

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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WELCOME:

A very special welcome to our new families who have joined us for 2017. Our existing families have quickly settled back into routines with children sharing their excitement in regards to their Christmas and new year celebrations. Jumpstart 4 kids takes pride in forming active partnerships with all families. We openly encourage all families to ask question and offer suggestions so that together we can create an inviting, inclusive and supportive environment for your child. This is an important goal for our centre and one that can only be achieved with ongoing commitment from our families and community.

We look forward to sharing the journey with all our families in 2017 and look forward to knowing each child as we celebrate their strengths, gifts and uniqueness.

STAFF POSITIONS 2017

Directors: Mr John and Miss Maree

Nominated Supervisor: Miss Justine

Educational Leader: Miss Maree

Bunyips Room Leader : Miss Amie

Bunyips Room Staff :Miss Trish

Bunyips Room Staff: Miss Courtney

Playful Possums Room Leader: Miss Kristie

Playful Possums Room Staff: Miss Justine

Busy Bees Room Leader: Miss Shannon

Busy Bees Early Childhood Teacher:

Mr Simon & Miss Maree

Trainee: Miss Kira & Miss Chloe

School based Trainee Miss Sarah

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

CENTRE PHILOSOPY

At JumpStart for 4 Kids our Centre Philosophy identifies our beliefs and goals. We invite families to view this in our foyer and share any thoughts with us at any time. JumpStart 4 kids believes that each child is unique. By offering a variety of experiences through our weekly stimulus areas, spontaneous play and extension of children's interests, children become engaged learners through active play and investigations. Our Monthly shows reflect our connection with our community and allows children to experience a broad range of learning experiences.

FAMILY FOCUS Make your child a star for the week

Parent input is a significant part of our centre and we welcome the ideas and cultural experiences of all our families. Please feel free to speak with staff by sharing your experiences through our Family focus sheets and by volunteering at the centre. Family focus sheets are located in the foyer. (NQA1, 5, 6, &7)



HEALTHY FOODS AND DRINKS

Families are encouraged to bring healthy foods for children each day. Chips, chocolate bars and non healthy foods will **NOT** be provided to children. These items will be left in children's lunch boxes and staff will support families by providing suggestions for healthier options. Our front foyer has a range of pamphlets and information that parents can borrow and collect to support healthy food options for children.



DRINKS: No cordial, juice or poppers are to be placed in children lunch boxes. Children are encouraged to bring a drink bottle with water. Children will be offered water and milk during each meal session. Good dental hygiene supports reducing sugary drinks for children under 5 years. (NQA 1,2, 5, 6, &7)



PORTFOLIOS

Each child has an individual portfolio that captures developmental skills, observations and a variety of craft and activities that are completed by your child during their time at JumpStart 4 Kids . We ask all parents to complete an 'Individual Outcome' sheet and 'Knowing Me' sheet their child so that this can form part of their portfolio. Parents are welcome to view their child's portfolio at any time. (NQA 1, 5, 6, &7)



INCURSIONS FOR 2017

Throughout 2017 we will be inviting a variety of different organisations to present shows and activities to the children. We wish to notify parents that these will be at an additional cost to families of \$10.00. These fees will be payable one week prior to each show. Parents are reminded that they will be charged if their child normally attends on this day. All children across the centre take part in all extra curricula activities. Absent children will automatically be charged. (NQA 1,3, 5, 6, &7)

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017

Our centre Quality Improvement Plan identifies improvement goals that the centre will focus on for 2017. This is available for parents to view in their child's portfolio and in the foyer. Parents are welcome to view this document and make comments and suggestions at any time. We value feedback and suggestions so that we can continue to create positive learning environments for all children . (NQA 1, 2,3, 5, 6, & 7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES



ROOM STIMULUS AREAS: **BUSY BEES:**

1. Getting to know you
2. Sun safety
3. Australia

Throughout the month of January the Bees will be getting to know their peers and families. This is very important in allowing the Bees to develop friendships and build their confidence. The Bees will also be developing their understanding about the Busy Bee Room Routine. The Bees will also be learning about Australian culture and celebrations that we take part in.

