

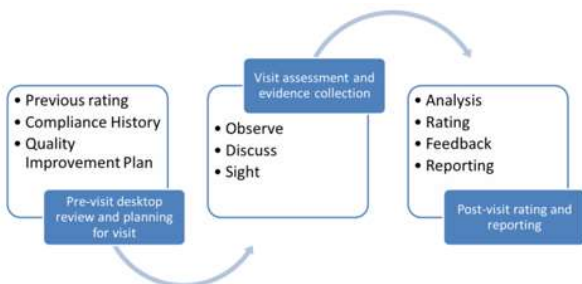
Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 5, 2018 MAY

CENTRE INFORMATION:

The National Quality Framework aims to raise the quality and drive continuous improvement in education and care services. The Early Childhood Education and Care Directorate is responsible for assessing and rating the quality of children's education and care services in NSW covered by the *Education and Care Services National Law*. Our centre will be assessed during May.

Our last assessment results are displayed in the



foyer. This process supports educators and families as we collectively work together to provide the best possible care and learning experiences for children. Attached to this newsletter is a fact sheet that explains the Assessment and Rating process. At our recent parent forum we shared this information with families and we encourage all families to take the Parent forum minutes located in the front foyer. We will receive 5 days notification of the assessment visit and we will display this on the front door to inform parents of this event. Families are welcome to ask any questions.

STAFF NEWS

Mr John and Miss Maree will be taking a holiday to celebrate a 50th and nearly 60th from 7th May and returning on the 22nd May. Miss Justine, Miss Amie and Miss Ashley will be supporting families during this time, so please speak to staff in regards to concerns so that we can ensure all families are supported in this process.



MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA 11th May 4:00 Pm



LET'S SEE ALL OUR FAMILIES for this event

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, 5, 6, &7)

PARENT FORUM



Our Parent Forums are held every four months and support families, educators, children and directors to gain feedback, perspective and initiatives to attain centre quality through continuous improvement. Parent ideas are valued and we are grateful to the 22 families who dropped in over the 2 sessions to hear ideas and share their feedback. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, &7)



ANZAC DAY



The children have been exploring ANZAC Day throughout April. On Tuesday 24th April, the children engaged in reading several stories, including *Anzac Biscuits*, *My Grandad Marches on Anzac Day*, and *Anzac Violin*. At 11am the children came together in the Busy Bee Room to watch a short reading of the story of the Anzacs, followed by a moment's silence and the Last Post. The children were quite attentive during this day, showing great interest in the history of Australia. The children also had the chance to engage in creating Anzac poppies, as well as cooking some tasty Anzac Biscuits. (NQA 1, 5, 6, &7)



FIRE



At Jumpstart 4 Kids we take part in an emergency evacuation each month. This Month we conducted a fire evacuation. All of the children learnt the correct procedures to follow. They were all

EVACUATION

able to follow their educator's instructions holding onto their ropes and forming one line as they walked out to the front car park.



QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2018

Two areas of our Quality Improvement Plan focus on exposing children to literacy through reading activities and embracing culture that is representative of our JumpStart community. Both these goals extend an invitation to families to work collaboratively with the centre so that we can support children in their daily learning to be appreciative, respectful, and accepting through the awareness of cultures represented in our JumpStart community

KOREA - CELEBRATING CULTURES UNIQUE TO OUR JUMPSTART FAMILY

To celebrate Korea in the Busy Bee room we cooked Candied Sweet Potatoes. The Busy Bees enjoyed peeling their sweet potatoes. They loved visiting the garden exploring the different ingredients from the garden collecting chives, rosemary and chillies for our Korean recipes.



The Playful Possums made Pan-fried Breaded Zucchini. They helped to cut and mix the



ingredients together and waited patiently as Miss Kaitlin fried them up. They were quite delicious and the Possums enjoyed it as part of their afternoon tea.

The Baby Bunyips made Korean Pancakes. The babies were able to mix the grated pumpkin, flour and crumbs together. They loved feeling the different textures and occasionally took a few simple tastes tests along the way.



We were grateful to Eden's mum from the busy bees who attend the centre to share a Korean story book with the children. Eden's mum taught the children how they say Hello, Goodbye and count to 10 in Korean. The children were fascinated by the differences that they discovered between the Korean story book and our JumpStart reading books. The children really were amazed by the different text compared to our reading book at Jumpstart. (NQA 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7)



MULTICULTURAL SHOW Monday 14th MAY 9:30

\$10:00 Celebrating cultures around the world.

