

Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 1, 2009 January & February

WELCOME

We are thrilled to welcome back our families from 2008, and warmly welcome our new families for 2009. Our end of year Christmas Celebrations were a great success. Santa was very kind to visit us all the way from the North Pole and he has passed on a very important message for our children at Jumpstart 4 Kids. **BUT WHAT WAS HIS MESSAGE?** Santa wanted to thank all the children for their wonderful singing and hoped that he would see them this year. So to all our children, thank you for being so wonderful in 2008. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas with your family and that you have a productive and fun filled year with us.

STAFF NEWS

Miss Stacey has joined us as our Early Childhood teacher. Stacey has a wealth of experience and will be working in the Busy Bees room in 2009. Miss Stacey will support the children in their preparation to school with Miss Kelly and Miss Emma. Miss Stacey has already made significant contributions to the centre and as a mum she is very in tune with parents needs. Please feel free to discuss with Miss Stacey your child's progress at any time.

Miss Carlie has also returned after seeing her own son commence school. Miss Carly will be assisting in the Baby Bunyips room.

Miss Sacha and Miss Jelena are also joining us for 2009. Both 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.

(QIAS 1,2, &7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES



During the MONTHS of January and February the **BUSY BEES** room will be learning and exploring:

1. Chinese New Year
2. Native Animals
3. Nutrition
4. Healthy
5. Sea week and
6. Sun safety



The **PLAYFUL POSSUMS**

will be engaged in learning about

1. Australia
2. Sea Week
3. Sun Safety
4. Native Animals
5. Nutrition and
6. Health



We encourage children and parents to discuss these areas and to bring in items. The PLAYFUL POSSUMS and the BUSY BEES will welcome these items for the children's news. If there are any parents who are Doctors, Nurses, Vet's, or who work around any of our related themes who can assist and have the time to talk with the children we would be really appreciative (QIAS 2, 3 & 4)

INCURSIONS FOR 2009

Throughout 2009 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 throughout the year. We will ensure that the cost of these activities is between \$5.00 - \$8.00 for each activity. We thank you for your support. (QIAS 2, 3 & 4)

FEE INFORMATION CHANGES NO LATE FEES

During the first week of February we will be changing from our current system to the Child Care Management System CCMS.



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO FAMILIES? All child care information will now be reported weekly instead of 4 times a year. This means that Fees will need to be paid WEEKLY and that ALL Fees must be finalized by the end of each week. Families will be able to view child care details from the online services of the Centrelink website www.centrelink.gov.au. This statement will include information about CCB payments and absences.

All families will receive a pamphlet explaining these changes during the week beginning 2nd February 2009. We have ordered a number of different languages so that families can access this information, so please ask staff if you have any questions in relation to this process. (QIAS 1 & 2)

WHAT CHILDREN NEED TO BRING EACH DAY

Baby Bunyip's 0-2 yrs

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



Playful Possums & Busy Bees

- Sheet sets for rest time labeled
- Fruit
- Lunch please do not include items that require heating
- Sun hat (QIAS 1,2,5,6,&7)



DAILY FOOD REQUIREMENTS.

FRUIT NEEDED EVERY DAY

Children will be offered fruit platters at morning and afternoon tea times. Children will only be offered their healthy snacks during lunch. Children may bring another drink for lunch times. Water is available at all times for children.

NOTE: Please do NOT bring food that requires heating. Children in the Busy Bees room will need to prepare for school.

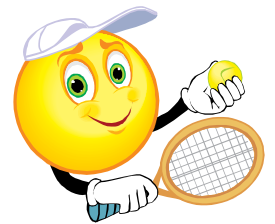


Heating food takes staff away from the children. Please ensure that healthy lunches are provided with an assortment of fresh salads, and fruits. **NO JUNK FOOD and NO NUTS**

NO HAT NO PLAY

Please be aware that all children require a protective sun hat for all outdoor activities.

Parents can order Hats through the front Office. Hats and T - Shirts are \$10.00 each.



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**



Orders are now being taken for JUMPSTART 4 KIDS T- shirts and Hats. Hats and shirts are \$10.00 each. Orders will be placed at the conclusion of February. Please see staff for ordering details. Payments must be made prior to orders being taken. **ORDER SHEET IN FOYER.**

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

NO TOYS

WHAT CHILDREN ARE NOT TO BRING TO THE CENTRE?

Recently we have had children bring in iPods and expensive items to preschool. Items for News are welcomed but we ask that children do not bring cars, toys or Nintendo games. These items distract children from group activities and cause unrest. We would be appreciative if parents could assist us with this. Children bringing items from home will have them placed in a bag and left in the front office. Parents may collect these items at the conclusion of the day.



PARENT'S CORNER

Many of our families seek information from staff about their child's development and health issues. In the foyer we have created a special space for families to view articles that may assist you in attaining information to support your child and family. Please feel free to take pamphlets from this folder for your information at any time. If we do not have the information that you require please do not hesitate to speak to one of our staff and we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

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CAR SAFETY:



Child restraints are a legal requirement for the safety of all children. Please ensure that all children are correctly restrained in car seats when arriving and leaving the centre. Under No circumstances are children to be left unattended in the car park.

CHILDRENS SAFETY

Please ensure that parents close the front gate and the front door behind them. We are all responsible for the safety and well being of our precious children.

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



DONATIONS

Thank you to Mrs. Sherrie McFadden for her recent donation of Toys. The children are actively using these and we thank you for your generosity.

Families who may be cleaning out their children's room may like to consider donating Toys, Books, dress ups to the centre. These donations are always appreciated. (QIAS 2,3&4)

SURVEYS

We ask that All families complete our accreditation survey. Your input is important for us, as we continue to provide quality care for your children. (QIAS 2)

PARENT FORUM



Our First Parent Forum for 2009 will be on **Wednesday 25th February at 6.00pm – 7.00pm.**

All parents are invited to attend. We will be focusing on our Accreditation Process along with the program format for each room, as well as proposed incursions for 2009. So join us for some light refreshments as we begin what is sure to be a wonderful year. (QIAS 2 & 7)

A FINAL THOUGHT

The sensory world of the child is magical. Children learn through sight, sound, smell, taste and touch, movement and exploration. Research suggests sensory play benefits brain development. There are lots of ways to stimulate your child's senses, (cooking, sensory garden, play dough, sand play) and doing so will help your child expand their imagination. So take some time to share these experiences with your child so that they can enjoy these wonderful experiences.