STARTING SCHOOL IN 2018

Children who commence school in 2018 will be encouraged to engage in quiet reading and table activities during the after lunch rest period. Children will be offered a rest if required, with staff using this opportunity to focus on small group based activities to build school readiness skills through play based learning experiences. These sessions will build children's resilience and support parents in developing routines that will be supportive to their school transition.

BUSY BEES PROGRAM FOCUS:

LUNCH:

Please provide children with a sandwich, wrap or roll, fruit and a healthy option for morning tea and afternoon tea. Each child must have a hat, drink bottle, set of sheets (if sleeping) and at least 2 spare changes of clothes. All items must be clearly labelled.

No juice poppers or cordial. Water and Milk ONLY. these will be provided during all meal sessions. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

LITERACY FOCUS. THE SOUNDS THAT OUR LETTERS MAKE PHONICS :

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

A as in Apple



M as in Mouse



NUMERACY:

This month the Bees will be focusing on the number 1 and 2, developing their number recognition and counting skills

CONCEPT:

Focus on the colour **RED**.

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



This is a **RED** Flower



This **IS NOT RED**

Pre-Lit

Pre-Lit is a fantastic program endorsed by Macquarie University. The Pre-Lit program introduces a new book each week, which builds children's exposure to reading, comprehension and vocabulary development.

It is important that literature is always part of a child's environment and we ask that parents read with their child each night for 15 minutes.

BUSY BEES NEWS

In the Busy Bees Room, the Bees will be commencing News. Parent please take note of your child's news day which is on display on the Bees Room window. On the Bees selected news day, they can bring a favourite item from home to present to their peers. News is a great way to build a child's confidence and develop their skills with public speaking.

Sign In Station

Each morning the Busy Bees commence literacy learning by signing themselves into the Busy Bee room. Signing themselves in will assist the Busy Bees with learning to write their name.

When entering the Busy Bee room, parents are responsible to take their child over to the sign in table and assist their child in finding their name card.

Once their name card is found, your child will be required to write their name in the provided sign in book and then place a tick next to their name on the sign in chart.

It is important that this occurs every time your child arrives to assist with literacy learning and develop writing skills. (NQA 1, 3, 5, 6, & 7)



COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



WAYNE WINCH TOMMY TENNIS

Our Companion Bears allows children and families to share activities and celebrations that are unique to each family. Children take the companion bear home with them for 1 week. During this time children care for our Bears and allow our Companion Bears to be part of your family. We ask that families take photos and paste these into our Companion Bear book so that your child can share these experiences with their friends upon their return. Our Companion Bears allows children to share experiences from their home and culture and builds qualities of respect, care, diversity and acceptance.

Our Companion Bear Wayne Winch will be visiting the Busy Bees throughout the year. He can't wait to meet each family, so please take care of him and enjoy the visit. He doesn't eat much.

Wayne Winch will be visiting Zemira and Tommy Tennis will be visiting Kaiden on 31st January

Our Companion Bear Tommy Tennis is a very active bear and loves getting involved in physical activities. He can't wait to visit each Playful Possum and see what fun experiences you have together. Tommy loves the outdoors, so don't be shy and share the physical outdoor with Tommy, but just remember he can't swim so don't put him in the water. He would love to see you swimming and playing outdoors so remember to take lots of fun photos to share with your friends when he returns to Jumpstart.

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. Getting to know each other
2. Families
3. Australia

Throughout the month of January the Playful Possums will be getting to know each other and our families. It is important for all children to create friendships, this will help them settle into the room environment. In order to help us with this please provide a photo of your family to Miss Kristie, Miss Justine or Miss Courtney so we can create the Playful Possums family tree.

We will also be focusing on Australia: the cultures, traditions and celebrations we take part in throughout the year. Each fortnight the Possums focus on a new literacy, numeracy and concept skill. Week 1 and 2 we will be looking at the letter Aa, the number 1 and Gender.

Aa as in **Ant**



Number 1 as in 1 in a group



Week 3 we will be looking at the letter Mm, the number 2, colour blue and shape square.

