

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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OUR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: WHAT have we achieved??

Our Quality Improvement Plan is located in the front foyer of the centre. This plan was developed through consultation with staff, families and children and we are pleased with our progress.

1. All staff are trained in Anaphylaxis management
2. First Aid and Asthma Management.
3. We have clearly redefined our weekly program with intentional teaching and child interest areas.
4. We have incorporated healthy eating through the Munch and Crunch Program
5. Refined all our centre Policies
6. Updated our picture frames in the hall way
7. Changed our times for family events to allow more families to attend
8. Changed outdoor areas and supervision

OUR NEXT FOCUS:

This will be on improvements to the outside. We are investigating painting the back wall and placing items on the wall for the children . We hope to commence this in the next two months.

STAFF TRAINING "TUNING INTO KIDS"

We are privileged to be part of a Government funded project called " Community of Learners" This project supports the staff with identifying strategies to support families , children and identifying community links. As part of this project we have been invited to take part in staff inservicing on Tuning into children's emotions. "

This training will commence on the following dates from 5:30pm. We would be appreciative if families could be supportive of this training on the following dates and times. Wednesday 1st August ;Wednesday 15thAugust; Wednesday 5th September ;Wednesday 26th September 5.30pm - 7.30pm

We thank you in advance for your support.

DENTAL HEALTH PUPPET SHOW

MONDAY 6th August

August is Dental Awareness Month. We will be encouraging all children to swish their mouths with water after each meal time and showing them how to clean their teeth along with healthy eating options to sustain healthy bodies and teeth. We ask all families to make this payment by Friday 3rd August.



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

All rooms have placed up a grids with allocated times for families. We ask that ALL families participate in these sessions so that we can reflect on your child's strengths and support them in areas where they may need additional support. This is a time for families to speak confidentially with staff and to discuss any issues or areas of concerns that you may have. This is a positive experience for all participants and one that is valuable to the ongoing development of your child. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

Busy Bees Room from Wednesday 8th August..

Possums from 20th August

Bunyips from 26th August.

This is a time to reflect on portfolios and to go over reports with families.

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Dental awareness
2. Space
3. Book week
4. Numeracy week

On the 16th of July the Busy Bee room welcomed Miss Amanda to the centre. Miss Amanda is an early childhood teacher and has had many years experience working with children aged 2-5 years. Miss Amanda looks forward to meeting you all and working with the Busy Bees in preparation for their transition to school.

This month the children will be learning all about Space. On a daily basis children will be looking at a new experiment to try out as a group which we are really looking forward to.

For **Book Week** we invite your child to come dressed as their favourite character for their favourite story.

The Busy Bees now have hat pockets with your child's first and last name, this will help develop their self-help skills and help them to look after their own belongings as well as continue to learn identifying their first and last name. It would be a great idea to leave your child's hat in their pocket throughout their time here at school which will ensure they always have a hat for outdoor time and do not miss out. Please remember to continue to bring sandwiches for lunch as we cannot heat up food in the Busy Bee room.

Thank you

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

This month the Busy Bees will be focusing on writing their first and last names as well as identifying the letters of the alphabet through 'Ant in the Apple' and alphabet bingo. They will continue to practice counting out objects from 1-12 and they will develop their skills at identifying numbers from 1-10. They will further develop their cutting skills as they cut out shapes and pictures independently.

Miss Amie & Miss Amanda

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

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

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

The Playful Possums will be focusing on their self help skills, placing their own shoes on and off, dressing themselves, feeding themselves as well as putting their own sheets away. The Playful Possums will be learning about personal hygiene- learning the importance of washing our hands and brushing our teeth.

The children will also be revising our numbers 1-10 counting and grouping them 2-5. Please remember that the Playful Possums are growing up fast and are getting ready to transition into the Busy Bees room your children should be starting to toilet train and beginning to not need a bottle at rest time any more.

All of the children should be starting to bring a sandwich, wrap or biscuits for lunch instead of a heated up meal as in the Busy Bee room heated food isn't an option. You need to bring a top and fitted sheep each day your child attends the centre taking them home at the end of each day. Labelling all of your child's property is important as the teachers will not be able to remember which items belong to each child. Thank you.

Miss Justine & Miss Nikki.

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

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Dental Awareness
2. Science and Nature
3. Book Week - Please feel free to dress your child in a costume and bring in their favourite books to read together.
4. Colours – Wear the following colours
Monday – **RED** Tuesday – **Green**
Wednesday – **Blue** Thursday - **Yellow**
Friday – **Rainbow Day**

The Baby Bunyips are currently enjoying language based activities including our felt board, songs with actions and props, and of course stories. We are focusing on extending children's vocabulary and their ability to understand "spoken" language.

