

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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HAPPY 9th Birthday

JumpStart 4 Kids Celebrated their 9th Birthday on Tuesday 9th August. The children celebrated the day with races, a very special visits from the Blacktown Fire brigade and a very special 9th Birthday cake.



Our celebrations included outdoors games such as for a treasure hunt, searching for tokens. We undertook pin our face onto Jumpstart 4 Kids and had fun juggling plastic eggs for our egg and spoon race. All children and sat joined together and had a lovely centre picnic lunch.

The children enjoyed sharing their outdoor picnic with hot chips sandwiches followed by a special birthday afternoon tea. We sincerely thank our staff, families and children for their support in 2016. (NQA 12,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Jumpstart 4 Kids hosted our annual Father's Day Afternoon tea on Friday 3rd September. It was a fantastic afternoon and it was great to see so many of our dads in attendance. The children were very excited to perform our special Father's Day songs called DADDY (sung to the tune of BINGO was his name oh) and ' I love my Daddy , Yes I do "both by the Kiboomers. We hope all the Dads had a lovely Father's Day with their family.



RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

**Congratulations to the following winners. Sebastian - Bunyips
Jax , Hudson & Azaleigha - Possums
Aidan, Emily & Owen - Bees**

FIRE BRIGADE

On Tuesday August 9th, Blacktown Fire Station visited Jumpstart 4 Kids. The fire-fighters discussed with the children the safety actions that they need to follow in the event of a fire emergency. The children acted out a scenario where they got down on the floor as low as they could and crawled their way through the hallway and out through the front door to our emergency evacuation area in the front car park. Fireman Mark showed demonstrated how smoke alarms work and the sound that they make by activating the smoke alarm in the Busy Bee room. This was very loud and the children understood that if they hear this sound they must move quickly and get down low and go, go, go. All the children loved seeing Fireman Mark put on his fireman uniform. The children enjoyed touring all the features of the



fire truck, as they enthusiastically took turns of the fire hose to create a beautiful rainbow. When it was time for say goodbye, we all waved as we listened to the siren. (NQA 1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)

SCIENCE WEEK 15th- 19th

AUGUST

The children at Jumpstart 4 Kids investigated, hypothesised and used their imagination as they participated in a number of science experiments through science week. The Baby Bunyips completed a sound experiment with balloons. Educators placed a small washer inside blown balloons and children were encouraged to move and shake the balloons to make a variety of sounds. When the balloons were spun around they sounded like a didgeridoo. Oliver and Brian really enjoyed this experiment with Oliver becoming increasingly interested in where the sound was coming from as he stopped and placed his ear up to the balloon.



The Possums experimented with colour using milk, food colouring and dish washing liquid. Milk was placed into a glass dish along with a few drops of different coloured food colourings. Slowly Miss Trish added dish washing liquid and the children watched the magic as the dish washing liquid made the food colouring dance across the milk. (NQA 1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)

The children were amazed at how the colours red and blue mixed to make the colour purple.



The possums also loved participating in our foaming fizz experiment where we watched what happens when you mix vinegar, dishwashing liquid and bicarb soda together. The children loved exploring their sensory skills as they touched their foaming and fizzing creation. The Busy Bees took part in an experiment about hot and cold water and learnt that hot water rises. A cup of red hot water was placed on top of a cup with blue cold water



and the colours did not mix, but when the cups were reversed, the colours mixed as hot water rises, causing the red water to mix with the blue.



BOOK WEEK 22nd -26th August

Jumpstart 4 Kids certainly embraced the the spirit of Book Week. All the children and educators came dressed in their favourite book characters. Stories create adventure and inspire children to develop



broader language skills as they and explore fantasy and reality. Children are able to visit places and learn interesting facts as they read and discuss books with their friends and educators. We encourage all families to read to their children each night so that children are actively questioning and learning each day.



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

EXPLORING SPAIN

Our focus country for August was Spain.

