

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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CENTRE INFORMATION:

We warmly welcome Miss Sophie who is our Early Childhood Teacher in the Busy Bees room. Miss Sophie is a qualified Early Childhood and Primary teacher. Miss Sophie has recently relocated to Australia from England. We hope that all our families take time to have a brief chat with Miss Sophie as she supports your child in their transition to school. Miss Sophie will be supporting all children in the Busy Bee's room with a strong focus on our 'Ready to School Program'. We invite parents to take a look at our window display outside the Busy Bees room. Weekly updates will inform families in respect to key concepts that will be taught in the Busy Bee room. Reinforcing these concepts in the home environment each week will assist children as they develop their skills over the year.



Miss Ashley will be taking holidays from the 9th April and returning on 23rd April. We wish her a relaxing break.

MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA 11th May 4:00 Pm



We look forward to seeing all our families at our very special Mothers Day afternoon tea. The children enjoy opportunities to prepare celebrations that they can share with their families and educators. The children will be performing a Mother's Day song and creating some delicious treats to share. Grandparents, aunts, friends and extended family are very welcome to attend. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

UNDER THE SEA SHOW

What better way to explore our sea life than to actually touch our magnificent sea creatures. The children

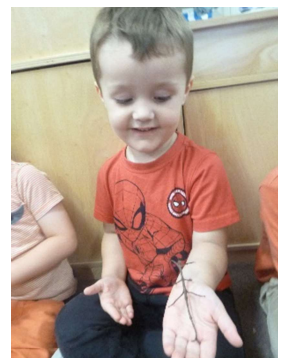
were excited as Vanessa showed the children the different sea creatures that live on the rocks, sand and

in the water. The children were fascinated as they touched, smelt and explored the homes and habitats that our sea creatures live in. Vanessa

explained to their children how to carefully hold and keep sea animals safe when we see them at the beach with our families.



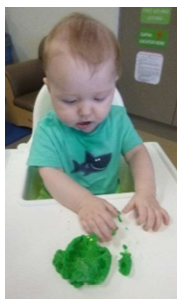
Vanessa delivered two very special pets to our Busy Bees room to care for. The Busy Bees now have two stick insects named 'Sticky' and 'Branchy'. We invite all our families to take a special look at our pets as the children care and view their growth over the coming months. Our Stick insects enjoy nothing better than a diet of juicy eucalyptus leaves. (NQA 12,,3, 5, 6, & 7)



St PATRICK'S DAY



On Friday the 16th Jumpstart celebrated St Patricks Day. All the children enjoyed using their sensory skills with green play dough as they created a variety of shapes, creatures and sculptures.



Leprechaun foods were the highlight of the day. The Busy Bees created delicious green pancakes; the



Playful Possums made green fruit kebabs using fresh kiwi fruit, green grapes, apples and pears. The Baby Bunyips created cheesy green pasta by placing green food colouring in the pasta and topping this with shredded cheese. The children enjoyed green milk shakes to conclude their St Patrick's Day celebrations.



HARMONY

DAY



On Wednesday 21st March we celebrated Harmony Day. The children learnt about

coming together and treating everyone as equal. The children completed colouring in sheets,



made Harmony balloon posters as well as creating a hand print wall to symbolise the coming together as one. At Jumpstart 4 Kids we are proud and fortunate to share a wealth of cultures and identity. We thank all families for their sharing their cultures, traditional and beliefs with us.



EASTER HAT PARADE



We thank all our families for supporting the children with their fantastic Easter Hat creations. The children were delighted to parade their hats with their friends. We certainly have some very creative and artistic mums and dads. . (NQA 1,2,3, 5, 6, & 7)

AMBULANCE VISIT 26th MARCH

Charman from NSW Ambulance attended the centre and discussed with the children the role that Ambulance services and paramedics do in



helping people in our community. The children were able to recall the number 000 to call in an emergency, and spoke about different types of problems, deciding whether they needed an ambulance. We agreed that if we really hurt our legs and couldn't walk, or if someone fell and wasn't waking up, then that was an

emergency, but just a small cut on our finger was something that a trusted adult could sort out. All the children had a turn to sit in the ambulance and listen to the siren. We thank Charman for taking the time to speak with the children about her job and the important work that she does to help people in our community.



(NQA 12,,3, 5, 6, & 7)

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN **2018 REFLECTIONS**

Educators and children's reflections are a major part of each day at Jumpstart. Educators reflect daily through program evaluations in respect to children's experiences and interests. Children also have a significance input into programs.

The Busy Bees reflect daily with children during their afternoon group times. Children openly express the highlights of the day expressing ideas about experiences that they enjoyed and they openly discussed the experiences that were not as enjoyable. The Busy Bees take turns by passing around a candle. Our Candle symbolises time to think and share opinions, ideas and suggestions.

It is a respectful way for children to listen to others and hear different views other than their own as they share their feelings as a group.

