

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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CENTRE INFORMATION: ASSESSMENT AND RATING RESULT - EXCEEDING



We are delighted to have received **Exceeding** for our Assessment and Rating. This means that as a centre we are going beyond meeting and providing exceeding programming and educational experiences for children, families and community across the centre. We thank our staff, families and community for supporting our centre through this process. Our Quality Improvement Plan for 2018 guided this processes and this will be reviewed during the October staff meeting and our final Parent Forum on Friday 2nd November as we prepare for our 2019 Quality Improvement Plan. We welcome back Miss Shannen and Miss Gabbi and farewell Miss Sophie and Miss Sarah.

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS 11th Birthday



We celebrated our 11th birthday on the 8th of August. The Blacktown Fire Brigade attended on the day by giving a safety demonstration for the children. In case of a fire children were instructed to get down low and "Go, Go, Go". We encourage families to speak with their children in the event of a fire so that children are aware of exits and emergency assembly points at their home in the event of an evacuation. Speaking with children and reassuring them of these processes allows children to follow safe practices in their home and community. The children thoroughly enjoyed the fire truck. Staff and children celebrated by participating in a variety of

games from jelly eating competitions to



scavenger hunts in the sand pit. We concluded the day with a shared picnic lunch of hot chips and of course a very special birthday cake.



SOCCER VISIT

On Tuesday the 14th August the children were



excited to participate in a soccer drill with Ivan, who was introduced to the children as **The Soccer Man**. Ivan

taught the children how to manoeuvre the ball between goals and shuffle, kick and slide the ball between different points in the front car park. Ivan will be commencing an 8 week IFOOTBALL Junior Soccer Program with the children on Tuesday 11th September. Parents who would like their child to participate can inform staff as we require at least 8 children on a given day to run the program. The cost of the program is \$88 for 8 weeks. Envelopes are available in the front foyer. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)



SCIENCE SHOW 3rd August



Through science children actively ask questions, explore, investigate and create hypothesis and theories to explain events. The children thoroughly enjoyed the science show presented by Mitchell.

From sounds, to bubbles to small eruptions, the children were guided to think with their brains and to use scientific language such as “solutions” instead of the word ‘water’. The children enjoyed the hands on aspects of the show as they touched, stretched and jumped on pockets of air to launch rockets high in the sky. Making music and watching objects float and sink made our children think about the “why” as they explored using their creativity through trial and error. The children were treated to a visit from Rachel’s mum Suzanah, who is a scientist.



Suzanah demonstrated a variety of science experiments for the children to observe and take part in, the children learnt some new scientific vocabulary such as; ‘chemicals’ and ‘reaction’. The children thoroughly enjoyed



watching and taking part in each of the experiments. We would like to thank Suzanah for taking the time

to come and share her love of science with the children. These experiences benefitted children greatly as they form ideas and inspirational with many of the children saying they wish to be a scientist when they are older.



EDUCATION WEEK

As part of education week the centre created 3 different themed experiences across the centre. The Busy Bees did a great job collecting 5 cent coins for our coin challenge. All of the children were excited to create their lines of coins each

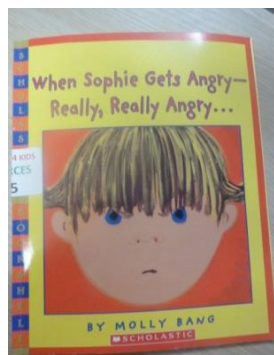


day seeing which day would win. The children learnt the importance of giving back to the community researching different organisations in need. The Busy Bees raised over \$70. A great effort by all. CONGRATULATIONS to Tuesday for

bringing in the most coins and being our winners. The children have decided to donate their coins to the Drought appeal sponsored by Coles.

The focus for the Playful Possums for Education Week was understanding their emotions. They read books including *When I Feel Loved*, *When Sophie Gets Angry...Really, Really Angry* and *I'm Not Scared*.

They took part in art experiences where they made faces with different expressions and then tried making these expressions themselves, they did a great job!



The focus in the Baby Bunyips room for education week was the use of recycled materials. We asked families to contribute by donating some recyclable items and we used these in various ways according to the needs and interests of the children. We made musical instruments, a fabric sensory box, pots to plant some seedlings in, a fish craft from bottle lids, sensory bottles and used many of the materials



including cans, bottles and lids as a resource for painting. The children had a lot of fun with this and we have

made resources that we are able to use over and over again.



COUNTRY OF THE MONTH- PERSIA

The Busy Bess made a wish in their Geneie Bottle before decorating them using their creative and imaginative skills.