Thank you to Mr. Simons Grandmother Conchin and Aunty Conchin who share



the same name as a part of a Spanish tradition for coming into Jumpstart and showing traditional Spanish instruments called castanets and a Spanish cooking experience.

The children were shown how to hold and play castanets. The Busy Bees then



assisted in making a traditional Spanish Jam Puff dessert using puff pastry and

jam as a filling. The children loved helping to roll the pastry and spread the jam. Most of all we all loved eating them! The children thoroughly enjoyed making their very own castanets. They used their decorated castanets to play along to a Spanish version of " Heads, Shoulders , Knees and Toes and "Gallump said the little green frog". The children were very proud as they counted from 1 to 10 in Spanish.

SPANISH RICE

On the 23rd of August the children all came together to cook 'Smoky



Vegetarian Spanish Rice'. The children enjoyed assisting Miss Trish and Miss Shannon cutting vegetables including peas, snow peas, chives and parsley from our JumpStart vegetable garden.

The Busy Bees assisted their educators



in cooking the rice and adding capsicum, olives and turmeric to our special Spanish dish. The children patiently waited for the rice to

cook and then got to enjoy this rice with their lunch. (NQA 1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)

OUR GARDEN WE INVITE FAMILIES TO PICK VEGETABLES FROM OUR GARDEN TO TAKE HOME



The children thoroughly enjoy collecting vegetables from the garden to use in our cooking experiences.

Promoting healthy eating with children supports their growth and development. We encourage families to collect vegetables from our garden to share with families. Many of our families recently enjoyed out freshly grown broccoli . This was great experience for families to enjoy foods that their children have grown at school .

IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

Busy Bee Parents, if you are enrolling your child into primary school next year, could you please write your child's name and the school they are attending on the form located on the Busy Bee door. This allow families and your child's peers to see what primary school the Bees are attending. It is a great opportunity for the children to find out if their peers are attending the same school.

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:



BUSY BEES:

1. Farming

2.

Gardening

3.

Ocean

4.

Space

During the month of September, the Busy Bees will be focusing on farming. As we will caring for chickens, children will learn the life cycle of chickens, from being laid, the incubation period to hatching and finally how to care for chickens. The children will be responsible to check the chickens and assist educators feeding and caring for them. Science week will be extended to support children's questioning and investigation skills. This will link with our space theme at the end of the month as we explore how our solar system works through a displayed group project. Children will broaden their concept of gardening through our worm farm, jumpstart vegetable garden and seed planting.

Mr Simon and Miss Nikki

SCHOOL READINESS

Literacy Focus:

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

N as in Nest



K as in Kangaroo



Numeracy Focus

This month the Bees will be focusing on the number **17** and **18**, developing their number recognition and counting skills.

Concept

The Busy Bees have been learning about the months of the year, seasons and daily weather by completing our calendar each day. The children will focus on different modes of transport. The Busy Bee will also be learning about modes of transport in their community and extend on their handwriting and letter sound recognition through their daily school readiness program.



PLAYFUL POSSUMS.

1. Kindness
2. Beach week
3. Pirate Week
4. Dinosaurs

Throughout the month of September the Playful Possums will be focusing on sustainability and recycling. The children will be part of using recyclable materials to create an Igloo. The Playful Possums will also look at pirates. Children will focus on their creativity through the various pirate activities planned.

Literacy

Letter Kk

K as in Kangaroo

V as in Vacuum

Numeracy

Number 15

Concept

Counting 10-15

Grouping 1-5

Letter Vv



Number 16



During the month of August Playful Possums focused on their bodies and learning the correct names for common body parts by completing floor games and group time discussions. The children thoroughly enjoyed cutting and pasting paper body parts and placing them in their correct positions. Children were thrilled to participate in book week dressing up as their favourite book characters. The children learnt the orientation of books throughout this week by reading a variety of stories provided by educators and their peers. (NQA 1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Week of Charity
2. The Beach
3. Pirate Week
4. Shapes



During the month of September the Baby Bunyips are going to be learning all about the beach. They will use books, songs and lots of fun experiments and sensory experiences involving sand and water. The Bunyips will also be focusing strongly on simple shapes such as circle, triangle, square and star. They will use everyday activities and tasks involving shapes including drawing, art and craft, meal times with shape cards just to name a few.

