

Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 8, 2018 AUGUST

CENTRE INFORMATION:

HAPPY 11th BIRTHDAY
WEDNESDAY 8th AUGUST



We are delighted to celebrate 11 years as a centre on Wednesday 8th August. To celebrate we will host our party with the children and invite families to join us

for our Birthday cake. A variety of party games and a special visit from the Blacktown Fire Brigade will make this a day to remember. We thank families for allowing us to care for their children. We have retained many families over the 11 years and it has been our pleasure to partner with families to support children as they develop and build confidence as they transition to their formal schooling years. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018



Our centre Quality Improvement Plan identifies improvement goals that the centre will focus on for 2018. Educators attend professional development

and reflect on their professional goals every 6 months with directors. All staff have completed their consultations with Directors and have planned their next phase of professional learning. As a centre we have purchased webinar sessions for all staff to build their capacity and knowledge in respect to the early years. This ongoing commitment to professional growth is supported by all educators to provide the best learning experiences for all children. (NQA 1,4, 6, & 7)

FATHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA FRIDAY 31st August 4:00pm

We invite all our families to join us for our Fathers Day afternoon tea. Dad's, grandparents,



uncles, mums. Aunt's grandmothers and family friends are all invited to celebrate family. We will be highlighting the significance

of the special men in our children's lives during this afternoon tea. The children prepare the afternoon tea for family and they really are inspired to share this celebration with family. Please support us as we celebrate the significance of family for all our children.

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 31st August. 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)

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS



A massive thank you to Louise who created this amazing artwork to help us celebrate NAIDOC week. We have positioned this art work in our centre foyer and wish to acknowledge the traditional land owners that we reside upon. We appreciate the time and effort spent creating this for our JumpStart



family, as we celebrate the collaboration and respect taken in completing this symbolic work. In the Baby

Bunyips room we danced to traditional Aboriginal music, learning about rhythm through the use of rain sticks and clapping sticks. We also created a special camp fire which the children really loved. We shared stories and danced around the camp fire. We also incorporated baby dolls into play, the children did some dot painting on the babies faces and hands using the colours white, black, red and yellow, this then lead to the children doing some dot painting on their own hands.



In the Busy Bee room the children assisted Louise in creating our Naidoc week art by painting our hands bright colours. The children created Aboriginal hand prints painting their hands with red, yellow and black



symbolising the colours of the Aboriginal flag. The children meticulously used cotton buds to create dot patterns inside their boomerangs. (NQA 1, 5, 6, & 7).

PYJAMA WEEK

Pyjama week was held on the 16th – 20th July 2018. The children loved wearing their warm Pyjamas to school. They got to enjoy a short film (15 mins) each day in their cosy pyjamas with some popcorn. Each of the rooms came together for a picnic outdoors, we all sat together and enjoyed afternoon tea.

Thank you to all parents and children for your participation.



AMERICAN FOOD EXPERIENCES

The Busy Bees thoroughly enjoyed making Pretzels. The children each took a small amount of dough before rolling it out and twisting it into a pretzel shape. The children really enjoyed manipulating the dough as it stretched and oozed into shape. The final product was amazingly crisp, warm pretzels. Certainly a hit with all the children.



The Playful Possums had a great time making delicious doughnuts. They used this experience to practice their counting skills as they added

the ingredients and mixed for a count of 12 which was our number of the week. The children were very excited to see the little doughnuts coming out of the machine and were excited to add a hint of icing sugar and cinnamon to their deliciously warm doughnuts.



The Baby Bunyips made traditional ice cream sundaes. Each of the children had their own bowl of ice cream and added their own toppings including mini marshmallows, banana



and strawberries. They used their hands to place their toppings on before using a spoon to feed themselves. This was a lot of fun; the children loved using their hands as they explored their sensory capabilities and fine motor skills. (NQA 1, 5, 6, & 7).

HEALTHY EATING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to this month's healthy eating champions. Well done for choosing healthy food to put in your lunch box. We remind families that chips, lollies and sugary drinks are not permitted at the centre. Supporting healthy choices from



a young age supports children to develop lifelong habits nutrition and well being.

HEALTHY EATING CHAMPIONS

Bunyips

Kalahi, Molly, Maisie, Ryker

Possums

Hiaan, Kirpa, Arthur, Vrisha

Bees: Shania, Rachel, Izzy, Arnya.

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

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:



- 1) Science
- 2) Time
- 3) Recycling
- 4) Book Week
- 5) Shopping



Throughout the month of July the Busy Bees have been investigating numbers, colours, shapes and letters through play based games within small group settings.