At JumpStart we are privilege to share many cultures. This interactive hands on show explores different cultures from around the world. Children will take turns dressing in Traditional dress and will travel around the world taking a look at the different festivals that children enjoy. Families who do not attend on Monday are welcome to attend with their child for this show.

IMPROVING EXPOSURE TO LITERACY AND LANGUAGE



Our centre Quality Improvement Plan identifies improvement goals that the centre will focus on for 2018. One main area to our plan is the capacity for educators to expose children to books. Books promote children's awareness of language and build their creativity and imagination.



By taking part in the National Simultaneous Storytime children understand:

- the value of reading and literacy,
- the value and fun of books,
- how books are written and identify authors and publishers,
- that storytime activities occur in public libraries and communities around the country,
- opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy reading

Parents are invited to take some time in the morning or afternoon to read books with their child or a small group of children. This is an active way that

parents can be part of improving literacy for all children. Five minutes is all it takes to immerse children's creativity, fantasy and adventures. (NQA 1, 2, 5, 6, &7)

ELLA

Early Learning Languages Australia (**ELLA**). This program assists children to connect with another language through the use of iPads Apps. At Jumpstart children attending school in 2018 will be engaged in this program to learn Mandarin.

SOCK DAY MONDAY 7th - Friday 11th. MAY \$2 donation

Throughout the year we will be hosting child centered days to support local charities. We encourage all children during the week of the 7th to attend with their craziest socks. Who knows what wonderful designs we will see!



WEEKLY

EXPERIENCES



ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

- 1) Families
- 2) Weather
- 3) Insects
- 4)

Camping

Throughout the month of April the Busy Bees have loved learning the right way to warm up and cool down our bodies before and after outdoor play.



In the month of May the Busy Bees will be focusing on the weather. Using our new

weather chart to show the children the different seasons, days and months the children will have a hands on experience going outside to see what the weather is for the day before coming inside to record their findings.

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

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

LITERACY FOCUS. THE SOUNDS THAT OUR LETTERS MAKE PHONICS :

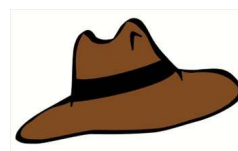
Through the month of April, the Busy Bees have been working hard on their numeracy and literacy. The past month has seen the children take part in various group activities to encourage and support the development of these areas. With regards to numeracy, the school readiness sessions have been very hands-on, with children having the opportunity to manipulate resources themselves in order to count, sort and discuss various groups of items. During the literacy sessions, the children have had a strong focus on the letters and hearing the sounds in words. We have also focused on the various features of a book.

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

Uu as in umbrella



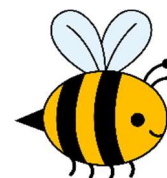
Hh as in hat



Cc as in cow



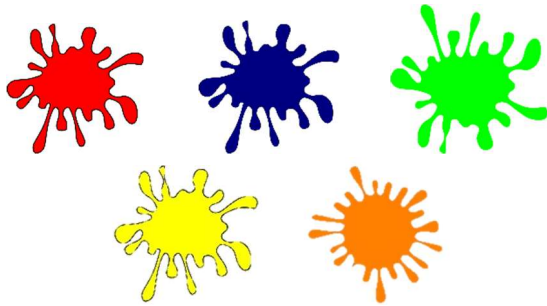
Bb as in bee



The Busy Bee's will be looking at numbers 13 (thirteen) through to 17 (seventeen) during the month of May to develop their number recognition and counting skills.

13 14 15 16 17

We will also be looking at the following colours: red, blue, green, yellow and orange.



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.

Pre-Lit

The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading stories in Pre-lit, in particular *The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen and *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. During the month of May, we will be reading the following stories: *Ernie Dances to the Didgeridoo* by Alison Lester, *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers, *Bertie and the Bear* by Pamela Allen and *The Big Fuzzy* by Caroline Castle. The children will also continue to work hard on blending printed sounds together, segmenting words with three sounds and identifying the initial sound of a word through some fun activities. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



WAYNE WINCH



TOMMY TENNIS

Wayne Winch will be visiting Isabella, V, Aoukhadh and Ashwin. Wayne winch has loved taking part in all of the new

adventures with your families and can't wait to meet some new family and friends.

Tommy Tennis will be visiting Tyler and Sebastian- he hopes to get worked out using his gross motor skills learning new games.

