

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 2, 2012 FEBRUARY

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

### PARENT INVITATION

At JumpStart 4 Kids we provide a different learning experience on a weekly basis. These experiences are developed through children's interests and teacher direction. Our weekly programs for each room are located directly upon entering your child's room. We encourage parents to view this weekly program and invite parents to comment on our programs through the day book or directly onto the program in consultation with room staff.

Staff complete daily evaluations of the program and parents are welcome to view these at the conclusion of each day.

During the MONTH of FEBRUARY the Busy Bees and the Playful Possums will be engaging in the following learning experiences:

### BUSY BEES:

1. Physical Activity
2. Recycling
3. Occupations
4. Pets

### PLAYFUL POSSUMS:

1. Seasons
2. Colours
3. Fantasy
4. Shapes

### BABY BUNYIPS:

The Baby Bunyip's will be exploring friendships. Many of our babies are settling into the centre and are getting to know other babies and learning to play and relate to each other. They are enjoying songs, books and becoming familiar with routines and knowing their careers. Miss Kelly and Miss Anita will be introducing the following stimulus activities to our babies over the coming weeks.

1. Colours
2. Zoo Animals
3. Family Week
4. Our Bodies

**FAMILY PHOTO'S.** We would encourage all families to provide us with a family photo so that we can get to know our extensive families throughout 2012.

(NQS 1.5.&6)

## CHILD CARE NOMINATION AWARDS

We would be pleased for all our families to support the centre by considering us in the 2011/ 2012 Childcare Awards. These awards are held annually and are a great way to acknowledge and thank the centre or individual staff for the care and love that they demonstrate daily in the care of all children. NOMINATIONS CLOSE on Mid March 2012



### Online Nominations

To nominate online go to [www.childcareawards.com.au](http://www.childcareawards.com.au) and follow the options . Categories include:

- Early Childhood Educator of the Year
- Child Care Director of the Year
- Rising Star Award
- Children's Services of the Year

The online nominations take 5 minutes to complete , and are a wonderful way to show your appreciation for the centre and the staff. We hope that all our families can support us with these current awards.

If parents have any questions in relation to these awards please do not hesitate to ask.

We thankyou in advance for your appreciation and support. (NQS 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)



## READY TO SCHOOL FOCUS BUSY BEES ROOM

The Busy Bees will be focusing on

1. Vowels names and sounds A , E , I , O U
2. Identifying their first Name
3. Numbers 1-5

Reinforcing these skills at home will assist the children in developing these skills.

Making up games for words and counting object in the car or when shopping will assist children in learning these skills.

(NQS 1.5.6&7)



## RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY

Receipts for January are now located in the foyer for parents to collect. We remind all families that fees are payable on your child's first day of attendance each week. Parents who fall behind on Fees will have an additional \$20 **late fee added to their bill**. We remind all families that fees are payable prior to using the service.

## DIRECT DEBIT OPTION

Families may like to set up automatic payments for their child care fees. This is an easy and effective way to ensure that your fees are paid weekly and that fees are not in arrears. If parents would like to pay their fees with this option please follow the following steps;

1. Notify the centre (Maree or John) about your intention to commence this payment option and date.
2. BSB 012-429
3. Account No: 493 370 308
4. Place your child's name / surname in the transaction for point of reference.

(NQS 6.&7)

## BOTTLE FRIDGE COVERING TEATS:

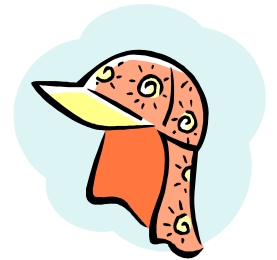
All bottles for children need to be labelled and have covers on the teats. Identical bottles are being placed in the fridge without labels and exposed teats. This will result in a breach to the centre. We ask parents to be vigilant in this area.



## PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS CLOTHING - ROOM REQUIREMENTS

This means:

- T shirts - NO SHOE STRING STRAPS
- Covered in shoes – NO THONGS
- Sheets for rest times : Flat and fitted sheets
- SUN HATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY AT ALL TIMES.



Families can purchase a hat for \$12.00 from the centre if required. Please do not be offended if your child is required to remain indoors or under the awnings if they do not have a hat.

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

## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE.