We encourage families to play simple games at home with children to reinforce the development and understanding of these concepts within children home settings.



BUSY BEES PROGRAM FOCUS:

Throughout the month of August the Busy Bees will be looking at recycling. We will be focusing on recycling cans and bottles in particular. The children will be engaging in conversations with their peers, educators and families to explore the process of recycling and the benefits of supporting the community to recycle objects that can be made into other products that children use at the centre and in their homes on a daily basis. The donated cans and bottles will be returned to the recycling stations where the Busy Bees will collect funds to support their ongoing Project that we are hoping to partner with YenuAllowah childcare centre. This is an extension and follow up experiences for Naidoc week as we support children to develop awareness of aboriginal culture within their local community. The children will be collecting 5c coins and using these in our room project for Education week. The children will be having a competition each day of which day can make the longest line out of the most coins. All proceeds will go towards a chosen charity of the children's choice and the purchase of a friendship book for Yenu Allowah Preschool. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

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

The children have taken part in a number of challenges and activities throughout the month of July. In numeracy sessions, the children have explored numbers up to 30 and have used their problem-solving skills in order to solve the questions posed to them. The children have used a multitude of manipulative resources to build and show their understanding and awareness of mathematics. For example, we have used; transport items to create patterns, matchsticks to create shapes, counters to find the answer to a longer word problem. In our literacy sessions, the children have continued to recognise letter formations and their corresponding sounds. One of the Busy Bee's favourite games to play is 'Memory' which

requires the children to find a letter and the corresponding sound.



Throughout the month of August we will be focusing on the following concepts during the school readiness program.

Yy as in yo-yo



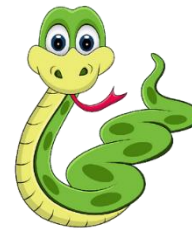
Aa as in apple



Mm as in monkey



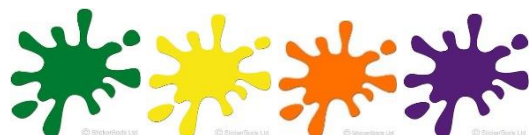
Ss as in snake



The Busy Bee's will be looking at numbers 24 (twenty four) to 27 (twenty seven) during the month of August to develop their number recognition and counting skills.

24 25 26 27

We will be focusing on the following colours: green, yellow, orange and purple.



Children learn colour by focusing on one colour at a time. They learn to identify a collection of items through sorting activities with the educators in the room. Each colour will take a focus for 1 week.

Pre-Lit

The Busy Bees have worked really hard since the beginning of the year in order to complete the Pre-Lit program. We will continue to develop the children's phonological awareness throughout their time at Jumpstart 4 Kids. For some of the younger children, or those who we feel would benefit from it, we will revisit aspects of the program and concentrate on the formation, blending and segmenting of sounds. For the older children and/or those who have achieved concepts, we will be extending their phonics skills through play based games. We will concentrate on their ability to identify sounds and read sight words as well as developing their writing skills and completion of simple sentences. We will be revisiting

- 1: Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andrede
- 2: I know a Rhino by Charles Fuge
- 3: We're going on a bear hunt by Michael Rosen

- 4: How to catch a star by Oliver Jeffers
- 5: Baby Broomsticks by Margaret Wild

We will be focusing on Syllables- counting clapping, Concepts of letters and blending onset and rime.

Parents may like to view these books on the internet or borrow them from the local library.

We encourage all families to read for 15 minutes to their child each night to support their use of words, knowledge of word meaning and questioning skills.

BUSY BEES NEWS

Please remember that news is a time for the children to stand up and talk about an item special to them. Please encourage your child to bring in a photo/ special item rather than a toy.

BUSY BEES NUMERACY SCREENER



COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



WAYNE WINCH TOMMY TENNIS

Wayne Winch will be visiting Christopher, Varun and Isabella. Please remember to take the time to show Wayne around your home life- taking him on adventures so that the children can show their friends the fun adventures they went on.

Tommy Tennis will be visiting Javier and Vrisha the children look forward to spending time with Tommy.