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. Transport
2. Our Environment
3. Multicultural
4. Insects and bugs
5. Technology



Literacy; O & G

O as in Octopus

G as in Ghost



Numeracy: Numbers 9 & 10

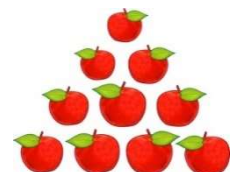
9

A grouping of 9



10

A grouping of 10



Concept:
Colours Brown and Orange

Brown



Orange



Shapes diamond and heart



This month, the Possums have had a great time

exploring emergency services after our ambulance visit last month. We have expanded on this visit through a variety of different activities, such as the police dress ups and the pop up emergency services vehicles. We have used our projector to explore the contents of emergency vehicles and what each piece of equipment means. We have explored different art and craft experiences, collaging firetrucks and colouring in police cars. One particular activity the Possums showed great interest in was pretending to be a firefighter as they put out a shaving cream 'fire' with water so that they could protect their dollshouse. The Possums showed such interest in this activity and were keen to repeat it.

Next month we will be exploring different forms of transport, exploring the many many ways there are to get around. We will also be exploring different technologies, allowing the children to explore their creations and knowledge in new ways.

BABY BUNYIPS:

1/2. Mother's day

3/4. All around the world

Through the first half of May we will be focusing Mother's day. Educators will engage the children in activities that promote family and belonging. These activities will include crafts, dramatic play



experiences and stories. Through these activities we have the opportunity to create a sense of home life for the children. For the second half of May we will focus on cultures from around the world, particularly those cultures within the Baby Bunyips room. The children will learn about these cultures through song and dance as well as some crafts and books.

During the month of April the children really enjoyed exploring nature through various activities.

These included painting with leaves and flowers as well as exploring sensory bags filled with leaves, sand, dirt and shells. The children in the Baby Bunyips room love using their sensory capabilities to explore new things.



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

FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT

Throughout the month of April the children have worked on the Fundamental Movement skill of throwing through different experiences. These included throwing bean bags on coloured mats and hula hoops, basketball, throwing at the target and ball toss.



During the month of May the children we will explore the Fundamental Movement skill of Kicking through

encouraging children to participate in different games and activities such as soccer, kicking ball at the target, Kicking and dribbling through obstacles. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, &7)



FIRST AID TRAINING / ASTHMA / ANAPHALAXIS



All staff at Jumpstart hold a current First aid certificate to support and care for children in an education and care setting. Staff hold current Asthma and Anaphylaxis qualifications to ensure that children's health and safety is maintained at all times. We ask that all families provide an updated Asthma plan every three months to support children's Asthma needs. With the approaching winter many children may require Asthma medication. All rooms maintain Asthma Kits in case of an emergency. (NQA 2, 3,4, 5, 6, &7)

SCREENERS FOR CHILDREN

PARENT/ CHILD and EDUCATOR INTERVIEWS

During the month of May all rooms will be conducting speech and language screeners, Numeracy screeners and report summaries to share with families at the conclusion of May. Parents will be invited to take time with educators and children to discuss strengths and strategies to support children to achieve their potential and interests as they develop, maintain and build skills



Parents with Children transition to school in 2019

will be invited to attend our Transition to school night on Tuesday 19th June at 6:30 pm.

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
- ✚ Old cake tins
- ✚ Bottle tops
- ✚ String
- ✚ Stones / Shells/ Dolls/ Dolls clothes Barbies

★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** ★

BUNYIPS

Aria 5/5
Roksana 20/5
Aarish 25/5

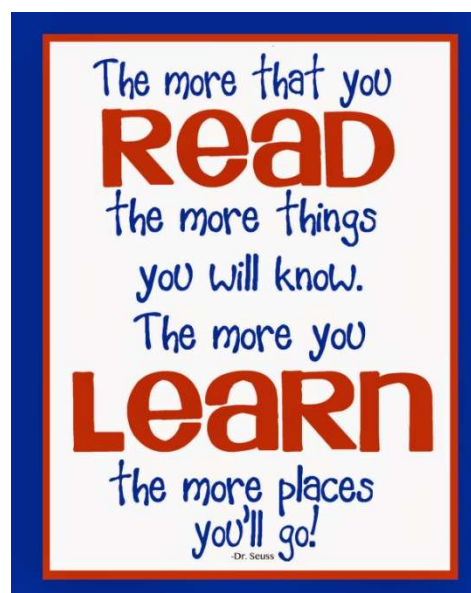
POSSUMS

William 25/5

BEEES

Shanaya 9/5
TJ 9/5
Brandon 29/5

FINAL THOUGHT



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