
may require additional assistance with
their speech and language development. At
JumpStart 4 Kids all room staff complete
Speech and Language screeners with
children to assist parents in indentifying
children who may requite additional
specialist support. Parents are reminded
that Medicare can support 5 Speech
assessments per calendar year. Children
who have been identified as requiring
additional support are encouraged to speak
to their family doctor to access the

Medicare assistance scheme. Parents can contact speech therapies directly if they require full speech assessments. We encourage all families to speak with staff on a regular basis and to view children's portfolios if they have any developmental concerns in relation to their child's needs.

VISION EYE SCREENING TUESDAY 11th October



Children who are 4 years of age and who will be

transitioning to school in 2016 will be eligible to undertake a FREE vision Screening test on Tuesday 11th October.

Health Nurses will attend the centre on at 9:00am to commence eye screening. Parents with children who attend the centre, but are not enrolled on this day are invited to complete the parental permission slip and attend the centre for their child to be included in this free vision screening session. It is important that children have no vision challenges prior to their commencement at school at this can hinder their academic progress. Parents will be informed of

any vision concerns on the day. Please see Mr John, Miss Maree or Mr Simon if you have not received a parental permission form for the Vision Screening as children will not be able to complete this screening without parental concern.
(NQA 1, 2, 5, 6&7)



WEEKLY EXPERIENCES **ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:**

BUSY BEES:

1. Herbivores and Carnivores
2. My Five Senses
3. Hygiene
4. Halloween

Throughout the month of September the Busy Bees have thoroughly enjoyed having the Henny Penny Chicken



hatching program in their room. It was great to see the Bees visit the hatching station each day to see if any eggs had hatched and how their new chicken friends were going. The Bees gained an understanding about the life cycle of a chicken and developed skills in how to care for animals. There Busy Bees were so interested in caring for the chickens that they took part in making a house for the chickens live in.



During September the Busy Bees were also

very busy learning about space,

developing an understanding about the different planets. The Bees enjoyed listening to stories about space and their favourite stories were “Little Duck on the Moon” and “Blast Off! Let’s Explore Mars”

The Bees also learned a song about space called “The Solar System Song” by Kids Learning Tube. This song highlighted the names of the planets in our Solar system. Throughout the month of October the Busy Bees will be learning about animals (herbivores and carnivores). The Bees will gain an understanding about what type of food these animals eat and where they live.

During **GLOBAL HAND WASHING DAY** the Busy Bees will revisit the importance of hygiene as they practice how to wash their hands correctly after toileting and before eating food.

SCHOOL READINESS

Literacy Focus:

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

P as in Possum



J as in Jumping

Numeracy Focus

This month the Bees will be focusing on the number **20** and addition, developing their number recognition and counting skills.

Concept

The Busy Bees will be learning about road safety this month, developing an understanding on how to be safe when walking along the foot path and cross the street. The Bees will also gain an understanding about road safety signs and what they mean.



Miss Nikki has decided to pursue a career outside of childcare. Miss Amie will assist Mr Simon in the Busy Bee room for the duration of 2016. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)

COMPANION BEARS

BEARS FOR OCTOBER

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS.

WAYNE

EDDIE



A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES THAT THE COMPANION BEARS MUST BE RETURNED AT THE END OF EACH WEEK. (NQA, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)

WAYNE WINCH EDDIE TEDDIE

Alexus Hudson

Zahlia Rachel

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

Grouping 10-15

First Names



PLAYFUL POSSUMS.

1. Space Week
2. Animal Week
3. Celebration Week
4. Halloween Week



Throughout the month of October the Playful Possums will be looking at Celebrations. The children will participate in discussions with their peers and educators about different kinds of celebrations and celebrations they have had with their families. The children will also look at YouTube videos of celebrations. This will lead up to the celebration of Halloween where children will create various crafts to be displayed at the Halloween disco. During this time the Playful Possums will also discuss what they will come dressed as for the Halloween Disco.

