

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT 4th December



Santa has certainly arrived. Our Christmas concert night was a true celebration of our JumpStart family. The children sang their hearts out as they performed and welcomed Santa to the stage. Santa expressed that the children were very friendly and he really enjoyed his visit with us as he boarded his sleigh to go home. We had some very eager children who were absolutely thrilled to talk to Santa while a few of our JumpStart children were not so sure. We can all agree that this was a fantastic night. We sincerely thank all our families who generously donated items to our festive toy raffle and our charity food baskets that were provided to St Vincent's De Paul.



Christmas is certainly a time of giving and it is a time where we share

time with family. Making Christmas brighter for those around us is certainly the message of Christmas. A special thank you to Tim Rae (Hannah and Chloe's Dad) for assisting with the BBQ and sound system on the night. Congratulations to all our prize winners.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

Bunyips: Claire, Kirpa

Possums: Vivienne, Cash, Perry, Isabella, Reynash

Bees: Racheal, Allira, Alexis, Aidan



QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-2018

Our centre Quality Improvement Plan was reviewed by all staff during our November staff meeting. During December we will be asking families for their feedback and suggestions as we develop new ideas and strategies to improve aspects of our physical space and learning environments. We thank all families in advance for their thoughts and suggestions. We are always appreciative of the time and suggestions offered all families. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD SHOW:



The children had the opportunity to learn more about different Christmas traditions across the globe as Jenny visited for our *Christmas Around the World* show. Through this, the children were able to explore Santa throughout

Germany, Holland and Russia. The children had the chance to dress up in different

costumes like Rudolph, Elves, Christmas trees, presents, and bon-bons, as well as different cultural Santa costumes. We sang and danced to



different songs, such as *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Let's Make a Snowman*, a Christmas song in Dutch, *Jingle Bells*, *Aussie Christmas*, and *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*. The children showed enjoyment in exploring with

shakers and bells, and performing in different dances, as well as being an active audience answering questions and providing feedback.

MELBOURNE CUP

On Tuesday 7th November, the Possums and Busy Bees watched the Melbourne Cup. The Possums were very prepared, wearing costumes and dressed up to the nines. Whilst watching the race, the educators and children were cheering on for the horses but unfortunately the horse that we were cheering on for did not win.



RECYCLING WEEK

From the 13th – 17th November, the children explored the concept of sustainability and waste management through a recycling week.

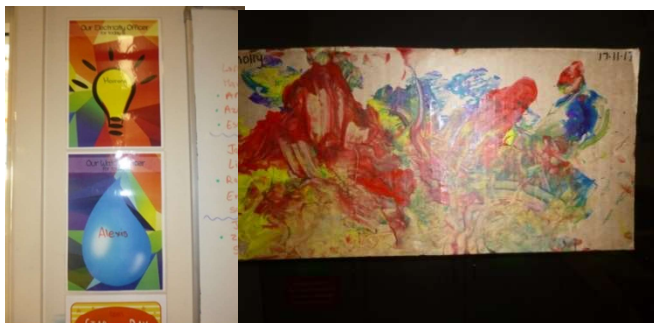


In the Playful Possums Room, the children

engaged in Loose Parts play with the recycled materials donated by families. They used cardboard tubes as microphones, bottles to start a juice stall, and empty butter tubs as phones. The Busy Bees engaged in an exercise to explore what could be disposed in what bin, exploring ideas about recycling, composting, battery disposal and recycling clothing. The Bunyips explored painting experiences using twisted up newspaper as a paintbrush, and painted on recycled cardboard boxes, as well as engaging in cognitive activities using bottle lids.

RECYCLING WEEK

All rooms coloured in lightbulbs that will hang next to our light switches and help us to remember that we can turn them off before we go outside to save electricity. The Busy Bees also appointed an *Electricity Officer* and a *Water Officer* that would check the lights and taps were turned off before the children left the room.



Next year, we will be promoting a *Waste Free Day* once a week, encouraging all families to forgo plastic packaging and disposable wrappings in favour of reusable containers. Our aim is to reduce the amount of disposable packaging ending up in landfill.

BUSY BEE GRADUATION A FINAL FAREWELL Wednesday 13th December 6:45pm 7:00pm START.

Our Graduation Ceremony for children will commence promptly at 7:00pm. We ask that all parents and guests are seated by 6:45 Pm.



Please bring a plate to share on the night us families.

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

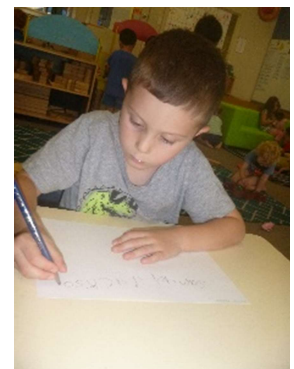


ROOM STIMULUS AREAS: BUSY BEES:

- 1) Languages
- 2) Christmas
- 3) Christmas

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

During School Readiness, the Busy Bees have been placing sounds together to create a word. This allows children to become more familiar with the phonic sound of the word. We have been focusing on the letter Ww and the children have been coming up with many words that begin with the letter Ww, such as wet, watermelon, Wendy, water and worms.



NUMERACY:

The Busy Bees have revisited the numbers 7, 8 and 9. We have been using these numbers for subtraction, increasing the subtracting number with each activity that we participate in. The children have also been focusing on measurement, measuring which string is longer and which string is shorter.

CONCEPT:

Healthy Eating - The Busy Bees discuss every day food and sometimes food during meal times. This allows children to become familiar with healthy eating and most importantly to become aware of foods that can be taken to school in lunchboxes for those children that are starting school next year.

