

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JUMPSTART 4 KIDS CELEBRATES 10 Years



9th August

JumpStart 4 kids will celebrate its 10th Birthday on Wednesday 9th August. To celebrate our Special Birthday we will be having

a special visit from the **Blacktown Fire brigade at 10:00am followed by a selection of outdoor games.** As a centre we will host an outdoor picnic lunch with staff and children. Our day would not be complete without a slice of our 10th Birthday cake. We thank all our families who have supported us and thank you for supporting Jumpstart as we celebrate this significant milestone.

WELCOME:

We are delighted to welcome Miss Ashley who will join the Bunyips room with Miss Trish and Miss Kira. Miss Jaina will support the Possums and the Busy Bees room. Both staff hold Diplomas in children services and have several years of experience in the education and care setting. We encourage our families to introduce themselves and ask any questions to ensure that all children are supported during this transition time. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

BOOK WEEK: 21st -25th August



Books provide creativity, imagination, pleasure, thrills and discovery. Children immerse themselves in books as they are transported into a world of wonder. Join us as we celebrate Book week, by coming dressed as your favourite character. Bring along your favourite book, or better still spend some time at Jumpstart reading your favourite books to your child or their friends. For the month of August we invite our parents to take some time in the morning and afternoon to simply read a book with your child or a small group of children. You'll be amazed at how excited they will be. Take the challenge.

SHARING READING TIME FANTASTIC PARENT SUPPORT QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017

Our centre Quality Improvement Plan highlighted the immersion of literacy for children across the centre by reading a



minimum of 5 books a day with children across all rooms. Books support children with language and vocabulary development. Parents are encouraged to read with their children each night to support children's knowledge and meaning of new words and to support their imagination and questioning skills as they recall and develop comprehension skills.

We are always appreciative of our families support and we thank Emily's mum Rebecca for taking the time to read with the children during our morning family time. Rebecca dramatically read the stories "I'll Wait Mr Panda", a story about being patient and "Eat your Greens Goldilocks" a story about healthy eating. The

children loved having Emily's mum as our



special guest and Rebecca was amazed at how engaged the children were as they answered questions and listened intently as each page was turned in the book.

We invite all our families to take time in the morning to assist staff with reading books to children. It only takes 10 minutes at most, but it is such a worthy and valuable experience.

Parents are welcome to view our Quality Improvement plan and make comments and suggestions at any time. (NQA 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7)

FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA **1st September 4:00pm**



Fathers are a significant part of every child's life. To celebrate fathers, uncles, granddads and significant males in the lives of children at JumpStart 4 Kids we warmly invite you to join us for our Father's Day afternoon tea on Friday 1st September at 4:00pm.

FATHER'S DAY **RAFFLE** **TICKETS**

We encourage all families to take our

Fathers Day Raffle tickets which will be drawn at our Fathers Day Afternoon Tea on Friday 1st September. We would be appreciative of any donations for our fathers Day raffle. Please place donations on the table in the front foyer. Thank you (NQA 1, 5, 6, & 7)



DENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS **SHOW**

Tuesday 1st August - \$10.00.

Dental hygiene is important for healthy bodies. Encouraging children to drink water and milk daily and limiting sugary drinks such as soft drinks and juices will support children with healthy teeth and gums. Our dental health show will support children with identifying healthy foods and sometimes food that will support healthy teeth and gums along with regular brushing.

Parents with children attending on Tuesday will have \$10 charged to their accounts. Parents with children who do not attend on Tuesdays



are welcome to attend with an accompanying adult. Attached is a helpful fact sheet for families.

SCIENCE AND INVESTIGATION **23rd August 10:30 am \$10.00**

Asking questions, posing solutions and experimenting with a variety of objects allow children to learn through discovery. This fantastic hand on show explores children's sense of wonder as they investigate the "why" and discover the relevance of science in the world around them. Parents with children who do not attend on Tuesdays are welcome to attend with an accompanying adult.

PLANET ARK **NATIONAL** **TREE** **PLANTING DAY** **FRIDAY 28th July**

This year the children were very excited to plant a blueberry bush and a native edible called Acronychia which has a white fruit



similar to blueberries with a citrus taste. We can't wait to taste this unusual fruit. The children across the centre take



regular visit to our vegetable garden for their monthly cooking experiences. Caring for our environment supports children's in their capacity to nurture, care and respect our environment on a daily basis. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

FIRE DRILL 24th July

Every month the children across all 3 rooms participate in an emergency evacuation drill. These drills allow children and staff opportunities to practise safe emergency exit procedures. The staff and children successfully evacuated the premises in less than 3 minutes.



FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILL OF THE MONTH

Throughout the month of July the children focussed on developing the skills of Stationary Dribbling and the



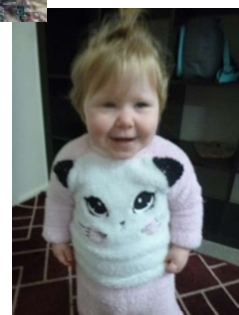
components it takes to complete this FMS. They developed this skill through activities such as bouncing and catching a ball, bouncing a ball using two hands and then bouncing the ball with just one hand.

