

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## ASSESSMENT AND RATING RESULTS FOR JUMPSTART 4 KIDS

THURSDAY AUGUST 1, 2013

*23% of NSW services have now been assessed and rated.*

The National Quality Standard includes seven Quality Areas:

### OUR RESULTS:

- 1. Educational program and practice - Meeting*
- 2. Children's health and safety - Meeting*
- 3. Physical environment - Meeting*
- 4. Staffing arrangements - Exceeding*
- 5. Relationships with children - Meeting*
- 6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities - Exceeding*
- 7. Leadership and service management. - Exceeding*

## OVERALL RATING: MEETING

We have displayed our assessment and rating results in the foyer for parents to view. If the centre had received another area in the exceeding range our **OVERALL rating** would have been Exceeding.

As a staff we will review this document which is available for all parents to view and develop our staff professional development upon moving areas that achieved Meeting to Exceeding. We thank all our families who continue to support us in making Jump Start 4 Kids and active learning environment for all children.

It is important for families to know how JumpStart 4 Kids compares with centres who have been assessed. The following information allows parents to compare our centre to other centres. Parents can view centres within the local area and compare their ratings by visiting the my child website at [www.mychild.gov.au](http://www.mychild.gov.au). We have viewed this site and JumpStart 4 Kids has a higher rating than other locally positioned centres. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

## The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA)

have released their second National Quality Framework (NQF ) Snapshot.

It shows that:

- **23%** of NSW services have now been assessed and rated;
- **142** NSW services were rated as Exceeding the National Quality Standard;
- **255** NSW services were rated as Meeting the Standard;
- **539** services were rated as Working Towards the Standard - this is **57%** of NSW services.
- This compares to a national figure for centre based services of **43.66%** rated as Working Towards.
- **ACECQA states** that "For services rated to date socio-economic advantage and disadvantage has minimal effect on the spread of quality ratings."
- In NSW **179** services are operating with a Service or Temporary Waiver. **117** of these are staffing waivers.

## THANK YOU FROM MISS AMANDA

**Miss Amanda thanks all our families who have extended their kind words, prayers , thoughts and compassion with the loss of her beautiful daughter Allyra.**

**Amanda is being supported by family and friends and certainly was comforted knowing that all our families and children held her and Allyra in their thoughts.**

## CUPCAKE SALES \$1355.00 RAISED



## **CUPCAKE SALES \$1355 RAISED**

We were ecstatic to raise \$1355 for Still Birth Australia and Camp Quality. The staff raised \$555 through the generous purchases and donations from families.

### **A BIG THANKYOU FOR MRS RENEE THORN**



**Renee raised \$800 in cupcakes by making her own cupcakes at home and selling these to her friends in support of Miss Amanda and Allyra. We were deeply**

**touched by Renee's donation, support and generosity. With four young children this was certainly a massive effort. Thank you to all our families who have supported Amanda and the staff. The active participation to make a difference for children with cancer and for still births will certainly assist families and children. (NQA 1,2,6&7)**

## **CAMP QUALITY SHOW**



On  
Wednesday  
31st July  
Camp Quality  
presented a  
puppet show

to allow children to develop an insight to cancer in young children. We were introduced to Kylie and Jack who were two children at school. Kylie had Leukaemia and spoke to the children about her illness and the special medicine that she needed to take that would hopefully make her better.



Kylie explained that her medicine made her hair fall out and that children cannot catch cancer like a flu or the chicken pox. It was a strong message for the children to embrace.

The children loved the puppets and thought they were very funny. The children understood that even when children are sick they still need friends and laughter. The puppets explained that often laughter is the best medicine. If our friends are not feeling well we can often make them feel better by playing with them and making their day special. This show allowed children to explore the ideas of emotions and to understand that while we can sometimes look different through illness we all need friends to love, care and support us.

We invite families to talk to their children at home about this experience and explain to children that our love and care for others really makes a difference in the lives of those who are struggling or need a friend when life presents challenges. (NQA 1,2,5,6&7)

## **BOOK WEEK**

**19th -23rd August**



During Book week we encourage all children to dress up as their favourite character. Reading is an important aspect of children's literacy and we encourage all families to read to their children so that they can develop words and imagination. Books are an excellent way for children to learn, explore and discover. We look forward to seeing the children display their favourite costumes. (NQA 1,5&6)

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

### ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

#### BUSY BEES:

1. Bugs and insects
2. Science Week
3. Book Week
4. Seasons



#### SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

This month for school readiness the Busy Bees will be revising over numbers 1 to 30 which they have been working on throughout the year; they will be doing this through tracing sheets, number flashcards and by making groups of numbers using counters. They will also be focusing on identifying their last names as well as starting to trace and then write them out independently as their skills develop. The Busy Bees are very interested in cutting and will continue to practice their progressing cutting skills through cutting out shapes and items from magazines. They will also begin basic sight word recognition.

