

# 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 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)

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

We welcome Miss Kaitlin and Miss Nicole who replace Miss Kristie and Miss Courtney who completed their contracts with us in late February. Our new staff members are experienced Childcare Educators having attained their Diploma in Children Services.

Mr Simon has decided to pursue a career outside the Education and Care setting and we sincerely wish him the very best. Interviews are currently being conducted for a suitable applicant to join our JumpStart team.



## Easter Eggs DONATIONS

We would be appreciative if each family could make an Easter egg donation for our Easter Raffle Please place

your donation in the Baskets located in the foyer. We thank families for their support.

## Easter Egg Raffle

Parents are encouraged to take Easter Raffle tickets located in the Foyer. Booklets are \$10 each. Please return all raffle tickets by Wednesday 12th April



## UNDER THE SEA SHOW 8th March 10:30

The children will explore below the surface when we host an "Under the sea show" on Wednesday 8th March. This show is a hands on experience for children to explore creatures that live at our beaches in the rocks, sand and water. The children will be able to participate in hands on experiences as they gain a deeper understanding of the world around them.



## St PATRICK'S DAY. FRIDAY 17th MARCH

We ask that all children dress in Green for Friday 17th March as we join to Celebrate St Patricks Day.



## HARMONY DAY 21st March



Many people from different countries, some of whom speak different languages, and hold various religious beliefs, live side by side in

Australia. Our diversity and culture allows us to share, experience and appreciate the wealth of diversity that we celebrate in Australia. Harmony Day is a chance for all Australians to explore and celebrate the uniqueness of our communities. Children are encouraged to share their cultural identity with us through songs / dance, traditional costumes and stories. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

## WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February Jumpstart 4 Kids held the annual 'Welcome Afternoon Tea' we were very happy to see lots of smiling faces return to and join the jumpstart family. It was lovely afternoon of getting to know each other and having a bite to eat. Mr Simon, Miss Maree and the Jumpstart team all worked together to create a Jumpstart 4 Kids book to summarise our daily activities at Jumpstart 4 Kids. Mr Simon did a fantastic job in reading the book to staff, families and children. The children were very excited to see their faces as the book that was read. Our delighted families received a small gift comprising of a tissue/ tea bag, and a minty to enjoy as they relax and look forward to the year ahead. (NQA, 5, 6, & 7)



## MUSIC SHOW

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February *The Swag Full of Instruments show* entertained all of the children as they experienced musical instruments from around the world. The children participated in a variety of different songs and games from around the world. It was fantastic to see all our JumpStart children show their passion and love for music as they swayed, giggled and danced the morning away.



## VALENTINES DAY AT JUMPSTART

The Baby Bunyips made some lovely cards using their footprints to create hearts



The Possums and Bees made Valentine's Day cards for their families using their handprints to form hearts. All

the children decorated some yummy heart shaped biscuits to share with their families. We hope all our families had a lovely Valentine's Day.



## FEBRUARY FOCUS COUNTRY - CHINA

Each room has explored our Focus Country of China through experiences of song, stories, dance and shared food experiences. The Baby Bunyips cooked fried rice. The children helped Miss Amie and Miss Courtney add the different ingredients before helping mix them together. The Playful Possums make pumpkin dumplings. The children placed the filling inside the dumpling case, before using a fork to crimp it closed.



The Busy Bees made rice paper rolls, choosing their fillings of carrot, cucumber, cheese, lettuce



and noodles before rolling them up. As a centre the children enjoyed participating in craft experiences such as decorating the Chinese flag and making Chinese fans and lanterns.

Mr Simon read the children "The True story of Mulan" This gave the children an insight into the Chinese living and cultures.

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Valentine's Day craft for their families brainstorming ways they could make their loved ones feel special.

Throughout the month of March the Busy Bee's will be focusing on the Sea and Parks. The children will undertake various activities relating to sea life and caring for the sea. The children will look at local community parks and have discussions about their park visits to explore safe and unsafe habits when using equipment and participating in park ground activities

## PARENT FORUM

Parents are invited to share light refreshments with Mr John, Miss Maree and Miss Justine on Tuesday 14th March in the Busy Bee room. This is an opportunity for families to formally convey any ideas, suggestions or Feedback about the centre. This event allows an opportunity for Directors to share goals and plans for the centre in the coming months. Families who would like to make suggestions or to gain feedback who are unable to attend this forum are encouraged to add agenda items for this meeting on the Parent Forum agenda sheet located in the foyer. We thank all families in advance for their ongoing support and commitment Jumpstart .



## PARENT FORUM SESSION TIMES

**SESSION 1: 4:15- 4:45**

**SESSION 2: 5:00 -5:30pm**

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES ROOM



### STIMULUS AREAS:

1. Sea Week
2. Park Week
3. Harmony Week
4. Crazy Hair Week

## BUSY BEES:

Throughout the month of February the Busy Bee's focused on Valentine's Day and Kindness. The Busy Bee's discussed the celebration of Valentine's Day. The Busy Bee's really enjoyed making their own

## SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

### LITERACY FOCUS. THE SOUNDS THAT OUR LETTERS MAKE PHONICS :

The Busy Bee's will be focusing on the letters Ii and Ff throughout the month of March. Ii as in Igloo



Tt as in Table



### NUMERACY:

The Busy Bee's will be looking at numbers 5 (Five) and 6 (Six) during the month of March to develop their number recognition and counting skills.