Throughout the month of August we will focus on the FMS Side-sliding. We will develop this skills using various activities.



PYJAMA WEEK

Monday 17th – 21st July all of the children and staff participated in pyjama week- we all had lots of fun dressing up, eating popcorn and watching a few short minutes of Tangled and Moana .



WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS: BUSY BEES:



- 1) Dental week
- 2) Elvis week
- 3) Science week
- 4) Children's Book Week

During the month of August, the Busy Bees will take a close look at Dental hygiene and learn how to brush their teeth correctly by participating in the Little Grinners Dental hygiene show; practical demonstrations; stories and songs. The children will, explore foods that contain high amounts of sugar and identify foods that support healthy teeth, gums and bodies. The Busy Bees thoroughly enjoy dancing and will discover different musical styles as they dance and swing to some favourite



Elvis tunes. Using a collection of musical instruments the Busy Bees will compose their own

songs and enjoy rhythm and beat as they explore different instruments and the sounds that musical instruments make. The Busy Bees will create their own story book as part of Book week and dress up in their favourite book character. We invite families to bring in their favourite books to share and perhaps read books with the children in the morning or afternoon. To support healthy bodies the Busy Bees will be reminded to drink water and swish their mouths at the conclusion of each meal time and engage in active outdoor play with their peers to practice their gross motor skills.

The Busy Bees have been practicing their fine motor skills and are developing an awareness of Sight words as they use these words to complete

simple sentences. The Busy Bees were amazed by their recent garden discovery when they collected 15 pea pods from the front garden. The children carefully opened each pod and recorded the number of peas inside each pod, before they quickly ate all the evidence.



A seriously tasty treat.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS LITERACY FOCUS. THE SOUNDS THAT OUR LETTERS MAKE PHONICS:

During the month of August the Busy Bees will be focusing on the letter E and N. To support children with these letter concepts we ask that families spend some time asking children to identify words that begin with these letters along with learning correct letter formation in their home environment.



NUMERACY:

The Busy Bees will be exploring the number 16 and 17. Children will learn to count in ascending and descending order. As well as this, the Busy Bees will learn to count from 1 to 20.

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



CONCEPT: LONG AND SHORT



COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



WAYNE WINCH TOMMY TENNIS

Wayne Winch was loved by Charlotte and Esma during the month of July. Wayne is excited to commence his new adventures during the month of August with Surya, Alexis and Hannah.

Tommy Tennis loved spending time at Eden's house in July going on fun adventures and meeting Eden's brothers and sister. Eden loved sharing Tommy with his family. Tommy also visited Isabella where she took him on many adventures his favourite being playing aqua golf with Isabella and her big sister Mia. During the month of August Tommy will be visiting Brandon and Olive's house- he can't wait to see what adventures he goes on.

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

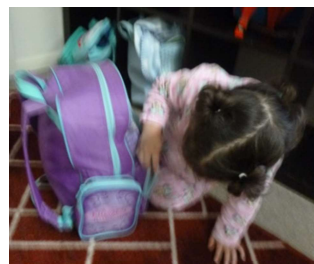
PLAYFUL POSSUMS

- 1) Dental Week
- 2) Celebrations
- 3) Science Week
- 4) Book Week

During the month of July the Playful Possums focused on sensory and self-help skills. The children loved being exposed to different textures and items using their verbal skills to communicate what each item felt like.



The Possums have been focusing on self-help skills- placing their own belongings in their bags as well as putting their own shoes on.



During the month of August the Playful Possums will be focusing on Dental Hygiene as they learn the importance of brushing and caring for their teeth. The children will learn about different celebrations and traditions that different cultures celebrate around the world as well as taking part in Jumpstart 4 kids special 10th Birthday.

Numeracy: Number 11

Groupings of 11

11 Butterflies



Literacy: Letter Bb

B as in Ball



Concept: Big/Small

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Dental Health Week
2. Zoo Week
3. Science Week
4. Book Week
5. Music

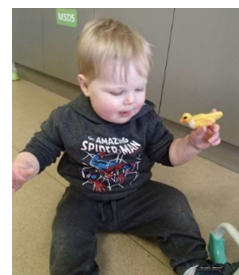


During the month of August the Baby Bunyips will be looking closely at dental health, focusing on what types of foods are daily foods and which ones are sometimes foods. The Bunyips will be shown how to brush their teeth and after meal times they will learn how to swish their mouths to support oral health. During August the Bunyips will look at all the different types of animals found at the zoo during zoo week and explore their senses throughout science week.