Mm as in **Mouse**

Number 2 as in 2 groups



PLAYFUL POSSUMS - WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR CHILD

Parents are reminded to bring in clearly labelled each day:

1. at least 8 nappies and a packet or wipes
2. Top and fitted sheet (cot size)
3. Hat
4. At least 2 changes of clothes
5. Drink bottle (water only) and
6. Lunch box (healthy options only)

Children can bring food to be heated in the Possums room as there is a microwave and fridge located in the Playful Possums room.

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

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. **Getting to know each other**
2. **Families**
3. **Australia**



Throughout the month of January the Baby Bunyips will be getting to know each other and our families. We ask that all of our families provide us with a family photo so that we can begin to create the Baby Bunyips family photo wall. In celebration of Australia day we will also be focussing on Australia this month. We will explore the different cultures, food and traditions.

Each fortnight the Bunyips will focus on a new literacy, numeracy and concept skill. Week 1 and 2 we will be focussing on the word 'Hello' encouraging the children to use it helping them to create friendships and bonds as they settle into their new environment and become comfortable. We will also be focussing on the shape circle.

PLEASE PROVIDE FAMILY PHOTOS TO MISS TRISH OR MISS AMIE

We ask that all children are provided with a pair of enclosed shoes (NO SANDALS OR THONGS) to wear during outdoor play. Children that are walking need to be wearing enclosed shoes at all times.

WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR CHILD

Parents are reminded to bring in clearly labelled each day:

1. At least 8 nappies and a packet of wipes
2. A cot size top and fitted sheet. *If your child is 18months or older as they will begin to sleep on beds to ready them for transition to the possum room.*
3. Hat
4. At least 2 changes of clothes (season appropriate)
5. Water bottle (water only)
6. Lunch box; at least two snacks for morning tea and afternoon tea. As well as lunch. (Healthy options only)
7. Dummy or Comforter

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK MISS AMIE OR MISS TRISH. 😊

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

NO HAT NO PLAY CLOTHING



Children are required to wear Sun Safe clothing.

T shirts - NO SHOE STRING STRAPS

Covered in shoes – NO THONGS

SUN HATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY

Parents will have reminder slips placed in their child's bag notifying them that children have not attended the centre with a sun safe clothing. After three consecutive occasions children will be provided with a centre hat. Parents accounts will be automatically charged \$15.00 to support children health and safety needs.

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

YEARLY CALENDAR

Each year the centre generates a yearly calendar to assist in planning throughout the year. This calendar will be included in the February newsletter to assist families with identifying events and family experiences throughout the year.

FEE INFORMATION :

Fees are payable weekly and must be paid on the first day of your child's attendance for the week. Payments can be made using EFTPOS or CREDIT. A reminder to families that all credit payments will be changed an additional \$1.00 for every \$100. Direct debit details for payments are available on request.

Cash payments can be made at the office.

All payments are placed in an envelope and placed in the Fee Box located in the foyer on the right hand side of the daily sign in sheets.

LATE FEES: A \$20 late fee will be charged to all accounts that are not paid weekly.

FEE PAYMENTS:

Fee statements will be provided to families during the week commencing January 9th so that parents are aware of their weekly fee schedules. We ask that parents collect these from the pigeon holes in the foyer. (NQA 6, & 7)

IMMUNISATION SCHEDULES:

A reminder to all families that it is a Government requirement that all children must be immunised prior to commencing care. Parents are responsible to provide an updated immunisation register after each scheduled vaccination. We ask that if parents are highlighted on centre roles that they provide an updated copy prior to their child's next week of attendance. (NQA 2, 6, & 7)

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 Mothers Day raffle
- + Books
- + Paper cylinders
- + Old cake tins
- + Ice-cream containers
- + Margarine containers
- + Bottle tops
- + String
- + Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies



Playful Possums - Christopher 12th

Busy Bees- Jacob 24th & Zemira 26th

FINAL THOUGHT

May 2017 embrace us all with new beginnings. new ideas and new energy, that creates exciting and surprising opportunities.

We look forward to exploring these opportunities and adventures together with all our children and families.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS

STAFF