5

6

### CONCEPT:

Focus on the colour ORANGE.

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

This ball is Orange



This flower is not Orange





## COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



**WAYNE WINCH**



**TOMMY TENNIS**

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

**Throughout the month of March Wayne Winch will be visiting Allira, Pranavi and Zahlia in the Busy Bee room.**

**We would like to thank Zemira, Jax, Aidan and Rachel for taking amazing care of Wayne. A big thank you to Kaiden, Emiliana and Vivienne's families for taking good care of Tommy Tennis in February the children loved seeing the adventures he went on. Elliot, Perry, Christopher and Avyanna will be the next children lucky enough to take Tommy Tennis home with them, we look forward to seeing his future adventures.**

**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. Animals
2. Manners
3. Sea Creatures
4. Water Week

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR FAMILY PHOTO FOR OUR FAMILY TREE!

Throughout the month of February the Possums have been focusing on our fundamental movement skills. The children have been visiting the front car park once a week practising fundamental movement skills with the Busy Bees.



During the month of March the Playful Possums will be focusing on positive relationships within our room, making new friendships. During Manner and Harmony week the children will learn ways in which they can communicate to one another in a nice and positive way.

**Numeracy:**

Number 4

4

Number 5

5

**Literacy:**

Letter Tt as in **T**urtle



Letter Ii as in **I**gloo



**Concept:**

Colour **YELLOW**



Shape Triangle



Colour **GREEN**



Shape Rectangle



## BABY BUNYIPS:

1. SEA WEEK
2. MY EMOTIONS
3. WATER WEEK
4. PETS

During the month of March the Baby Bunyips are going to learn all about the ocean. They will learn what animals live in the ocean through reading stories, singing songs and participating in sensory experiences as well as fun art and craft activities. Pets will also be a big focus during March, the children are invited to bring along a photo of their pet to share and talk about with the class. We are also going to have lots of fun experimenting with water and participating in a lot of water play activities; please don't forget your child should always have at least 3 pairs of clothes as spare.

The focus words for literacy in the Baby Bunyips room during March will be Drink and Food and the focus numbers for numeracy will be 2 and 3

2

3

### Sensory Tubes

The Baby Bunyips had lots of fun throughout the month of February making sensory tubes and playing with them. The children used glitter, coloured water, rice, pasta, rice bubbles and shredded coconut to put into the tubes. They explored the texture and even the taste of some of the items and had lots of fun shaking them when finished to see what would happen.



## RECYCLING IS FUN!

The Baby Bunyips used the recyclable items donated by families to build and construct with during the month of February. There were items such as cardboard rolls, butter and yoghurt containers and egg cartons. Ilona and Arthur were very clever as they stacked the larger items on top of one



another to build tall towers and Eloise used the containers like stacking cups, fitting them inside one another. This was just one activity which the Bunyips used our recyclable items for. We can't wait to try some new ideas.



### SIPPY

### CUPS:

The Baby Bunyips have recently received new Sippy cups. Miss Amie and Miss Trish will be providing each child (age appropriate) with a Sippy cup with full cream milk in it each day. This is to encourage the children to drink independently.

Please remember the importance of your children drinking water. Water is also provided throughout the day and with each meal time. Please do not forget your child's water bottle each day.

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## MARCH FOCUS COUNTRY OF THE MONTH - KOREA

Children will be listening to ancient Korean Stories, creating Korean craft such as the Korean flag, Korean Dolls and Korean Drums. The children will be taking part in Korean cooking experience which include (Korean Pancakes, Korean Coleslaw and Korean Pickled Cucumbers).

## FUNDEMENTAL MOVEMENTS- MARCH –HOPPING

Throughout the month of March during outdoor play children will be focusing on the fundamental movement skills of hopping. The children will learn to hop using different experiences and games such as: Hopscotch, Hopping into hula hoops and The hopping Bunny Game.



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## EVACUATION DRILL

Each month at Jumpstart we practise our emergency evacuation drills these include fire, lock down, flood and bomb evacuations. During these evacuations the children learnt what is needed

to be done in case of emergency.

The children learn are then explained this is just a practise, we



use this time to talk to the children about different types of emergencies and what they can do and who to call in case of these advents.

## 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
- ✚ Bottle tops
- ✚ NEWSPAPERS

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

*Baby Bunyips -*

*Ivy 3/3*

*Javier 20/3*

*Connor 30/1*

*Playful Possums -*

*Charlotte 5/3*

*Peyton 19/3*

*Arnya 20/3*

*Busy Bees-*

*Zahlia 4/3*

*Patrick 20/3*

## FINAL THOUGHT

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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HAPPINESS  
is when what you  
think, what you  
say, and what  
you do are in  
HARMONY.

Mahatma Gandhi

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