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

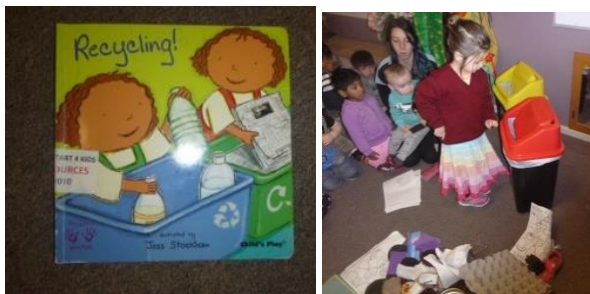
1. Science
2. Celebrations
3. Emotions
4. Book week
5. Seasons



During the month of July the Playful Possums explored recycling; they did a great job at sorting out items and they reused materials to build and create art and craft masterpieces. They really enjoyed the book called *Recycling* and this helped



them to understand what can and cannot be recycled. The children also enjoyed learning the game musical statues and this has helped with their receptive language skills.



Throughout the month of August the Playful Possums will be conducting experiments focusing on hypothesising. Hypothesising means taking a guess. We encourage children to use their thoughts, prior experiences and imagination to predict "What if" scenarios. These experiences develop children's higher order thinking skills and allow children to investigate, solve and ask inquiry questions. Our Science show on the 3rd August will support children to develop and use inquiry as they learn about science in a fun and exciting way! The children will be focusing on their emotions. They will learn what the different types of emotions are and focus on how to express them in a positive way. We encourage families to take the time to talk about the different types of emotions that children display at home and support them to self regulate so that children can identify their feelings and how to return to a calm state. We invite parents to view the centres procedures for self regulation with children that is displayed in each room. This 6 step approach is used by all educators and allows children to identify their feelings and, be part of active conversations to solve challenges.

Numeracy



Literacy Concept:

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BABY BUNYIPS:

Weeks 1 & 2 Science



Weeks 3 & 4 Disney/Book week



During the month of July The Baby Bunyips focused on NADIOC week.

The children showed great passion and enthusiasm as they participated in arts and crafts experiences, using musical instruments to play alongside Indigenous music as well as setting up a camp fire experience with books and Dream Time stories for the children to embrace cultural diversity.





The children thoroughly enjoyed music and movement and they were not afraid to get their groove on as they danced to Baby Shark (fast and slow version), Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and Rock-a-bye your Bear to promote their physical growth and development.

During the month of August we will be focusing on Science by engaging the children in play based science experiments that support investigation through sensory and manipulative experiences to support fine and gross motor skills.



Our **YARNING BOOK** has recently returned from Avery, we love sharing stories and interests of the children with families. We will be sending it home with Eden and Aarish this month.

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENTS

Throughout the month of July we focused on the fundamental movement skill of catching. The children were shown and focussed on the components of Catching and hand eye coordination. To learn this skill we took part in various activities such as Catching in Pairs, Catching Large Balls and Throwing Bean Bags into air and catching them.



Throughout the month of August across all the rooms we will focus on the fundamental movement skill of Leaping. Children will learn the components of Leaping along with

focusing on their foot eye coordination. To learn and develop skill of leaping the children will be encouraged to take part in different activities including Hurdle race, Leaping race, Obstacle Course where children will be encourage to Leap through obstacles or lines. (NQA 1, 2, 3,4, 5, 6, & 7)

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY FRIDAY 27th JULY



On Friday 27th July, we celebrated National Tree Planting Day across the centre. We took this as an opportunity to immerse the children within their environment at JumpStart and within their local community.

The Bunyips explored their sensory experiences by using paint with natural items, such as leaves, twigs, bark, sand, and feathers. Then it was time to plant some pansies. The educators talked about the colours of the flowers, how to look after them and allowed all the children to feel the soil and smell the flowers, once planted.





In the Possum room, there was lots of fun to be had. The children, with the support of their educators, used water and food colouring to spray paint their picture, creating a silhouette of various leaves on the paper. The children enjoyed painting with natural items.



There were lots of resources on offer such as; feathers, sticks, leaves, straw, pinecones etc. to paint with. These materials were used to make our paintbrushes for the day, so that the children only used material found in nature to complete their art and craft activities across all rooms. The children were excited to use these different tools and created magnificent art works that are now displayed in each room. We encourage families to take a sneak peek.



The Busy Bee room had a busy day with National Tree Day. Not only did the children take part in the natural painting and spray painting activities, but they also watched



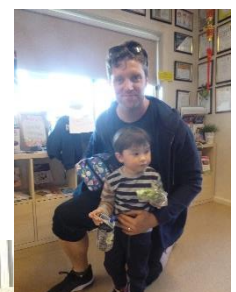
a food experience, cooking pasta. The children went on a visit to our vegetable garden collecting broccoli, bean pods and spinach leaves to add to our pasta experience. The children were amazed to see how big the spinach leaves were.