Miss Amie & Miss Justine

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

#### PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Hygiene
2. Science
3. Book Week
4. Occupation



During the month of August we would will be focusing on **Dental Awareness** and looking at ways to keep our teeth and gums healthy by drinking water, eating healthy foods and making sure we brush our teeth. On the 15th August we will be having a Dental awareness show which will touch base on dental hygiene and we ask parents to encourage children to practice brushing their teeth and swishing their mouths with water after food. Book week begins on the 19th August. We ask that your child brings in their favourite story to share with their class. August 26th is occupations week. We ask that if any parents would like to come and speak with the children about their occupations, we would be very appreciative as this would be a great experience for the children. Reminder that all children are needing a drink bottle each day.

Miss Nikki and Miss Christine

## BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Colours
2. Dental health
3. Book Week
4. Sensory Week



The Bunyips have been concentrating on the area of language over recent weeks. We have enjoyed a variety of stories, with our favourites definitely being books from the Spot series. The children really enjoy the element of suspense and surprise as we lift each flap to reveal the animals or objects underneath. Through repeatedly presenting the same books, children are building on their language and cognitive skills, as they remember what is featured under each flap. These stories would be great stories for you to share with your children at home also. We would love to support the love of books by participating in Book Week beginning on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. We would love to see your little ones dress up in costume and bring in their favourite stories to share.

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

## RAMADAM - CULTURAL AWARENESS

Ramadan is celebrated by 1 billion Muslims worldwide. Ramadan begins on a different date each year—whenever the first sliver of the crescent moon, in the ninth month, appears.

For kids, the most striking thing about Ramadan is the fasting. People who celebrate the holiday eat only when it's dark outside. From the first light of dawn, until the sun goes down, Muslims don't eat or drink anything. For kids, the concept of no food can be hard to swallow! But not eating anything gives Muslims time to focus on other things.





## **RAMADAM - CULTURAL AWARENESS**

During Ramadan, Muslims spend more time with family. They pledge not to tell any lies, not to gossip, and not to be greedy. We thank Jasmina ( Ibrahim and Sumaya's mum) for taking time to talk to the children about this very special celebration . We invite all families and cultures to share their significant festival and celebrations through our vast variety of cultures here at JumpStart 4 Kids.

## **PRIORITIES TO FAMILIES**

At JumpStart 4 Kids we are bound by Government guidelines in our ability to offer days. These guidelines list the following positions in priority.

- 1. Working Families**
- 2. Parents completing educational training**
- 3. Non Working Families.**

At times parents will be asked to change days to accommodate the needs of working families or those who are engaged in full time or part time study. Parents who do not have study or work commitments will be asked to make changes to their days. We understand that this can be distressing for families , but our guidelines are clear and must be provided to support families who have no alternative care arrangements for their children. This situation often unfolds at the start of the year and in July / August when university , TAFE and training organisations begin new schedules. We thank those families who have been obliging with these changes. These changes are kept to a minimum, but we ask for the cooperation and understanding of families as we try to accommodate the needs of all our families. **NQA ,6&7)**

## **DENTAL AWARENESS**

On Thursday 15th August we will be hosting an extra curricula show for the children to identify oral hygiene for children . Children who are enrolled at the centre on Thursday will need to make a payment of \$8.00 by Friday 9th August. **(NQA 1,2,5,6&7)**



## **FATHERS DAY RAFFLE**

We would be appreciative of any donations that families may like to contribute to our Fathers Day raffle . Tickets will be available from Monday 5th August. We will be using these funds to purchase board games for the Possums and Bees room.

## **FATHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA** **6th September 4.00pm**



We would like to invite all the special men in our children's lives to celebrate with us on Friday 6th September. The children will have special gifts for their very special men. We look forward to sharing the afternoon with all our families.

## **POLICY CHANGES FRONT FOYER**

We ask families to view the front foyer to identify changes to our policies. These Policy changes take place through parents , staff, children and community consultation . We invite all families to speak with us in respect to any policy or centre issue at any time . Your contributions, ideas and expressions are welcomed at all times.

## **DONATIONS**

We would be appreciative of the following items.

- Balls
- Board Games / Puzzles / Books
- Old cake tins
- Pots and pans

## **FINAL THOUGHT**

It is wonderful to think that what we say we actually mean. The expressions of love and support extended by families, children and staff certainly embrace the essence of community. Thank you to everyone who makes our community so very special

**JUMPSTART 4 KIDS STAFF**