[www.jumpstarteducation.com.au](http://www.jumpstarteducation.com.au)

Parents can now go on line to view the centre rooms, staff and view our latest newsletter or parent forum minutes. Throughout the year we will update the website with special events for families to view. We hope that this will support busy families in keeping in touch with events at the centre throughout the year. (NQS 1,2,3,4,5,6.&7)

## **UNDER THE SEA SHOW**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March we will be exploring Sea week at the centre. The children will experience live sea creatures and explore their unique habits through a 90 minute show.

**COST: \$8.00**

**PAYMENT: by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Children who do not attend on Thursday but who would like to attend are most welcome with an accompanying adult.



During the year the centre will have additional shows or guests to the centre. Some of these will be covered by the centre whilst others will be capped at \$8.00. These learning experiences broaden children's awareness and engage them as active learners. Staff use these experiences to expand on their programs and create valuable learning for all children. (NQS 1,3,5,6&7)



## **STAFF ASTHMA TRAINING WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH**

From 2012 all centres require staff to be present with current Asthma training. This is a three hour

training session which will begin at 5.30pm. We ask that all families support staff by collecting children on or before 5:20pm. We thank you for your consideration. (NQS 1,2,4 5,6&7)

## **Easter Egg Donations Easter Raffle**

We ask all families to donate to our Easter Raffle Baskets by placing an Easter Egg in the baskets located in the Foyer. These will then be used to create our Easter baskets. We thank families in advance for your support. All funds will be used to purchase additional resources for rooms.



## **PARENT FORUM**

### **Invitation for Parents**

**28<sup>th</sup> March 6:00pm – 7.00pm at the centre.**

Three times a year we invite parents to join us to assist in the planning and development of the centre. Our First parent Forum will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm.

Agenda items for this meeting include:

1. Our Quality Improvement Plan for 2012
2. New National Quality Framework. What does this mean for families
3. 2012: Accreditation Process and Family Input
4. Resource Purchases – Fundraising events for 2012
5. Room Programming and Room Leader Feedback for families
6. Staffing arrangements Policy development.

We look forward to meeting with all our new families and hope that our families can support us on the night as we plan a successful year for all children. (NQS 1-7)



**GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA  
INVITATION  
30<sup>th</sup> March 3:15 pm**



Grandparents play a very Special part in the lives of children. Children may have grandparents or older people in the community who take on the role of a grand parent in their lives. The children will be making a special gift for the grandparents in their lives and forwarding a special invitation for them to join us on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March for an afternoon tea. We hope that your child's Grandparent /s can join for our very Special afternoon tea so that we can celebrate these very special people.

(NQS 1.5.6&7)

**RAFFLE PRIZES**

**DONATIONS**

**UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFT**

During the year the centre has raffle prizes for Mothers day, Easter, Fathers day and Christmas. Like many of us, Christmas is a time when perhaps we receive items that we may not need. If you would like to donate items for our raffles throughout the year we would be appreciative. (NQS,6&7)

**DONATIONS**

Please consider the centre when you are having your clean up's .We are always appreciative of the following items

- Books
- Toys
- Craft Items
- Magazines
- Wool
- Material

**CALENDAR EVENTS FOR FAMILIES**

Each newsletter will highlight the additional events that will involve ALL children at the centre. Please take note of these important dates.

**FEBRUARY**

**14<sup>th</sup> Valentines Day**

**21<sup>st</sup>: Pancake Tuesday:** The children will be making pancakes for morning tea.

**24<sup>th</sup>: Sunnies for Sight;** Sight awareness and sunglass day. Children are encouraged to wear their sunglasses to school.

**MARCH**

**2<sup>nd</sup> School Clean up day**

**8<sup>th</sup> Under the Sea Show 10.00am**

**16<sup>th</sup> Celebrating St Patrick's Day:** Children are asked to wear Green

**21<sup>st</sup>: Staff Training: Asthma**

**28<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Forum**

**30<sup>th</sup>: Grandparents afternoon Tea 3:15pm All grandparents invited.**

(NQS 1-7)

**A FINAL THOUGHT**



The New Year is the start of many new adventures. At the centre some children settle really quickly into their new surroundings while others may take a little longer. We encourage parents to talk to their child about their day and spend a few minutes playing with their child and with room staff so that your child is comfortable and secure.

Parents may ring the centre as often as they require ensuring that your child is settled. Over the coming weeks children will settle and develop an understanding of room routine whilst making friends.

We hope that families and children have a rewarding and fulfilling year with us as we begin 2012.

We invite parents to speak with us freely and as often as needed so that your concerns are addressed spontaneously. Together we will strive to make our centre a place of learning and enjoyment.