

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017

Our centre *Quality Improvement Plan* identifies improvement goals that the centre will focus on for 2017. This is now available for parents to view in the foyer. **Our February - March goals were to develop an awareness of our outdoor environment and sustainable practices. This is an ongoing goal and has been highlighted in our creation of our vegetable garden and art work displayed in the outdoor using sustainable donations from all our families.**(NQA 1, 2,3, 5, 6, & 7).

STAFF NEWS:

Welcome to Miss Kristy who commences with us as our Early Childhood Teacher. Kristy is looking forward to meeting all our families over the coming weeks. Miss Shannon will conclude her time with us on Thursday 13th April. Shannon's family have relocated and with Shannon's fiancé securing employment in the mid north coast, they are now able to make the transition to be with family. We thank Shannon for her time with us and wish her the very best. Congratulations to Miss Amie on her second pregnancy. Miss Amie will commence maternity leave in July.

UNDER THE SEA

The children thoroughly enjoyed discovering the variety of creatures that live on our coastal stretches. The children were fascinated by the crabs that lived in the sand and rocks and the beautiful star fish that live in warmer waters. The children enjoyed this hands on show as they touched, smelt and learnt about our wonderful sea creatures.



ST PATRICKS DAY 17th March

At Jumpstart 4 Kids we celebrated St Patricks Day on Friday the 17th of March. Lorelai dressed in a traditional Irish dress as she celebrated her Irish culture. In the Baby Bunyips room the children enjoyed exploring and



experimenting with green play dough, this was lots of fun! They used a green capsicum cut in half which they dipped in green paint to create their very own shamrocks. A little sprinkle of green glitter and sand finished these creations off perfectly. In the Playful Possums room the children decorated biscuits using green icing,



marshmallows and sprinkles, they looked great and tasted delicious! The Busy Bees created wonderful works of art as they painted

leprechauns with green hats for the day.



We hope that all our families take a look at our St Patricks Day room Display. The children really enjoyed listening to the Leprechaun song. (NQA 1, 2,3, 5, 6, & 7).



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IA-YGKN7k_o, so take a look and see what you think.



HARMONY DAY 21st MARCH

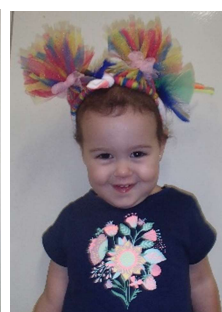
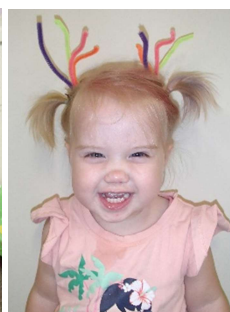


JumpStart 4 Kids celebrated diversity and acceptance as they acknowledged the abundance of cultures reflected at the centre on Harmony Day. The children were excited to take photos with their friends as they made a beautiful hanging display in the foyer. Educators discussed with children what harmony means and how friendships and acceptance with people from all cultures build relationships based on trust and respect.



CRAZY HAIR DAY 28th & 30th March

The children and staff certainly were in style on Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March. Miss Trish was inspirational in the Bunyips room with Miss Amie as they sprayed, twisted, teased and styled the Bunyips to achieve exceptional hairstyles. Miss Justine and Miss Kaitlin created personal styles that reflected their personalities and shared their talents with the Possums to bring out their own sense of style.

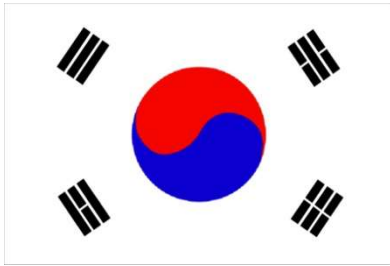


The Busy Bees with Miss Shannon and Miss Nicole took great care to look fabulous and stylish each day. We thank all our families who supported this fun day. The children and staff had a great time experimenting with colour and of course displaying their fashion skills.



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

CELEBRATING KOREA- MARCH



The centre celebrated Korea during the month of March. The children participated in

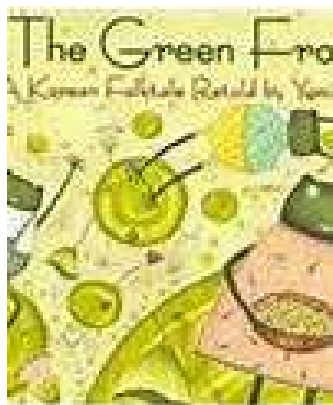
a shared cooking experiences. The Bunyips prepared pickled cucumbers, The Possums made delicious Korean pancakes, while the Busy Bees created a beautiful Korean salad with crunchy noodles. The children made Korean flags and made simple paper dolls.



Frogs are a symbolic feature in Korea children books.

The children enjoyed watching The Green Frogs. This is a Korean Folktale about two green frogs who always do the opposite of what their mother asks them to do.