Throughout the month of September the Playful Possums really loved celebrating 'National Talk like a Pirate Day' and dedicating a whole week to learning about Pirates. During this week the Playful Possums completed many pirate crafts including making their own pirate ships and also making their own pirate hats. The children used the dress-ups to dress up as pirates and demonstrated excellent imaginative and creative skills throughout this time. The Playful Possums even took their imaginations outdoors and used the wooden boat as a pirate ship. Miss Shannon and Miss Trish also introduced 'Captain's Coming' a game based on pirates and being on a pirate ship to the children which they enjoyed learning to play.

Literacy:

Letter Jj

Jj as in Jellybean



Letter Zz

Zz as in Zebra



Numeracy:

Number 18



Number 19



Throughout September the Playful Possums also demonstrated a strong interest in Animals. The children's choice was based around the farm animal setup and puppets throughout the month. The children related the animals they saw in these activities to some of the songs that are sung in the Playful Possums room. The children also spent a lot of their time during these activities mimicking animals and pretending they are farm animals

Concept:



and acting out actions that these animals may do.



BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Space Week
2. Safari Animals
3. My 5 Senses
4. Halloween

Throughout the month of October the Baby Bunyips will be focusing on space; they will learn where space is and what you may find in space through books, songs and fun art experiences. The children will also be focusing on their 5 senses and they will do this through lots of fun sensory activities where they will get to taste different flavours, feel different textures and smell some different aromas. During the month of October the Bunyips will be focusing closely on shapes triangle and circle.



Throughout the month of September the Baby Bunyips had fun experimenting with the coloured light blocks. Firstly the children began by looking through the different coloured windows, Jace and Charlotte really loved seeing everything change colour. We then turned off the lights and used a torch to shine light through the windows and reflect the coloured light onto the white walls and doors. The Bunyips were all quite amazed at seeing this! (NQA 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6&7)

SUSTAINABILITY

This month for our sustainable activities Jumpstart has been focusing on using recyclable



materials such as cylinders from cling wrap and tin foil boxes, these are great for the children to use during all experiences especially art and science, we really appreciate parents bringing these items in. All recyclable donations are accepted (except for toilet rolls due to care and hygiene for the children) so please continue bringing



these items in for use.

Everyone at Jumpstart would like to say a big thank you to all the families who assisted us in the creation of the igloo by bringing in milk bottles, we greatly appreciate this.



The children have been participating in various cooking and science experiences involving the vegetables from our garden. The Busy Bees have been conducting experiments using the snow peas to determine

how long it takes the peas to deconstruct and keeping a record. The children have also been assisting educators in collecting resources for cooking experiences and morning and afternoon tea platters.



BLOOMS TAXONOMY

From September 2016, parents will notice that we have included **Blooms Taxonomy** Higher Order Thinking skills (**HOT Skills**) in children's portfolios. This will inform parents about the types of thinking and learning that children are exposed to and more importantly how their child is

developing in regards to processing and recalling information. We invite all families to view their child's portfolios and the questioning styles that support children investigations skills during their parent educator interviews in November.

BUS INCURSION

11th October 10:00 am



Many children will begin school and will commence using public transport. To assist children to safely use buses as an effective mode of transport, the centre will host an educational incursion to allow children to correctly enter, exit and travel safely on buses. This will support all children as they transition to school and use buses within their local community. (NQA1, 2, 3, 5, 6, &7)

BUSY BEE GRADUATION

Wednesday 14th December

6:45pm 7:00pm START.

Families will be receiving their formal invitations to the Busy Bees Graduation during late October. Families are welcome to invite extended families members to this very special evening. We ask that parents return the attendance slip with the number of guests attending for catering and seating arrangements.



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

END OF YEAR REPORTS ALL ROOMS

All parents will be asked to conduct an interview with room staff during the month of November. 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

FEE RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER:

We ask all families to collect their fee receipts in the foyer for the month of September. (NQA 5, 6&7).

BASKETS DONATIONS by 28th November

Each year JumpStart 4 Kids supports St Vincent's DePaul in donating food items for Christmas. Baskets will be distributed to rooms in October.

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

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

FINAL THOUGHT

As we draw towards the end of the year and begin our Christmas celebrations and farewell our 2016 graduates at JumpStart4 Kids. We are reminded of a very significant quote



“The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read” – Mary McCleod Bethune

We encourage all parents to read to their children each night. 5 minutes makes the world of difference to each child.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF