

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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KINDI FARM EXPERIENCE BLACKTOWN ADVOCATE

On Wednesday the 10th April Kindi farm visited Jumpstart 4 kids. The children enjoyed feeding the calf, lambs, sheep, piglet and goats some delicious pellets and even using a baby bottle to give them a nice drink of milk. A big highlight was being able to hold the baby chickens and ducks and touching their soft feathers. Once all the animals had been fed we got to watch the sheep get a haircut and all had a turn at feeling the wool. This was a great experience that introduced farm animals to the children. The Blacktown Advocate showcased the centre and we hope that families have a copy. Please ask the



centre if you would like copy. (NQA 1, 2, 5,

6&7)

CHILDREN'S LITERACY



AUTHOR - Yvette Poshoglian

Developing children's literacy starts before they are born. A love of Literacy through reading and writing allows children to develop language, express ideas and emotions and convey thoughts. On Tuesday 16th April we were fortunate to have Yvette Poshoglian attend the centre and read a variety of stories to the children. Yvette is a scholastic book author who has written numerous collections

of children's titles including the "Ella and Olivia" series of children's books. We sincerely thank Mrs Angela McCartney who organised this event for us and encourage all families to take the opportunity to explore literacy with their children through storytelling and reading books on a daily basis. Books provide children with knowledge and allows them to explore events and experiences. So parents, let's take some time to read together with our children. (NQA 1, 5, 6&7)

MOTHERS DAY

AFTERNOON TEA

FRIDAY 10th MAY

4:00pm



Our Mums are very special people. On Friday 10th May at 4:00pm we invite all our special mums, grandmothers, aunts and carers to join us for an afternoon tea to acknowledge the wonderful care and love that you show for us every day. The children have been busy creating special gifts for our very special mums and we hope that all our mums have a very special day with their children.

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE TICKETS:

We have 13 fantastic prizes to share with our lucky mothers that are displayed in the front foyer. Our raffle will be drawn at our Mothers day afternoon tea on Friday 10th May at 4:00pm. The funds generated from this raffle will be used to purchase outdoors games for the children so that we can continue to develop cooperative play and sharing skills with the children through organised play experiences. We thank all parents who support us by purchasing raffle tickets and through their generous donations of prizes. We thank Mrs Bernadette Smith, (Charlie - Bees). Mrs Christine Hutcheson (James - Bees, Isabelle - Bunyips) Mrs Janelle Rowley (Hunter - Possums) for their donations of raffle prizes.

(NQA 1, 5, 6&7)



PRESCHOOL PHOTO'S Wednesday 15th & 16th May 9.30am

Our Preschool photos commence at 9:30 am. All families should have now received their photo envelopes that display the available photo packages for families to purchase. Envelops must have the correct funds inserted as these go directly to the photographer and not to the centre.

SIBLING PHOTO'S

Families are able to purchase sibling photos additionally with their photo packages. These photos are charged at \$20. Please indicate on your envelop if you require a sibling photo and insert the additional cost.

Photos will be returned to the centre for collection approximately 2 -3 weeks after the photo date.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL NIGHT



Wednesday 15th May 6.30pm

We are holding a parent information night to provide parents with information on the transition to school process. This night will feature speakers from local primary schools including principals and teachers. You will also have a chance to ask questions and collect enrolment information. We strongly encourage all parents with children enrolling at school next year to attend this very important event.

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Kindness; looking at how we are towards our friends
2. Space
3. Exercise
4. Reconciliation week



In April the Busy Bees had a great time with the Kindi Farm coming out and then learning all about farms and farm animals. During the month of May the Busy Bees are going to look at being kind and nice to our friends, they will look at why this important and how we can do this each day. It would be fantastic if you could also discuss this with your child to encourage this. We are also learning about space; where it is, how we get there and the planets that are in our solar system. The Busy Bees are looking forward to learning some different types of exercises and why exercise is really important for our growth and development. Please remember to bring a drink bottle and hat each day for your child which is clearly labeled, too often these are forgotten.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

We are noticing big improvements in the level of school readiness skills that the Busy Bees are displaying. We have begun to place copies of the worksheets we are focusing on for the week in the filing trays next to the portfolios in our room. We encourage you to take these and work on these skills at home with your children. If you require any additional sheets please see staff. Please ensure you check the current weekly focus areas on the program located on the program board.