During science week the Baby Bunyips enjoyed experimenting with different materials to create different sounds. This



led us to create shakers using bottles and bowls and inside the children placed pasta, rice, sand, shells, rocks and water. These shakers made lots of different sounds and they looked great too as we added different colours and glitter.

A song the Baby Bunyips have been



learning throughout the month of August is *5 Little Ducks*, the children really enjoyed this song and particularly liked when puppets were added. A book the children really enjoyed reading during August was *My Monster Book of Vehicles*, the older children did very well at identifying the different types of transport and we used this a lot to help us during our transport week.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Playful Possums and educators worked to complete the construction of the Milk bottle Igloo with the help of everyone at Jumpstart. We would like to say a big thank you to families for your support in bringing in milk bottles and helping us with this achievement.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING IN YOUR 2 LITRE MILK BOTTLES SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF OUR MILK CARTON IGLOO.



This month for use of our recyclables the educators have focused on using recycled paper for a range of different experiences. The bunyips conducted a craft experience with the use of recycled paper to develop their gluing skills and to broaden their creativity. Outdoors the children of the possums and bees rooms' used recycled paper to practice cutting shapes and lines.

SPRING IS HERE! EGG HATCHING

To celebrate Spring, the children will care and nurture young chickens for 2 weeks. This is a fantastic experience where the children explore the life cycle of chickens and learn how to care for pets. The children will have daily opportunities to view the chicks hatching from their egg and enjoy the sensation of holding our small and delicate baby chicks.



EXPLORING SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS Cost \$10

14th September 10:30 am the children will explore a variety of science experiments. This show will inspire children to ask questions, investigate hypothesis and question their learning experiences as they solve problems and challenges with their educators and peers.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

28th OCTOBER

6:45 pm -
8:00pm

Our Halloween Disco will be hosted at Jumpstart 4 Kids.



Tickets for children are \$5.00. Parents are asked to bring a small plate to share. This is a great night for families to mingle and for children to enjoy a themed disco and to share in Trick or Treat in a safe and fun environment.

We would be appreciative if we could have 3 around 4 parent volunteers to assist on the night for about 15 minutes at activity tables. If you can assist please see Miss Maree, Miss Nikki or Mr John. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Parents are encourage to dress up in the spirit of the night. All Welcome. (NQA 1,4,5,6,7)

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

DONATIONS

**Christmas Raffle
and St Vincent's
DePaul Baskets**



Each Year we ask families to make contributions to our Christmas raffle and St Vincent De Paul Hampers.

We would be grateful if families could start donating Items for both these events in preparation for our end of year celebrations. (NQA 1,2,3, 5, 6, &7)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Monday 5th December

Blacktown Sportsman Club on Reservoir Road at 6.30pm – 8.00pm.
Tickets on sale October



2017 Enrolments

The 2017 booking sheet is NOW in the foyer. This will allow our current parents to finalise days for 2017. Parents are asked to speak with John, Maree or staff to confirm your nominated days for 2017. We remind all parents that it is important to place their child's name on the grids provided to ensure a placement for 2017.

Parents who do not confirm dates will not be guaranteed a position.

DONATIONS:

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

- ✚ Gifts for our Christmas raffle
- ✚ Books
- ✚ Fabric for our Bunyips sensory board.
- ✚ Margarine containers
- ✚ Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies

FINAL THOUGHT

You deserve a day where worries don't get in the way of anything. A day where even if some people are insensitive or unkind, you're not going to mind because the blessings in your life are far greater than the burdens that people are trying to place on you.
~ stay positive! ~Unknown.

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STAFF