The children created Strawberry, Ginger and Mint Sekanjabin. The children enjoyed measuring the ingredients together adding the fresh ingredients before all having a taste.

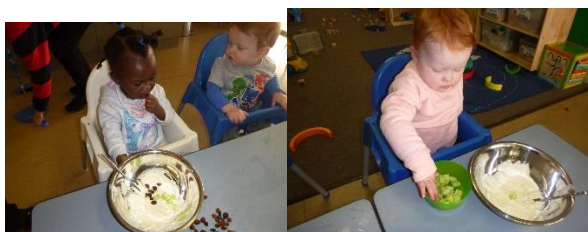


The Playful Possums read the story Aladdin and watched a short version of this on the projector. They then made a Persian melon salad which was delicious. The children helped by cutting up the fresh fruits and mixing



together all of the ingredients, they even picked some mint from our front garden to add to the salad.

The Baby Bunyips made a Persian yoghurt dessert. They helped mix in the yoghurt and the sour cream with a whisk, we then added cucumber and sultanas to the mix and served it up for the children to try. Some of them were not so sure about it and picked out the sultanas and cucumber to eat while the others enjoyed the yoghurt but not the sultanas and cucumber. We had lot's of fun making it.



BOOK WEEK

Children's Book Week in Australia 2018 was celebrated from August 18 - 24. The theme this year was: **Find Your Treasure!**

There are so many opportunities for fun with reading, for learning, and for creating. Books can be treasures and all we need to do is find them. Getting books into the hands of young children develops their passion of learning as they explore and take part in adventures each day.



At JumpStart 4 kids we read children at least 5 books a day across all rooms. This allows children to develop imagination, explore language, ask questions and develop an appreciation of books. Parents are encouraged to read to their children each night to support their continuing literacy skills. We congratulate staff and children who dressed in variety of character across



the week.

DRESS LIKE A PIRATE DAY **WEDNESDAY 19th September**

On Wednesday 19th September we encourage all children to come dressed as their favourite pirate. Simply wear a scarf, eye patch or a fantastic pirate hat.



We will celebrate his day by reading a collection of Pirate inspired books, gathering for outdoor to participate in a treasure hunt and hopefully we will find a hidden treasure. We look forward to sing all our fantastic pirates on the day.



WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Spring
2. Circus
3. Farm
4. Zoo

Throughout the month of August the children in the Busy Bee room looked at different science experiments. We conducted a balloon experiment placing vinegar in a bottle along with bi carb soda. The children watched as the gas produced by the Bi Carb Soda blew up the balloon. The children were able to predict what they thought would happen to the balloon before watching the experiment being conducted. The children then watched Miss Maree as she made honeycomb. The children were fascinated with the bubbles being made before taste testing. It was very yummy.



During the month of September the children will be researching different types of animals. The children will be using different means of technology to look at where different animals live and what they eat. The children will be looking at the differences and similarities between animals and classifying animals by their traits.

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

Over the course of August, the children have continued to develop their numeracy and literacy skills throughout a series of group activities. It is clear to see that the children have a solid understanding of colour, number and sounds. We have played games of I Spy and a colour game in the outdoor area to promote colour recognition. For number recognition, we created a variety of short, competitive games for the children which required them to concentrate and focus so that they could win the game and beat the educator. We have begun to develop the children's understanding of addition and subtraction and have looked at writing these out in the correct format with the correct notation. For shape, we have not only explored 2D shapes, we have also investigated 3D shapes. The children have learnt the correct mathematical terms for these shapes as well as identifying their properties. The children have also been developing their understanding of stories, enhancing their prediction and reading skills as well as looking at the spelling of sight words.

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

Tt as in tap



Ii as in igloo



Ff as in frog



Dd as in dog



The Busy Bee's will be looking at numbers 28 (twenty eight) to 30 (thirty) during the month of September to develop their number recognition and counting skills.

28 29 30

We will be focusing on the following colours: brown, pink, grey and black.



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

Over the course of August, the children have worked hard to develop their phonics skills. We have played a series of games in which the children were required to identify the letter they could see, the corresponding sound and give a word beginning with that sound. In addition to looking at beginning sounds, the children have also been working hard on identifying the end sound of a word. We can see the improvements that the children are making each week with this as more and more children are grasping this concept. The children have also had the opportunity to explore several stories such as; *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Winne at the Seaside* and *The Pout-Pout Fish*. The children were identifying various features of the book as well as answering questions about the story and recapping what happened in the beginning/middle/end.