The children thoroughly enjoyed eating our vegetable pasta that had lots of vitamins for our growing bodies. In addition, the children who wanted to went outside to feed the worms. Outside, we discussed the eco-system of the worms and how we can use this to create a great environment for our vegetables to grow in. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

OUR VEGETABLE GARDEN: WHATS IN SEASON

Our vegetable garden is a great source of activity for the children as they learn how foods are grown. The children care for the garden



by planting and watering. Educators use this space to

engage children in conversation about our environment and healthy eating. Cooking experiences are connected with what is in season and we offer families the opportunity to cut spinach and broccoli from the garden to take home. Many of our families were excited to take freshly cut broccoli home to share with their families. We encourage families to take their children to view the garden and even sample a delicious strawberry. This is a way for families to remind children about healthy options and to consider how our foods are grown.

HEALTHY BODIES



On Tuesday 31st August Jenny attended the centre and engaged the children in conversations through dramatic play about healthy eating, and protecting our skin when we play in the sun. The children danced, wore sunglasses, brushed their teeth through imaginative play experiences as they discovered how to keep themselves fit and healthy through exercise and healthy eating options.

We ask families to support these key concepts by providing healthy fruits and vegetables as snacks and limiting sugary, salty and high fat foods for children. While these foods may be more appealing at times that are to be eaten in moderation. Sometimes food are for special occasions and do not contain the nutrients and vitamins



required by growing bodies. Our front foyer has a range of resources that support children growth. Healthy lunch box suggestions and food for age specific groups are available to families (1,25,6,7)

PARENT FORUM:

We thank our families for attending our Parent Form in July. Attached to the newsletter are the minutes from this event. We remind families that they are welcome to discuss any concerns or offer any suggestions at any time. We value the contributions, feedback and support of all families. (NQA 1, 2, 3,4, 5, 6, & 7)



BOOK WEEK 2018



To celebrate book week we encourage all children to come dressed in their favourite characters for the week

We invite families to join us during family time in the morning to read your child's favourite book with the children. Simply bring in a book and take a small group for 3 minutes by sharing story. We hope that all families can support us during this week as promote imagination and interests through play, songs and stories. (NQA 1,5, 6, & 7)

DIRECT DEBIT ACCOUNTS - INCURSIONS

We remind families that Direct Debit accounts will be adjusted in line with incursions cost. These incursions are \$10.00 and will be automatically added to parent's fees.

FAMILY PORTRAITS



We encouraged families to place their names and place their \$20.00

payment in an envelope and place in the Fees box to confirm your time. Families are reminded that they can extend this event to families and friends outside of the centre. All portraits will be framed.

DONATIONS

The Busy Bees would be grateful for 5 cent coin donations for their coin trails. Parents may like to donate additional coins so that we can change these over for 5 Cent pieces.

Bottles and cans for the Busy Bees recycling project. Please place in the crate in the foyer.

- ✚ Gifts for our Fathers Day raffle
- ✚ Books for children to read

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Possums Vrisha 10/8

Ayaaz 25/8

Ilona 30/8

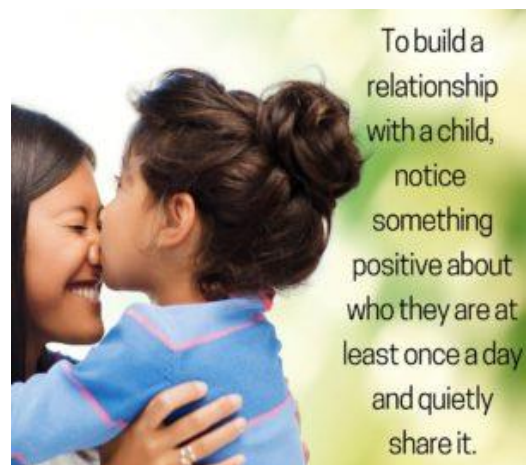
DATES TO REMEMBER AUGUST:

- 3rd** Science Show incursion
- 8th** JumpStart 11th Birthday
- 1st - 10th** Donate 5 cent coins or make a donation to Busy Bees Project.
- Week 12th** Science week
- 9 th- 29th** Donate a prize for the Fathers Day raffle
- 9th** Purchase Fathers Day raffle tickets.
- Week 20th** Book week Dress in your favourite character all week. Families invited to read to children during drop off and pick up times
- 31st** Father's Day Afternoon Tea 4:00pm All welcome

PARENT REMINDER:

A reminder to all families that children who rest must be provided with a flat and fitted sheet. All children must have a hat for outdoor play

FINAL THOUGHT



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