Don't forget to dress as your favourite book character during **Book Week 21st – 25th August**. The Bunyips will focus on developing and encouraging use of verbal communication to express wants and needs. We will be focusing on the words, water, hello and goodbye and extending older Bunyips to complete 2 and 3 word phrases. The Bunyips will focus on colour recognition and matching. During the month of July the Baby Bunyips had lots of fun reading lots of different stories and singing songs using

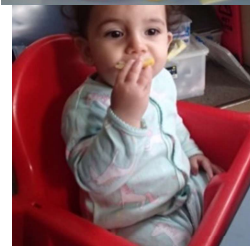
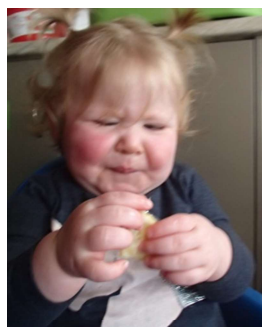
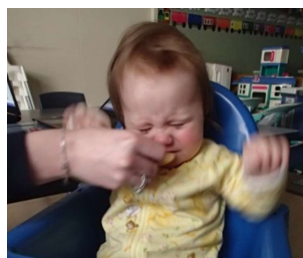


puppets. All of the children loved having the puppets as a visual focus. Some of our favourites were Old MacDonald had a Farm and Five Little Ducks. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)



COUNTRY OF THE MONTH – SPAIN

Celebrating Spain resulted in some funny faces during July. The Baby Bunyips created Spanish Avocado Pesto Pasta. The Bunyips had lots of



fun exploring their senses of touch and taste as they tasted all of the different ingredients involved in the dish.



The Playful Possums made Lime Pie Shakes- Each of the children had a turn at participating.



Counting out the ingredients, measuring out the different items as well as mixing and stirring all of the ingredients together. The children's favourite part of the cooking experiment was enjoying drinking their creations. All of the children loved the refreshing shake- sharing with the Busy Bees.



The Busy Bees enjoyed making traditional quesadillas with Miss Poonam. Cheese, cream corn, capsicum, peas and chives from our garden made a delicious treat that was shared with the Bunyips and Possums.



SUPER HERO WEEK:



This week we celebrated Superhero Week, engaging in different Superhero-themed activities and dressing up as all our favourite heroes. Not only were the children able to

further their imaginative play and social skills, but they were also able to further their gross motor and fine motor skills as they participated in a variety of super activities. Super Hero's



week supported Bear Cottage, - Children hospital. As a centre have donated funds from our cupcake sales last month to support terminally ill children and their families. We thank all our families who have supported our Super Hero's week.

PARENT FORUM

We will be hosting our Parent Forum on Friday 25th August. We will have 2 session times for families 4:30 – 5:00 and 5:00- 5:30pm. This is an informal way for families to speak with Directors and offer comments / feedback and suggestions for the centre. Our partnership with families is important and we look forward to continuing this relationship with all our families. Please join us for some light refreshments as we celebrate our success and plan future goals together.

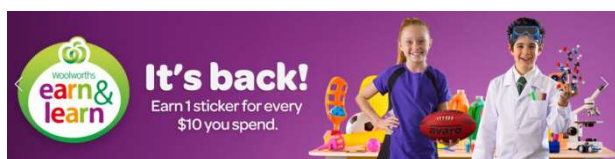
STAFF MEETING

To care for children on a day to day basis requires healthy staff. This year as part of our quality improvement plan



we have focused our attention on healthy staff practices. These have included Fruit for work boxes to support staff with healthy choices and work place stretching to assist staff to maintain healthy bodies when supporting children with nappy changes and table activities. Our staff meeting in July was hosted by Chantelle who is a physio therapist. Chantelle supported staff with back exercises and highlighted the need to maintain correct posture when lifting and caring for children. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

LEARN STICKERS - START
COLLECTING FROM 26th July



Just shop at Woolworths to earn one sticker for every \$10 spent from 26 July. Please assist us by collecting Woolworth's stickers for the Woolworth Earn and Learn program. Sticker sheets are located near the collection bin in the front foyer. We thank all families in advance for their support and assistance with this fundraiser.

CADBURY FUNDRAISER 17th July



Each year we raise money to promote quality resources across each room. Our Cadbury fundraiser is one avenue that supports resources for all children, this year our focus will be on our outdoor environment. We encourage families to commence returning their funds and thank all out families who have been supportive in selling multiple boxes. Your generosity is appreciated. Thankyou

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 Father's Day Raffle raffle
- ✚ Books
- ✚ Paper cylinders
- ✚ Ice-cream containers
- ✚ Margarine containers
- ✚ Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies



JUMPSTART WEDNESDAY 9th

August

Playful Possums-

Ilona 30/8

Busy Bees

Aayush 9/8

Aoukhadh 21/8

FINAL THOUGHT

We are ecstatic to be celebrating 10 years at Jumpstart 4 Kids. Looking back our aim was to provide an educationally based centre where we would ignite learning and a passion for learning through play based experiences and interests in collaboration with family's ad our community. 10 years on this is still our passion. Many of our graduates are commencing high school and we hope that they look back fondly on their time at JumpStart. We value each child and family who have walked through our doors and thank each person individually for their support, advice and guidance. May we continue to be inspired for the next 10 years as we support all our families and children? Thank you for sharing our 10 year anniversary with us. May we inspire all children by the following quote?



"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."

Many Thanks John,
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STAFF