The Playful Possums and Baby Bunyips also reflect with educators. In 2018 we have enriched reflections to the Possums and Bunyips room so that we can collectively hear and listen to each child's voice as they showcase their opinions, interests and ideas.



The Possums reflect on the activities that they have enjoyed, and those that they wish to explore, with child input going into the

program and allowing for children's choice.

The Baby Bunyips will use their Yarning Bag to reflect with families, educators and community.

Daily conversations promote feedback and suggestions and allow educators to create positive learning environments for all children. (NQA 1, 2,3, 5, 6, & 7)

PARENT INPUT WALLS

In each room we have created a special space for parent/ family input. Each room has a different display where we encourage all parents/families to write an experience that has been shared by your child and family.



The Baby Bunyip's invite parents to contribute to their cloud wall.

Playful Possums a colourful rainbow, Busy Bees Heart Wall



These displays bring aspects of your family life into the centre as you share an experience or an interest experienced by your child and family. If parents have any questions in regards to our Family input walls please don't hesitate to speak to room educators. . (NQA 12,,3, 5, 6, & 7)

SCREENERS POSSUMS & BEES

The Possums and Bees have recently completed screeners in respect to number identification and groupings, letter names and sounds, shape and colour recognition, language, social, gross and fine motor skills. Parents will receive a copy of these screeners and we invite families to speak with educators in respect to their child's progress and activities within the home environment.

BEHAVIOR POLICY CHANGES

SELF REGULATION.

Many parents ask how educators manage and support children's behaviour. During our March staff meeting staff discussed self regulation techniques for children. Across the centre all staff will support children to regulate their behaviour by following the **6 simple steps below.** Parents may like to use these simple steps at home so that together we can support all children as they solve challenges and develop successful outcomes.



Approach calmly, stopping any hurtful actions. Place yourself between the children, on their level.



Acknowledge children's feelings. Say something simple such as "You look really upset." Let children know you need to hold any object in question.



Gather information. Ask "What's the problem?" Do not ask "Why" questions.

Restate the problem. "So the problem is..."



Ask for ideas for solutions and choose one together. "What can we do to solve this problem?"



Be prepared to give follow-up support. Acknowledge their accomplishments (e.g., "You solved the problem!") Stay nearby in case anyone is not happy with the solution and the process needs repeating.

(NQA, 5, 6, & 7)

HEALTHY EATING CHAMPIONS



In the Possums Room, Claire, Kaya, Ivy and Ilona have all been crowned Healthy Eating Champions for their healthy lunchboxes full of lots of fruit and vegetables. Yummy!

In the Bunyips Room, Maisie, Roksana, Aviles



and Molly are our Healthy Eating Champions. The Busy Bees healthy eating champions for the month of March are Izzy, Esma, Keyaan and Younes. Thank you to our parents for packing a healthy lunchbox full of

fresh food such as a range of vegetables, fruits, cheese. Yoghurts, breads, crackers and pasta. We remind Families that our front foyer has a variety of resources for families to encourage healthy eating ideas for fussy eaters.

Free flu shots for children aged 6 months to under 5 years



From April 2018 all NSW children aged from six months to under five years of age will be offered free influenza shots. Parents can access the free flu shot from

their usual immunisation provider: their GP, Aboriginal Medical Service, community health centre or local council.

The flu shot will reduce your child's risk of influenza (flu), minimise the spread of flu and protect vulnerable groups including babies too young to receive the vaccine, those medically at risk and those with weakened immune systems. Public health Unit Minister Address. . (NQA 2,5,6,7.)



<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/kids-flu-shot.aspx#where>

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES



ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

- 1) Emergency helpers
- 2) Circus
- 3) Time
- 4) Space

BUSY BEES PROGRAM FOCUS:

Throughout the month of March the Busy Bees were encouraged to develop new skills through intentional teaching through play based experiences. We looked at the number 8 and how we can add numbers and objects to represent the number 8.



During the month of April the Busy Bees will be focusing on Space and developing an understanding of National Earth day. The children will explore and research Space using technology through our data projectors, laptops, I pads and cameras. We will also be looking at Emergency Helpers in our Blacktown community. We encourage families to speak with their children in regards to procedures to follow at home in case of an emergency. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

LITERACY FOCUS. THE SOUNDS THAT OUR LETTERS MAKE PHONICS:

Outside of the Busy Bees room, you will see a hessian display wallet with the various topics we will be focussing on for the week. There are also some helpful handouts which you can take home, should you choose to.

Throughout the month of April we will focus on the sounds Gg and Ll.

Gg as in grape



Ll as in lion



The Busy Bee's will be looking at numbers 10 (ten) and 11 (eleven) during the month of April to develop their number recognition and counting skills.



Focus on the colour **BLACK**.

