

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

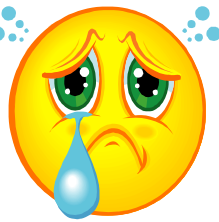
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## ACCREDITATION PROCESS

We are slowly coming to the business end of this process. We sincerely thank all our parents who have taken the time complete our surveys. The Validation visit will take place at any time after the 10<sup>th</sup> March. This will mean that a two day visit will be undertaken to view our centre polices and procedures. (QIAS 2& 7)

## RECENT THEFT- SOME SAD NEWS

At the conclusion of last year our main focus was to develop resources for our outdoor program. Many families commented on our new outdoor tables, umbrellas, painting easels, slide, benches and additional resources that were purchased for the start of 2009. Like you we were also delighted with these purchases. The children had a great time with these and it was wonderful to place our hard earned fundraising back into the centre for the children's enjoyment. Unfortunately some members of our community are not so caring towards the needs of children. A recent theft has resulted in these items being taken. We hope that our Easter Fundraiser will assist us in replacing these items. Our vigilance in security will continue and we hope that parents can support us through their active support of our fundraisers this year. (QIAS 2 & 5)



## EASTER RAFFLE

We would ask that each child donates an Easter Egg towards our Easter Raffle. Tickets will be issued the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We hope that parents can

be especially active in supporting this fundraiser so that we can replace some of our stolen items. We will have three baskets to raffle. All tickets \$1.00 . (QIAS 2 & 4)

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

During the MONTH of March the **BUSY BEES** room will be learning and exploring:



1. Social Awareness
  2. Colours
  3. Numbers
  4. Recycling
- and moving towards Easter

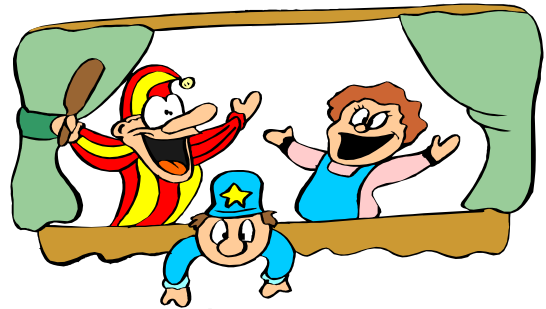
The **PLAYFUL POSSUMS** will be engaged in learning about

1. Health
2. Transport
3. Fairytales
4. Nursery Rhymes



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. We would welcome any books, craft ideas on these themes or any recycling material that you have for our craft experiences. (QIAS 2, 3 & 4)

## PUPPET SHOW 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00AM



On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March we have a Puppet show for ALL children. Children attending on Wednesday will be charged \$6.00 for this experience. All families will need to have made payment by 13<sup>th</sup> March. Children who do not attend on Wednesday but would like to attend are also welcome. Simply place your child's name on an envelope with the \$6.00 included. (QIAS 3 & 4)

## ASTHMA in Children



Recently Miss Elizabeth attended an in-service about Asthma. Any child with Asthma is required to have an Asthma Plan completed by their doctor and provided to the centre.

**This Plan needs to be updated every three months** and provided to the centre even if the condition has not changed. All changes require written confirmation from the treating doctor.

We ask that all families notify the centre if their child has Asthma so that we can provide you with documentation to be completed by your treating doctor. A severe asthma attack for a child can be fatal, so it is imperative that all families convey any medical needs about your child upon enrolment and when a condition arises through written documentation from a treating doctor.

All staff have been instructed through our recent staff meeting about updated Asthma procedures. Presently we are updating our Asthma policy and procedures to reflect these changes. These will be available for parent comments at our next Parent Forum in April.



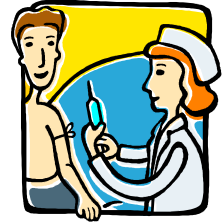
## MEDICATION & ILLNESS

Any child requiring medication to be administered must have notification from a treating doctor.

Please be aware that if a staff member contacts a parent to collect their child through illness collection must take place as soon as possible. This is to avoid contact with other children and to provide an opportunity to families to have their child attended to as soon as possible. We thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

## IMMUNISATION

Please be aware that immunisation records need to be kept up to date at all times. If you have not provided an up to date immunisation record to the centre this year we would ask that families provide this information by the end of March 2009. (QIAS 5, 6 & 7)



## FEE INFORMATION CHANGES

We have now transitioned across to the Child Care Management system CCMS. Please be aware that all receipts will be issued on Monday afternoons for the previous week. Parents are required to keep all fees in advance as we are now reporting weekly to family assistance. Parents are encouraged to take a pamphlet about CCMS from the front foyer. If parents have any questions in relation to receipts or bills please do not hesitate to speak to Maree or John in the afternoons.

Families will be able to view child care details from the online services of the Centrelink website [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au). This statement will include information about CCB payments and absences. (QIAS 1 & 2)



## 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. (QIAS 6)

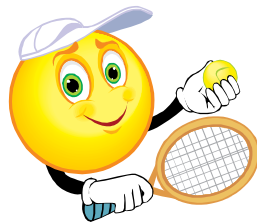
## NO HEATING FOR BUSY BEES

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** (QIAS 6)



## NO HAT NO PLAY

Please be aware that all children require a protective sun hat for all outdoor activities. **Please make sure that you child has a hat by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**



Parents can order Hats through the front Office. Hats and T – Shirts are \$10.00 each. (QIAS1, 5 & 6)

## 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.

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

## DONATIONS WE NEED YOUR HELP

### THEME BOXE RESOURCES:

All Room staff would like to create spontaneous play for the child. A great deal of this material can be collected through donations.

We are actively seeking large sturdy decorative boxes to store these theme items.

We would be grateful for any of the following items so that we can create these wonderful box resources.

## ITEMS THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED ARE:

- Picnic Baskets - Plastic plates , plastic cups, wine cups for outdoor play
- Baskets – any shapes or sizes
- Hair dressing items, - Rollers , brushes, small hair dryers, ( we will remove the cords for play ) empty shampoo bottles etc
- Shop play- Empty food boxes
- Beach Play – Blow up ball, tots, beach towels, spades, buckets.
- Dress ups
- Cooking items, small pots, pans, table cloths, spoons, whisks.
- Books , Paper , Craft items
- Pot plants, Plant containers, Seed packets.

**Mothers Day & Fathers Day Raffles.** If families have received unwanted gifts for Christmas that may make wonderful gifts for these Raffles through the year we would be appreciative.

(QIAS 2, & 4)

## PARENT FORUM



Our First Parent Forum for 2009 was held on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm – 7.00pm.**

I have included a copy of the minutes for all parents to view. The parent Forums will be conducted every two months. Our next Parent Forum will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April. So join us for some light refreshments. Parental input is vital to the continuous improvement and evaluation of our centre. (QIAS 2 & 7)

### **A FINAL THOUGHT** from Miss Elizabeth *The importance of music in early childhood.*

Children respond to music even if they aren't capable of standing up or dancing. It's never too early to start exposing your child to the wonderful world of music- rhythm, pitch, rhymes and melodies. All interaction helps with your baby's and child's development. Music helps with early speech development and also with early maths and spatial awareness.