Parents may like to view the link below with their children at home.



<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=The+Green+Frogs%3a+A+Korean+Folktale+Retold+by+Yumi+Heo&&view=detail&mid=1FC3A44F359B6C60F53C1FC3A44F359B6C60F53C&FORM=VRDGR>

The Green Frogs: A Korean Folktale You tube reading

The children enjoyed singing our favourite song 10 Cheeky monkeys, but for the Month of March we changed this song to 10 green frogs jumping on the bed.



COUNTRY OF THE MONTH - APRIL

In April we will be celebrating Ireland. If families have any traditional Irish songs books, recipes or cultural activities that may support educators we would be appreciative.



PARENT FORUM 14th March



On Tuesday 14th March we hosted our First Parent Forum for the Year. We thank all our families who contributed to the discussions. Two sessions were held during the afternoon to allow a broader number of families to make suggestions or comments. The minutes of this meeting are attached. Parent Forum meetings are formally held every 3 months. Parents are welcome to discuss any issues with Directors or staff on a daily basis. Parental concerns will be addressed promptly at all times.

Our Next Parent Forum will be held on Wednesday 21st June

EASTER HAT PARADE

During the week commencing the 10th April the centre will be hosting an Easter Hat Parade. Parents are encouraged to spend time with their children to create an Easter Hat, so that they can join in the daily parade. This is a great opportunity for families to share their creativity and imagination. All children who participate in the parade will receive a participation certificate on the day. We look forward to seeing all our wonderful Easter Hat creations.



ILLNESS POLICY

As the colder months approach it is important that parents keep children at home to minimise the spread of illness to children, staff and other families. Our centre policy outlines that children are not to attend the centre during times of illness. Parents who are notified to collect children are asked to collect promptly. Our centre policy outlines 30 minutes from the time of notification. It is important that families have additional carers who may be able to collect children when they are unwell. Children are not to attend the centre the following day if educators have called parents to collect children due to illness.



If children are diagnosed with a contagious illness, parents **MUST NOTIFY THE CENTRE and they must attain a doctor's clearance that states the child no longer has the stated illness as is fit to attend an education and care setting.** We thank families in advance for their support in this matter. Our centre policies are available to all families in the foyer. (NQA, 2., 6, & 7).

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

- 1) Easter
- 2) Easter
- 3) Environment
- 4) Australia/ ANZAC

Throughout the month of March the Busy Bee's participated in Harmony Day. The children read a story about Kindness called 'When I'm Feeling Kind.' The children listened and discussed this story based on Kindness in celebration of Harmony Day. The children also took part in crazy hair day on Tuesday and Thursday in the last week of March. The children really enjoyed this experience and the Busy Bee's really enjoyed this experience and being able to express their likes and dislikes of colour and material as they added various colours and materials to their hair. During the month of April the Busy Bee's will focus on Easter. The Busy Bee's will look at various celebrations and focus mainly on Easter. Children will participate in a various Easter craft activities and will discuss ways they celebrate Easter with their families. Children will also look at the environment. Children will explore the environment and various ways to look after the environment and develop and understanding of the importance of the environment.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

LITERACY FOCUS. THE SOUNDS THAT OUR LETTERS MAKE PHONICS:

The Busy Bee's will be focusing on letters Dd and Rr in the month of April.

Dd as in Dog



Rr as in Rabbit



NUMERACY:

The Busy Bee's will be looking at numbers 7 (Seven) and 8 (Eight) during the month of March to develop their number recognition and counting skills.



CONCEPT:

Focus on the colour **Pink**.
Children learn colour by focusing on one colour at a time. They learn to identify a collection of items that are PINK and discount all items that are **NOT PINK**.



The bow is **Pink**



The bird is **NOT Pink**



COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



WAYNE WINCH TOMMY TENNIS

Tommy Tennis loved visiting Vivienne, Eliot and Perry's house during the month of March. Tommy loved developing his gross motor skills climbing up the top of a large slide with Elliot as well as spending time with Perry and his sister. Throughout the month

of March Wayne Winch visited Rachel and Allira in the Busy Bee's room. Wayne Winch enjoyed doing various activities with Rachel such as play with her sister and learnt to play the Ukulele. Wayne enjoyed visiting the park with Allira and her brother. They explored and went on the various part equipment.

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

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

- 1) Easter
- 2) Easter
- 3) Environment
- 4) Australia / Anzac

During the month of March the Playful Possums focused on looking at our vegetable garden out the front. Miss Justine and Miss Kaitlin talked to the children about where vegetables come from and how we use water to help them grow. The children took it in turns at going out the front to water our garden.



During the month of April the Playful Possums will be focusing on the celebration of Easter the children will focus on healthy and sometimes foods as well as different ways in which we can celebrate Easter with our families.

