

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## COMMUNICATION FOR PARENTS

At Jumpstart 4 Kids we are constantly communicating with families in relation to upcoming events and changes. These changes and information are displayed on the front door, notice board, newsletters and memos to families. It is important that families check these areas daily so that you can share in the learning experiences of your child and participate fully in the activities that are offered at Jumpstart 4 Kids. (QIAS 2& 7)

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

During the MONTH of May! the BUSY BEES room will be learning and exploring:

1. Family / Friends
2. Shopping
3. Circus
4. Dinosaurs

The PLAYFUL POSSUMS will be engaged in learning about

1. Family / Friends
2. Shopping
3. Farm animals
4. Circus (QIAS 2, 3 & 4)

## MOTHERS DAY - MORNING TEA

10.30am 6th May

### Cancer Foundation Fundraiser.

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated Mothers Day with many of our mums and grandmothers. The children spent the day making shortbread hearts, chocolate crackles and scones for their very special mums. We hope that all our special mums and grandmothers had a wonderful Mother's Day. Donations for our Biggest Morning Tea can still be made by placing donations in the box in the front foyer. We will forward these donations to the Cancer foundation at the conclusion of May. Thank you to Miss Stacey for organising this event with our children and families.

Congratulations to the following Children who won our Mothers day Prizes:

- 1st Prize Pooja –Busy Bees  
2nd Prize Clare – Busy Bees  
3 rd Prize – Jack Possums  
4th Prize – Ethan - Bunyips

## CADBURY FUNDRAISING

All families will receive a box of Freddos and Caramello Koalas commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. All chocolates are \$1.20. Each box has a sell price of \$57. 60. All money and unsold chocolates are to be returned to the Centre by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. We are grateful to any family who is able to sell additional boxes. These funds will be used along with our other fundraising funds to purchase outdoor play equipment for the children.



## COMPLAINT

### HANDLING (QIAS 1,2,7)

Recently we had a visit from the Ombudsman's office in regards to complaints handling. This was a random inspection and highlighted our processes for complaints that are forwarded to the centre from parents and staff. We are pleased to communicate with families that we have a very low number of parents and staff complaints and that when complaints are raised they are promptly dealt with. We would warmly invite any parent to discuss any concerns that they may have. It is often through the constructive input from families that we can change policies and provide a better service to families. Concerns can be addressed with room staff, Kelly our Authorised supervisor or Maree and John our Directors. All concerns are dealt with in confidence and parents are assured of a follow up. Should any family have any concerns please do not hesitate to discuss these with us. Alternatively parents can call Maree or John on the Jumpstart 4 Kids mobile 0400 9674511.



## **IMPORTANT NOTICE CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

From 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 all credit card payments below \$200.00 will be charged an additional Fee of \$1.00.

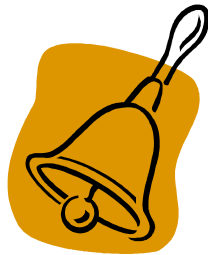
Cash and EFTPOS payments are the preferred options for payments. We ask that parents choose these two options as our charges for small credit transactions are becoming significant.

## **FEE INCREASES**

Due to increasing costs Fees will increase by \$2.00 a day commencing the first week in July. This is the first Fee increase in 12 months. We appreciate parents understanding in this regard. Last Year we did not increase Fees in line with other child care centres as we were concerned for the well being of families. Again we have minimised this increase to support all of our families at the centre. (QAIS 1,2,7)

## **DOOR BELL**

Our Door bell is positioned in each of the rooms so that staff can attend to parents. At times staff may be attending to a specific child's needs and may take a minute to answer the door. Staff always place the safety of children first and we ask that parents are patient knowing that we will answer the door as promptly and as swiftly as possible. We thank you for your consideration.



## **BED SHEETS**

Health and Safety Guidelines require that all children must have a fitted sheet and flat sheet for sleeping. We still have some children who are not provided with these items. Parents will have formal notification of this during the Month of May. Please ensure that your child has a fitted and flat sheet each day. These items can remain at the centre throughout the week but must be stored in a pillow case or bag to stop cross contamination. Please ensure that these are taken home at the conclusion of the week so that you can wash and return them for the start of a new week.



## **SHOES**

Please ensure that your child has closed in shoes. Thongs and open sandals are not appropriate footwear.