This includes being able to understand what objects are when we name them and also being able to respond to questions and instructions, with corresponding actions and or words. Please remember to pack two spare changes of clothes and at least 5 nappies each day for your child. Thank you. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

Multicultural Show: FRIDAY 20th July **JUMPSTART 4 KIDS IN THE** **BLACKTOWN ADVOCATE**



On Friday the 20th of July the Multicultural show came out to visit us. Jenny had all of the children involved, dancing along to the music, singing songs and dressing up. The children learnt about all the different cultures from around the world focusing on the dances and cultural clothes they wear. Miss Ainslie and Miss Anita loved getting up and dressing up with Maddison and Tanush being a part of the show.

All of the children loved getting up and being involved in the show, dancing around the room with one another whilst learning about different cultures.

We were fortunate to have a journalist and photographer from the Blacktown advocate who attended. The children featured in the Blacktown advocate on Wednesday 25th July on page 3. Parents may like to view the Gallery at Blacktown advocate on line to get a glimpse of their child. A fantastic experience for all children. (NQA 1,5,6&7)

WATER BOOTTLES / FOOD STORAGE

We would like to remind families that all food needs to be placed in the fridge. this is a food and safety Policy of the centre and it is in line with the Australian Food standards.



Water bottles for children must be clearly labelled with your child's name and may remain out of the fridge .

Food items are removed from the fridge 10 minutes prior to lunch being served.

We ask families to supportive of our centre policies.

FATHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA YOU'RE INVITED

FRIDAY 31st August 4:00pm- 4:30pm



We would like to invite all our families to join us on Friday 31st at 4:00pm for an afternoon to celebrate our fantastic father figures in our lives. Dad's , uncles , grandfathers are all welcome to attend., so please place this in your diary . we look forward to seeing you on the day.

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

We will be distributing Fathers day raffle tickets from the 6th August . we have some fantastic Prizes and we are also grateful to families who may like to donate prizes to this raffle.



FAMILY PORTRAITS:

\$15 7th September

These will be conducted at the centre on Friday 7th September from 3:30 pm- 8.00pm. Families receive a framed portrait , key ring and A3 Sketch Portrait. We ask families to place their \$15 in an envelope and place their names against an appropriate time in the foyer. (NQA 1,,4,5,6&7)

PARENT FORUM SUCCESS

Wednesday 25th July 4:45 pm

We recently changed our Parent Forum times to accommodate more families and to provide opportunities to our parents to share their thoughts and ideas about our centre. This was a great success with two smaller sessions held that allowed families to share their views and express their ideas.

We are always pleased to receive any feedback from families as this allows us to make changes to ensure that we are providing high quality care for our children and families. The minutes from this meeting are provided with this news letter. We invite families to attend our next Parent Forum and offer parents the opportunities to speak with us any anytime to discuss your ideas , suggestions our thoughts. We sincerely thank parents who took the time to speak with us . It was certainly appreciated.

Parents may have noticed that we have placed photos of all children up in all room with their names and photos of staff on the doors, who will be caring for your child. This was a suggestion raised at the parent forum and one that we have implemented. Together we do create a fantastic environment for all. Thankyou (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)



DUCKLINGS

During the start of September we will be exploring Spring and we have organised to have Duck Hatching at the centre. The ducks will come as eggs and hatch at the centre. We will have the eggs and ducklings for 2 weeks . The children will get to see the ducklings hatch , hopefully they will choose to do this during the day, or perhaps we may have a surprise in the morning with some active night activity. The ducklings come with a wading pool and will certainly entertain some very inquisitive minds. (NQA ,1,3,5,6&7)

NEWLETTERS

Parents can access newsletters from our web site www.jumpstarteducation.com.au simply by clicking on the information tab. You can select current or past newsletters at any time . Our Parent Forum minutes are also located in this area.

AUGUST EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

6th: Little Grinners Dental Talk
6th Fathers Day Raffle Tickets
8th: 5th Birthday JumpStart 4 Kids
6th- 18th: Parent Teacher Interview Busy Bees
20th-24th Parent Teacher Interview Possums
27th-31st: Parent Teacher Interview Bunyips
19th Book week Dress up in your favourite character
31st Fathers Day afternoon Tea 4:00pm

SEPTEMBER

3rd: Duckling Hatching Kit arrives
7th: Family Portraits at the centre

DONATIONS We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gifts or toys please consider the centre. thank the following families for their recent donations.

- Sydney McCarthy -Possums
- William Machione -Possums

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John , Maree and the staff at JumpStart 4 Kids wish to thank all our families for allowing us to care for your child . On Wednesday 8th August we



celebrate 5 Years as a centre. we have developed great relationship with all our families and feel really privileged that you have developed a faith in us to care for your child. We hope that we can celebrate with you as we have a day of games . activities and of course some birthday cake.

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

Jump Start 4 Kids Staff