BUSY BEES NEWS



During November, the Busy Bees focused on Technology and Sensory play. We spoke about technology being in everyday objects that we use and what technology does to

make our life easier. The children also took turns at taking photos using the camera. The Busy Bees also focused on Sensory play. The textures of toys and objects in the room, what it feels like, is it smooth or rough, is it slimy or not.

COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



WAYNE WINCH TOMMY TENNIS

Wayne had a fantastic time visiting Dominic and Romeo. They did some fantastic activities such as going to the beach, visiting Dominic whilst he was in Karate and watching a movie during family movie night. During the month of December, Wayne will be visiting Zara, Harang, Kito and Christopher.



Tommy Tennis has visited Liam, Andrew and Arthur in the month of November. In December he is looking forward to visiting Ilona and Ashwin

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

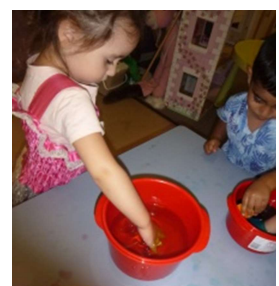
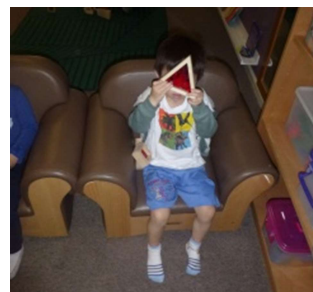
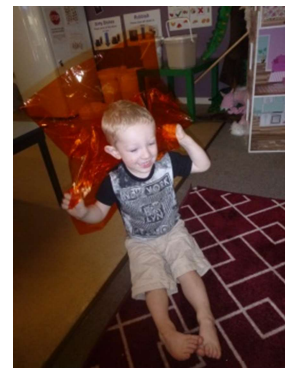
PLAYFUL POSSUMS WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

- 1) The Sky
- 2) Christmas
- 3) Christmas

Throughout the month of November the children have enjoyed exploring **colour**. The

Possums engaged in a variety of different art and craft activities that helped them to explore the way the different colours blend into each other.

The Possums explored light through cellophane and window blocks, layering different colours to make different shades. They were able to explore different



experiments, watching the way colours mix as they blend different coloured water, or blending colours with paint on the table.

Throughout the month of December, the Possums will explore **the sky**, looking at stars, air transport, space, clouds and weather, as well as exploring **Christmas**.

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:



Literacy: Q as in Queen.



Numeracy: 20

20 Turtles

Concept: Last Names

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Celebrations
2. Christmas
3. Christmas



During the month of December the Bunyips will explore Celebrations and Christmas. We will do this through various experiences such as art and craft experiences where children will explore their creative side with painting, drawing and colouring in. We will also involve the children in regular group times, reading



Christmas stories to develop the children's language and social skills.

Throughout December the Bunyips concept focus will be on **Shapes** and **Numbers**. Our Language focus will be on the Words 'DRINK' and 'YES'.



Throughout the month of November the Bunyips explored their 5 senses through many different activities including jelly. Miss Trish

made up some cubes of jelly for the children to taste test and explore with their fingers. They also had the opportunity to explore sensory bags with a variety of objects inside. Through this activity they developed knowledge of colours, the difference between soft and hard objects and their fine motor skills.

THE NEW CHILDCARE PACKAGE

The new Child Care package will commence **on 2nd July, 2018**. Pamphlets outlining these changes are available to all families in the front foyer. Families can find further information via the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website - <https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>

These changes will mean that the Child Care benefit and the Child care rebate will be replaced by the Child Care Subsidy. Three things will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy.

1. Combined family income
 2. Activity level of parents
 3. Type of child care service
- Parents may wish to view the **Family Child Care Subsidy Estimator**
<https://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/chcare/est/index.html>.



In line with these changes we will be upgrading our centre sign in system to an electronic platform. Parents will need to create passwords unique to them and will be responsible to sign their child in and out of the centre on a daily basis. To support this change parents will be asked to check their current additional contact for their child. We ask that all families complete their updated contact information by Friday 15th December. Additional contacts that collect children will need to create their own sign in accounts. All families will be supported as we commence these transitional changes. Throughout 2018 we will be assisting families to adjust to these changes which will take full effect on **Monday 2nd July 2018.**

2018 EARLY CHILDHOOD AWARDS

As the year draws to a conclusion it is a great time to thank educators who have worked tirelessly to support the development of children at the centre. We encourage all families to take some time to nominate an educator or educators at JumpStart 4 Kids. <http://australianfamily.com.au/earlyeducationandcareawards/nominations>

Parents can nominate individual educators or the centre. This is a great way to acknowledge the hard work and commitment that educators exhibit daily at JumpStart 4 kids.

Paper nomination forms are available in the foyer for families to complete. Complete forms will be emailed for parent's convenience if required.



FEES PAYABLE END OF YEAR

All accounts will be charged to the end of the year and accounts provided to families on the 4th December. Fee payments for the year are payable in **FULL by Wednesday 13th December.**

CENTRE CLOSURE FRIDAY 22nd December. Parents are asked to collect by 2:30 pm.

Centre Reopens on Monday 8th January 2018 7:00am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Baby Bunyip's

Hian 1/12

Sebastian 23/12

Zahli 23/12

Playful Possums

Eden 2/12

Busy Bees

Charlotte 5/12

Esma 7/12

Kito 21/12



FINAL THOUGHT

May all our families have a peaceful and safe Christmas.

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STAFF