PARENT INTERVIEWS BUSY BEES 6th -10th May

BUSY BEE REPORTS & LANGUAGE ASSESSMENTS

In preparation for our Transition to school night, the Busy Bees staff have been conducting language screeners and midyear reports so that parents can make the best judgements about their child's learning in preparing for school. For many families this is a challenging time as you



contemplate your child's school readiness skills. Many children are still developing skills and may benefit from an additional year at preschool to develop language, literacy and social skills before the introduction of their formal schooling years. No family will be provided with a report without an interview with the Busy Bee's room staff. This is a valuable time for staff to discuss your child's progress and their school readiness. The school Transition night will further provide information to families so that children commence school at a time that is appropriate to their individual developmental needs. It is often difficult for children who commence kindergarten, who are not ready. Please discuss your child's individual progress with staff in line with your child individual portfolio, language assessment and midyear reports.



HEATING OF FOOD

A reminder to families in the Busy Bees room that children are not to have food that requires heating as we develop skills to support their transition to school. We thank families for their support.

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

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Celebrations
2. Circus
3. Emergency
4. Occupations

Reminder that our Mothers day afternoon tea is on Friday 10th May. On Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May, it will be school photos. We would love to see all children with their beautiful smiling faces. We will be focusing on emergency and the roles that emergency people in our community play. Please talk with your children about ways to stay safe and how these emergency people can help us. We ask that all parents who are beginning to toilet train their child have a number of spare clothes as accidents do occur. We are happy for you to bring your child in a nappy for the car ride, although we ask that you remove your child's

nappy and put underwear on before you say your goodbyes. It would be much appreciated.

Miss Nikki and Miss Anita

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Numbers and counting
2. Dinosaurs
3. Emergency services
4. Gross motor skills – Fundamental movements

The Bunyip's enjoyed the recent Kindi Farm visit. It was lots of fun having the opportunity to pat and feed various farmyard friends. This stimulus also worked particularly well in our classroom, as children have a strong interest in animals. We appreciate families who have assisted us by labeling children's items.

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

ANZAC DAY



The children enjoyed making Anzac biscuits as they discussed the significance of ANZAC DAY. This significant day is shared by all Australians. Exploring historical events with children allows them to explore our history and identify as Australians. We hope all our families were able to share the true meaning of the ANZAC story with their children. (NQA 1, 5, 6&7)

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT Monday 20th May

The Fire Brigade will visit the centre on Monday 20th May at 10:00am. Children will learn about fire safety and the significance of 000 (Zero, Zero, Zero). The children will be allowed to explore the fire truck and experience the safety equipment and clothing worn by the fire



fighters. We ask that families follow up with discussion about fire exits in their home and evacuation procedures at home in case of an emergency. Allowing children to have this knowledge will allow them to be more able to handle emergencies should the case arise. This is an important message for all children and families so please take some time to explore this with your family in your home environment. The children at Jumpstart 4 kids regularly, engage in evacuation procedures should an incident arise. This lessens children's fears and provides them with a safe process to follow. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6&7)

HEALTHY BODIES & HEALTHY EATING

During the Month of May we will be looking at Physical fitness. We will have a visit from a local



gym and will be focusing on healthy eating. We remind all families that each child must provide a piece of fruit each day to contribute to morning tea and late afternoon tea fruit platters.

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

NATIONAL SORRY DAY & NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 26th – 31st May

This is a significant event in our Australian culture. During this week each room will focus on the meaning of reconciliation and will be exploring stories and craft activities through small group times and discussion. We invite families to share these conversations at home with their children to support their understanding of reconciliation and National Sorry Day. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6&7)



We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help JumpStart 4 Kids by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 8 April and Sunday 9 June 2013. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. For every \$10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn & Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to JumpStart 4 Kids and drop it into the Collection Box located in the front foyer. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for mathematics, English, science, art & crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask staff.

DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gifts or craft items please consider the centre.

FINAL THOUGHT

On February 13th, 2008, Aboriginal people across all Australia were deeply moved and in tears: The Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, had finally apologised to the Stolen Generations and said 'sorry'. This was a significant day for all Australians. May we all continue to grow in respect of each other as we celebrate reconciliation week and National Sorry Day

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