Throughout September, we will continue to build and develop the children's phonological skills, looking at syllables and sounds in

words. We will also be focusing on letter recognition and formation in addition to sentence writing with some of the children.

COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



WAYNE WINCH AND TOMMY TENNIS

Wayne Winch will be visiting Rudransh and William. He looks forward to his adventures with you and your families. He has loved going on many different exciting adventures with you and your child.

Tommy Tennis will be visiting Vrisha and Javier, he is so excited to spend the week with you and your family. He looks forward to the new 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. Lifecycles
2. Music/instruments
3. Sea creatures
4. Dinosaurs



Throughout the month of August the Playful Possums learnt all about emotions, they made some fantastic faces showing all of the emotions and had fun making their own feelings shown by changing their expressions. The children really enjoyed reading the stories

When Sophie Gets Angry....Really, Really Angry and When I'm Feeling Happy.



During the month of September the children will have fun experimenting with different types of musical instruments. Learning to play them fast, slow, loud and soft. The children will also begin to learn about some lifecycles of certain animals, including the caterpillar to butterfly and tadpole to frog.

Literacy:

Kk as in kangaroo



V*v as in vampire



Numeracy:

16

15

Concept:



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BABY BUNYIPS:

1-2) Fathers day/Family

2-3) Transport



Through the month of August, the children explored their creative skills through various drawing experiences. They developed their fine motor skills as they drew with pencils and crayons on textured paper, on an easel and on the window. They drew with chalk on the large chalkboard outdoors and also used their fingers when drawing in yoghurt and shaving cream on the table, developing their drawing and writing capabilities and sensory capabilities.



During the month of September our main focus will be on Father's Day/Family due to the upcoming day as well as transport as this has been an interest of the children for a little while. For our Father's Day/Family topic we will read stories with the children to promote the meaning of family as well as some crafts and dramatic play experiences. Our transport topic will be a hands on topic with the use of different transport, experimenting with various types of transport on various surfaces and craft experiences, creating our own forms of transport with recyclables.

The Yarning book will go home with Aarish and Maisie so we can share stories about their school and home life.

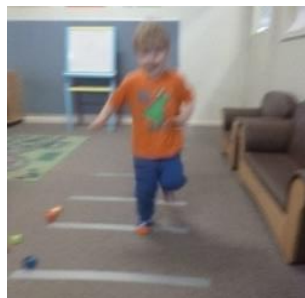
FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENTS

Throughout the month of August, we focused on the fundamental movement skill of leaping. The children learnt the different components of leaping before developing the complete skill. The children developed this skill through different activities such as leaping over hurdles



and obstacle course where the children were encouraged to leap over different objects. During the month of

September, we will focus on the fundamental movement skill of stationary dribbling. The children will first learn the basic components of the skill before developing the complete skill. We will use balls to develop this skill. First encouraging the children to bounce and catch the ball then extending by encouraging the children to attempt to continue bouncing the ball instead of catching it.



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FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA



On Friday 31st August we held the Father's day afternoon tea. We were very pleased with the number of dads, parents,

grandparents, aunts, uncles and others that attended. Miss Sophie read a story and the

children sang two songs. The QR codes at the end will link to the songs on Youtube.



Father's Day song 1

Father's Day song 2



WHAT's happening in September?

3rd-7th Busy Bees screeners Numeracy

5th Cheese Pizza Day

7th September - Family Portrait Night

10-14th Busy Bees screeners Phonics

12th International Milkshake day

13th Drum Beats Show 9:30

17-21st Developmental checklists Bees /
Possums

19th "Dress Like a Pirate Day"

Events for October

18th Vision Eye screening for all children 4
years and over Free

22nd Dental Health check for all registered
children

26th Halloween Disco 6:45pm - 8:00 pm

Tickets \$5 per child

Transition to school statements commence in
consultation with families

Events for November

2nd November Parent Forum

6th Melbourne Cup day

Reports across the centre compiled educator /
family meetings scheduled

Events for December

3rd December Centre Christmas Party 6:30 pm

Blacktown Sportsman Club

12th Graduation Busy Bees

21st Centre Closes for Christmas Break

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bunyips

Ryker 13th & Molly 28th

Possums

SM Faraj 3rd

Eloise 13th & Ayansh 19th

Bees

Azaleigha 15th & Oliver 15th

Aryan 17th & Mila 26th

FINAL THOUGHT

Children want
the same things
we want.
To laugh, to be
challenged, to
be entertained,
and delighted.
~ Dr. Seuss

We hope all
our fathers
and families
had a
fantastic
Fathers Day.



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