## **CLOTHING**

With the winter chill increasing we would like to remind parents to place a jacket in your child's bag. Parents can order long sleeve Jumpstart \$ Kids Shirt for \$15.00. Please see Maree if you would like to place an order.

## **FOOD**

Parents are reminded that we encourage healthy eating habits with all the children. Chips are not a healthy option and we ask that parents retain these snacks for home. We are a nut free centre and food items containing nuts or traces of nuts are not permitted at the centre. Many children are allergic to foods such as nuts, shell fish and eggs. We ask that all parents refrain from these products to ensure the safety and well being of all children at the centre. (QAIS 1,2,4,5,6,7,)

## **DISABLED PARKING.**

Currently at the centre we do have families who require the use of the disabled parking spot. We would ask that families only use this space if there are no other available parking positions.

## **CHILDREN IN CARS.**

Under no circumstances are children to be left unattended in cars in the Jumpstart 4 Kids car park. Whilst it may mean that parents will need to spend additional time placing children in and out of car restraints our concern, like parents is to ensure the care and safety of all children at all times. We would be appreciative of your support in this matter. (QAIS 1,2,4,5,6,7,)

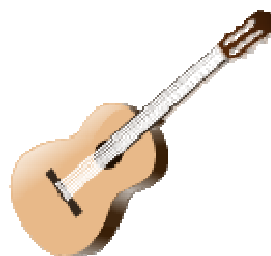
## **MUSIC AROUND THE WORLD**

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May the children experienced a 60 minute presentation of musical instruments



around the world. Greg entertained the children by introducing each instruments and having the

children dance to the different sounds. The children enjoyed this experience. (QIAS 3 & 4)



## IMMUNISATION RECORDS:

All children are required to present updated immunisation records to the centre. We will be asking all families through the month of May to provide an updated immunisation record to the centre. Please ensure that these are provided promptly to the centre. With the onset on winter we are aware that whooping cough and other ailments will be more prevalent. Parents are reminded that 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. High temperatures, Diarrhoea, Conjunctivitis, vomiting, slap cheek and frequency of green mucus are a few of the common notifications that will require immediate collection from parents. 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. (QAIS 6, 2)

## TUPPERWARE

Parents are able to make Tupperware orders though the Tupperware catalogues located in the front Foyer. Please complete these by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Parents wishing to book a Tupperware party are asked to Contact Christine to make a convenient time.

## CONGRATULATIONS - NEW ARRIVALS

Recently many of our children have been blessed with the safe arrival of a new baby brother or sister. Emily, Jack, Riya, Keenan, Kiera, Mshkat and Mudthir have all welcomed a new addition to their family. We know that the children will be wonderful helpers at home and care for their new babies.



## PARENT FORUM



Our next Parent Forum will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm. The parent Forum is a wonderful opportunity for parents to express their ideas in relation to the centre and to assist in the management decision making at the centre. We have included the minutes from the last meeting so that all parents can access the agenda items and related discussions. So join us for some light refreshments. Parental input is vital to the continuous improvement and evaluation of our centre. (QAIS 2 & 7)

## PARENT THANKYOU

A big Thank you to Nathan's mum Cathy who has generously donated a number of items to be used as prizes for our Mothers Day and Fathers day raffles. Also Kaliese's mum Danni had made numerous donations of toys to the centre. We thank all our families for their continuous generosity and support. (QAIS 1,2,3)

## WORK EXPERINCE

At Jumpstart Kids we regularly have students from TAFE and College who are undertaking studies in the Child care area. Currently we are supporting a student from Caroline Chisholm High each Wednesday for the next 18 weeks. Courtney is part of the Lighthouse Program which is a workplace mentoring program. We are delighted to have Courtney with us over the next few months.

## CUPCAKE INDULGENCE

Miss Amanda's talented sister Marisa creates wonderful cupcakes and cakes for all occasions. Perhaps you might like to have Marissa create your child's next birthday cake. All enquires are welcome on 0414 605 714. Please feel free to take a card or pamphlet from the front foyer or simply ask Miss Amanda in the Bunyips room

## A FINAL THOUGHT

Children learn by example and our most significant role models are parents and family. Talking to children and explaining why we behave or don't behave in a particular manner takes time but it is certainly a worthwhile strategy for all parents. So take the time to share conversations with your child knowing that together we are developing positive and caring people.

