

Jumpstart 4 Kids



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FAMILY FOCUS

ALL FAMILIES FOR MARCH WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

Each room uses a family focus each week to connect experiences of children and families to our weekly program. This is a fantastic way to make your child the star of the week.



During the **Month of March** we encourage all families to complete a **Family Focus sheet**. These are located in the foyer next to the sign on sheets. The family focus sheets are a great way to tell us about the activities that you and your child enjoy at home and with your friends and family. If your child went to the park, a party, a family celebration or simply enjoyed an activity at home we would love to hear about it. Simple write down a few sentences to retell the event.

Room staff are really keen to make your child's experiences part of our daily programs.

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

- Beach Week
- Celebrations
- Zoo Week
- Easter

PLAYFUL POSSUMS:

- Beach Week
- St Patrick's /Celebrations
- Nutrition
- Easter

BABY BUNYIPS:

- Beach Week
- Multicultural Week - St Patrick's Day
- Music Week
- Easter

THANKYOU CONSTABLE THORN

We were thrilled to have Constable Thorn (Jessica's and Daniel's' Dad)attend the centre on Wednesday 22nd February. The Busy Bees had been learning about the different occupations that adults have in our community. Constable Thorn gave his time to speak to the children about his role as a police officer. The children loved trying on his police hat , jacket and the fantastic body stickers. The Possums and the Bees listened really well and learned about what it is like to be a policeman . We certainly have a few young children who hope to be a member of the police force in the future.



FAMILY PHOTOS

We ask all families to provide us with a family photo. Families are invited to bring in a photo that we are happy to photocopy for our family tree and room displays . Thank you (NQA 1,2,5&6)

ASTHMA TRAINING

On Wednesday 21st MARCH the staff will have training at the centre for Asthma . we ask all families to collect children no later than 5.30 pm . Thank you



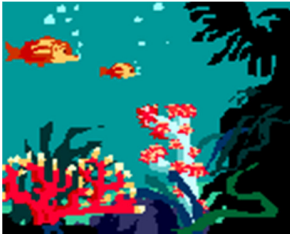
BUSY BEES – READY TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program commenced in January. Children will be learning letter names and letter recognition using the "Ants in the Apple" program as well as Numeracy skills from 1 -10.

Children will identify their first and last name. Children will be learning how to develop correct letter formation using foundation handwriting.

We strongly support parental assistance in these areas. (NQA 1,5,6&7)

UNDER THE SEA SHOW: 8th MARCH



On Thursday 8th March all children will be involved in the Under the Sea show. This is fantastic show that allows all children to explore creatures

found at the beach and under the sea.

Children will experiences hands-on interactions and learn about animals and habitats. We remind all families that final payment for this show is due no later than the 8th March. (NQA 1, 6 & 7)



EASTER RAFFLE

We ask all families to donate an Easter egg to our Easter baskets . We hope to raise \$349.00 for an outdoor climbing frame .

Raffle tickets are placed in the foyer and will be drawn at our Grandparents afternoon tea on Friday 30th March at 3:15pm . We encourage all families to support this Fundraiser. (NQA 6&7)

BOOKLETS \$10 each .



EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL

On Friday 24th February we had our first Emergency Evacuation Drill . It is important that all children and staff are familiar with this process and are prepared if an emergency evacuation is required. All staff and children are alerted by 3 sharp whistle blows. Staff then support children in making their way out of the centre and towards the safe area that is designated in the front car park highlighted by a yellow stripe. Staff take rolls and a phone with them and contacts for families so that we can call families in case of an emergency.

After this drill staff spoke to children about the drill and the importance of good listening. We would be appreciative of parents could spend some time with their children talking about emergency evacuation procedures and the zero. zero, zero emergency number for Police, fire and ambulance. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

PARENTS PLAESE READ IMPORTANT

Unfortunately we still have some families who are not labeling items, we would urge all families to have all their children's items labeled. The lost property basket will have contents removed at the end of a two week period. Please check this regularly for your child's belongings.

PARENTS PLAESE CHECK DO YOU HAVE

- Bottles labeled, caps included
 - Dummies labeled
 - 5-7 Nappies - Daily
 - Baby wipes
 - Sheet sets if sleeping on Beds (Please speak with staff)
 - Sun hat
 - Fruit
 - Lunch please minimise items that require heating
 - Spare clothes
- NQA 2,5,6&7)



ST PATRICKS DAY 16th March

We will be celebrating St Patrick's Day on Friday 16th March. we ask all

children to wear something Green.

GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA



Friday 30th March 3:15pm - 4.00pm

We would like to invite all our wonderful grandparents

to join us for a very special afternoon tea to celebrate what you mean to us. Grandparents play a special part in the lives of children. Many children have special people who are like grandparents and we would love to extend an invitation to the special people in your child's life. Mums, Dad's and family are also very welcome.

The children will be cooking to create special treats to share. Room staff will have children's portfolios on displays in rooms for families to view. We will also draw our Easter Raffle during the afternoon tea.

PARENT FORUM 28th March

Throughout the year we hold 3 Parent Forums. These commence at 6.00pm and conclude at 7.00pm . This is an opportunity for parents to discuss issues with families and for us to share with you the programming . learning and planning for the centre in 2012. we hope to share this evening with as many families as possible. We value the input of families and if you are unable to attend on the night you are very welcome to place on item on the agenda in your absence. We look forward to meeting many of our new families for 2012 on the night. Kind Regards John and Maree.

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

SUN SAFETY

Jumpstart4 Kids is a Sun Safe centre. To comply as a Sun Safe centre we must update our policy every two years. We recently updated this policy and lodged this with the Caner Council. we ask that all families support this policy by ensuring the following :

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

30+ Sun screen is applied 20 minutes prior to outdoor play. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

MARCH EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

16th - St Patrick's Day - Please wear Green

21st - Harmony Day please wear orange

21st - ASTHAM TRAINING Collection 5.30pm

26th - Support Epilepsy Please wear Purple

28th- Parent Forum 6.00pm- 7.00pm

30th - Grandparents afternoon Tea

DONATIONS

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

Daniel and Angela - Sydney -Possums

Maryanne & Mick - Beau - Possums

Feve & Kim - Kim - Possums

Dane & Kylie - Ryan - Bunyips

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

As many parents would be aware 2012 is significant for the childcare industry as it introduces the National Quality Framework and quality areas that childcare centres across Australia will be aligned with. Currently we are developing our Quality Improvement plan and we welcome parent comments and suggestions in our creation of this document. we will be discussing this at our Parent Forum and hope hear from our families at this evening and through our daily conversations with you. We hope to celebrate with all our families at our Grandparents afternoon on Friday 30th March.

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