Numeracy Focus: Number 7 & 8

Literacy Focus: D & F

Concept Focus: Purple & Star



A grouping
of 7

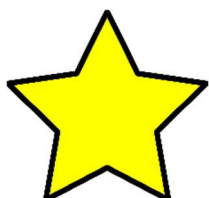


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D for Dog

F for Fish



Star



Purple

NOTE TO

ALL PARENTS:

The Playful Possums will not be getting designated lockers this year. Can you please place your child's bag in the lowest lockers when you arrive. This helps educators teach and assist children in their self-help skills.

BABY BUNYIPS:

- 1) Easter
- 2) Easter
- 3) Environment
- 4) Australia / Anzac



During the month of April

the Bunyips will focus on Easter, we will look at the different ways people celebrate Easter. We will explore Easter through craft activities, stories, Egg hunts and an Easter hat parade. We will also explore the environment. The Bunyips will go on nature walks, water the garden, plant flowers and out to the vegetable garden daily.



focusing on the number

The focus words for literacy in April will be HAT and SHOES and for numeracy the Bunyips will be 4 FOUR and the number 5 FIVE.



During the month of March the Bunyips loved being involved in sensory activities. We explored our senses of touch,

taste, smell, sight and sound throughout various activities. Some of our favourites were playing with jelly, our taste testing experience and painting with musical instruments. The children loved exploring the texture and feeling of the jelly as well as the taste.



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

FOOD GUIDELINES:

New Guidelines in respect to introducing food to babies have been revised. Parents are encouraged to introduce solid between 4 - 6 months . Many parents are concerned in regards to introducing eggs, peanuts and foods often associated with allergic reactions . The new Guidelines are available for families to take in the front foyer. A sample from this publication have been included in this newsletter for families.



Introducing egg and peanut

https://allergy.org.au/images/pcc/ASCIA_PC_C_How_to_introduce_solid_foods_2017.pdf

- All infants should be given foods that are common food allergens including peanut butter, cooked egg, dairy and wheat products in the first year of life. This includes infants considered to be at high risk of developing food allergy.
- it is best to offer your infant cooked egg and peanut butter regularly, starting before 12 months of age.
- Introduce cooked egg (e.g. egg in muffins) and peanut butter in the morning so that you can watch your infant and easily respond to any potential allergic reactions.
- If you notice any swelling of the lips, eyes or face, skin rashes (e.g. hives or welts), vomiting, trouble breathing, or any change in your infant's well-being (e.g. becoming very unsettled) soon after giving a new food, your infant could be having an allergic reaction and you should seek medical help. For symptoms of anaphylaxis (e.g. difficult/noisy breathing, pale and floppy, swollen tongue) call an ambulance. Further information about the signs and symptoms of mild to moderate and severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis), is available from the ASCIA website: www.allergy.org.au

(NQA 6, & 7).

Fundamental Movements MARCH -

During the month of March the children at JumpStart focused on the fundamental movement

hopping.

The children participated in a variety of experiences to practise their components of hopping. The children focused on balancing on

one foot before

using their arms

to move

forwards and

backwards

before jumping

forward on one

foot attempting

to land one

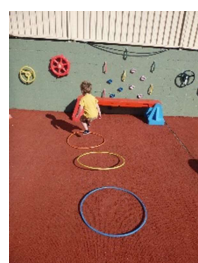
foot.

We did this through hopping in

hops, hopscotch and hopping

around

cones.



APRILS FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT:

Striking

Throughout the month of April across all room

we will be focusing on the fundamental

movement striking. The children will be

focusing on the components of striking a

stationary object.

The children will be taking part of numerous

activities such as:

- Tee ball

-Using a spatula to hit a balloon

- Rolled up newspapers to hit crumpled up paper.



PRESCHOOL PHOTO's

Parents will receive Preschool Photo options and costs during the first week of April . Parents are asked to place the correct money or complete their credit card details and return **their Photo envelopes to room staff no LATER than WEDNESDAY 19th APRIL.** Envelopes will be forwarded directly to the Photographer . Parents are unable to use the centre EFTPOS to make preschool payments.



CENTRE CLOSURE 14th ,17th & 25th April

A reminder to all Families that the centre will be closed on Friday 14th and Monday 17th April. we wish all our families a wonderful Easter break .



Anzac Day-Centre closed
Tuesday 25th April



DONATIONS

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

- + Gifts for our Mother's Day raffle
- + Books

- + Paper cylinders
- + Old cake tins
- + Ice-cream containers
- + Margarine containers
- + Bottle tops
- + String
- + Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies
- + OLD Stockings



*Playful Possums -
Isabella 23/4*

*Busy Bees-
Adain 12/4
Rachel 13/4*

FINAL THOUGHT

Children are like sponges.
They absorb all your strength
And leave you limp
But give them a squeeze
And you get everything back

When the days seems tougher than others, simple remember this simple quote

**JUMPSTART 4 KIDS
STAFF**