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

Pre-Lit

During the month of April, we will be reading the following stories: The Pout-Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen, Lucy Goosey by Margaret Wild, The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson and Stuck by Oliver Jeffers. The children will be encouraged to identify these various features of the books; title, author and blurb. We will also encourage the children to recall these stories, talking about the main characters.

COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



WAYNE WINCH TOMMY TENNIS

Wayne Winch had a great time visiting Patrick, Brandon and Shanaya in March. Brandon and Patrick loved taking Wayne to a birthday party- getting nice and wet. Shanaya loved showing Wayne her house having dinner with him. In April Wayne Winch is excited to be visiting Izzy and Arnya we look forward to seeing the adventures he goes on.

Tommy Tennis has had a great time visiting Eliza and meeting her new baby brother and spending time with Kaya at her house in March. He is very excited to be visiting Liam, Zali, Ayansh and Tyler in April.

THE COMPANION BEARS MUST BE RETURNED EACH WEEK. (NQA 1,3, 5, 6, & 7)

PLAYFUL POSSUMS ROOM STIMULUS

AREAS:

1. My 5 Senses
2. Dinosaurs
3. Manners
4. Australia (Anzac Day)

Throughout the month of March the Playful Possums have had a great time learning about creatures that live under the sea. The projector has been a huge hit and has helped the children explore sea creatures as they took part in creative dramatic play experiences.



This month the Possums explored Ireland through the cooking experience of Irish Soda Bread. The Possums helped Miss Kaitlin and Miss Jaina add the ingredients, working on measurement skills and hand-eye coordination, and then helped to mix it together. The Possums thought it looked quite sticky as Miss Kaitlin and Miss Jaina kneaded it into a loaf, but all agreed it tasted quite yummy, especially with some melted butter on top! Yum Yum!

During the month of April the children will be learning all about manners, they will learn why manners are important and practice these throughout the week in all situations. It would be great if you as a family could talk to your children about manners and help them to practice these at home too. Australia will also be a focus during the month of April. The Playful Possums will look at where Australia is on a map, learn some Australian songs and look at the Australian flag and try some fun ways to make it through our art and craft experiences. We will also learn all about ANZAC day and the significance of this day for all Australians.

Numeracy:

Number **7** & Number **8**



Literacy:

Letter Dd as in Dog

Letter Rr as in Rabbit

Concept: Colour



PINK

Shape



Oval

Colour PURPLE



Shape Star



BABY BUNYIPS:

ROOM STIMULUS

AREAS:

1. Nature
2. Nature
3. Australia/Anzac
4. Australia/Anzac

During the month of March we focused on Easter. The children had the opportunity to participate in many craft activities including creating their own Easter baskets that they got to take home with a special treat inside. We also read books about Easter celebrations and the famous Easter Bunny. Thank you to the parents, children and families for taking the time to create some amazing Easter hats for our hat parade, they all looked amazing!



During the month of April the Baby Bunyips will focus on Nature. We will do this by involving the children in nature walks, watering plants, stories, activities outdoors and sensory play. We will also focus on Australia and the Anzacs through short videos, music, pictures and story books.

The literacy focus will be on the words 'hat' and 'up' and the numeracy focus will be on the numbers '4' and '5'. . (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, & 7)

ANZAC DAY WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL



A reminder to families that the centre will be closed for ANZAC DAY.

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT



Throughout the month of March we have worked on developing the children's Fundamental Movement of hopping throughout a variety of activities. The children have engaged in hopping races, explored hopscotch and hopping on the spot through musical statues.

Throughout the month of April we will work on the Fundamental Movement of throwing through the use of throw and catch games, bean bag and hoop toss, and target darts.



CHILDCARE SUBSIDY

Key changes for families

<https://docs.education.gov.au/node/38916>

The Child Care Subsidy commences in July 2018,

- replace the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) with a single, means-tested subsidy
- be paid directly to service providers
- be simpler than the current multi-payment system
- be better targeted and provide more assistance to low and middle income families.



Payments will cover 100 hours of child care and will be reflective of a 2 week cycle. To prepare families for this change Families will need to be 2 Weeks ahead of Fee Payments commencing 1st July. Parents may like to commence paying additional fees NOW to

avoid increases from July. Fee structures will also change at this time. See attached page.

PARENT FORUM Wednesday 11th April

PARENT FORUM SESSIONS
4:15- 4:45 pm
5:00 - 5:30 pm

This will be our first Parent Forum for 2018. Parent Forums extend an opportunity to families to raise suggestions and hear feedback from the centre. We will discuss the changes to the Child Care Benefit and room focus agendas as well as centre plans as part of our Quality Improvement goals for 2018. We hope that you can join us on Wednesday 11th.

DONATIONS FOR MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

We are always appreciative of Donations for our Mothers day Raffle. Please place donations in the Foyer. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BUNYIPS

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POSSUMS

Indie 8/4

BEES Rachel 13/4 & Isabella.S. 23/4

FINAL THOUGHT



JUMPSTART 4 KIDS
STAFF

