

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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WELCOME IN 2012

National Quality Framework Early Years Learning Framework.

We are thrilled to welcome back our families from 2011 and warmly welcome our new families for 2012. This is an exciting year for the child care industry with the implementation of the National Quality Framework which aims to raise quality and drive continuous improvement in education and care services. The National Quality Framework came into affect on 1st January 2012.

The new National Quality Standards brings seven Key Quality Areas that are important to outcomes for children. These are:

QA1 Educational program and practice

QA2 Children's health and safety

QA3 Physical environment

QA4 Staffing arrangements

QA5 Relationships with children

QA6 Collaborative partnerships with families and communities

QA7 Leadership and service management

We invite families to take a parent information pack about the National quality Framework located in the foyer.

Early Years Learning framework, a national curriculum from birth to 5 years .These outcomes are reflective in our programs , portfolios and centre policies. We look forward to getting to know all our families in 2012 and know that by sharing connections we will create the best possible learning environment for your child.

STAFF NEWS

Baby Bunyip's Room: Miss Kelly ,Miss Anita & Miss Micaela

Playful Possums Room: Miss Justine, Miss Caitlin & Miss Ainslie

Busy Bees: Miss Amie, Miss Nikki & Miss Ainslie

Outdoor: Miss Micaela

Casual Staff: Miss Elizabeth

All staff are keen to know your child and work with them throughout the year, so please take a few minutes each day to ask room staff about your child's day and share any concerns that you have. We believe that it is through day to day conversations with families that we can make a significant difference to the learning and lives of the children in our care. (NQS 4,6&7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

For families who are new to JumpStart 4 Kids, each room develops a program on a weekly basis that focuses on a particular stimulus area that develops skills and interests for children.

Spontaneous activities are included and are reflected by the daily program evaluation sheets that are displayed in each room. We invite families to view room programs and evaluations and make comments.

FAMILY FOCUS



Make you child a star for the week

Parents, children and family play a significant role in our programming at Jumpstart 4 Kids We ask all families to complete a family focus sheet for their child expressing their interests and activities that they enjoy during their time with family. Completing this sheet we can make your child a star of the week.

During the MONTH of January each room will be getting to know your child and your family. Please support us by providing us with a family photo and speaking with staff so that we can get to know the needs of your child and family.

(NQS 1.5.&6)

PORTFOLIOS

Each child has an individual portfolio that captures developmental skills, observations and a variety of craft and activities that are completed by your child during their time with us. We ask all parents to complete a brief question sheet for their child so that this can form part of their portfolio. Parents are welcome to view their child's portfolio at any time. (NQS 1, 5, 6, &7)



INCURSIONS FOR 2012

Throughout 2012 we will be inviting a variety of different organisations to present shows and activities to the children. We wish to notify parents that these will be at an additional cost to families of \$8 throughout the year. (NQS 1, 5, 6 &7)



BUSY BEES – READY TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program commences in January. Children will be learning letter names and letter recognition as well as Numeracy skills from 1 - 10. Children will identify their first name this term and we strongly support parental assistance in these areas.

WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO BRING EACH DAY

Baby Bunyip's 0-2 yrs

- Bottles labeled, caps included
- Food Requirements
- Dummies labeled
- Special toy
- 5-7 Nappies - Daily
- Baby wipes
- Sheet sets if sleeping on Beds (Please speak with staff)
- Sun hat



ALL ITEMS ARE TO BE LABELLED

Playful Possums & Busy Bees

- Sheet sets for rest time labeled
- Fruit
- Lunch please minimise items that require heating
- Sun hat , spare clothes (NQS 1,2,3,5,6,&7)

- Dummies Only for Rest Times Possums Only

SHEETS MUST NOT REMAIN AT THE CENTRE



We ask that all families take sheets home with them and return them on a daily basis. All sheets must be stored in your child's bag or a pillow case for

hygiene purposes.

NO, NO, NO AT ALL TIMES

NO NUTS, NO EGGS OR SHELL FISH ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO CHILDREN AS SOME CHILDREN HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIES TO THESE FOODS.

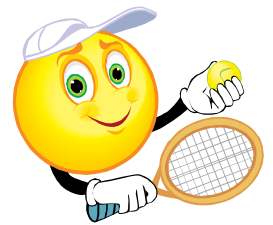
NO HAT NO PLAY CLOTHING

Children are required to wear Sun Safe clothing at Preschool this means:

T shirts - NO SHOE STRING STRAPS

Covered in shoes – NO THONGS
SUN HATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY

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



FEE INFORMATION

ALL LATE FEES INCUR a \$20 late fee per week.



Parents are reminded that they are required to pay their weekly Fee on the first day of attendance each week.

We would ask all families to be respectful of this request. (NQS 6&7)

DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gift over the Christmas period please consider the centre.

We warmly welcome all our families for 2012 and we look forward to sharing a prosperous and rewarding year with all our children and their families.

Jump Start 4 Kids Staff