

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## SWINE FLU

Hand washing plays a significant role in reducing the spread of disease. We would ask that all parents

support us by ensuring that you wash your hands and support good hygiene practices with your children prior to attending the centre.

Western Sydney has had a number of confirmed cases of swine flu and we would hate to see children at the centre contract diseases that are avoidable by simple hygiene measures.

**Hand washing - simple advice that makes a big difference**

Good hand-washing habits help to stop the spread of infection and reduce the amount of time teachers and children are absent from school due to infectious illness. Dr Paul Armstrong, NSW Health Acting Director of Communicable Diseases, said parents have a key role to play in ensuring their children know when to wash their hands.

Children should wash their hands:  
**Before they eat or handle food**

- After playing
- After blowing their nose
- After going to the toilet
- After touching their pets.

**Steps in washing hands are:**

- Wash with soap and running water
- Wash front and back of hands as well as between fingers and nails
- Rinse well with running water
- Dry well all over.

For a range of health information, go online to [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au) (QIAS 2, 5,6& 7)



## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

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

1. Fantasy / Heroes
2. Shapes
3. Occupations
4. Road Safety

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

1. Occupations
2. Exploring and Expressing
3. Space
4. Reptiles

(QIAS 2, 3 & 4)

## SPECIAL VISITORS



**On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am we will be having a special visit from the Blacktown Police. The children will learn how Police can assist them and also look at the special equipment that the Police use and their very special vehicles. It is important that children understand that Police are our friends and that if they become lost or if they are afraid that they can ask police for assistance.**

**The children and the Staff are all looking forward to this wonderful experience.**

## PORTFOLIOS

**All families have now received their child's portfolio. We were extremely grateful to the families who placed numerous photos of their children and extended family members. It is lovely to see the activities and experiences that our children share with their families. Thank you for sharing your lives with us.**

(QAI S2, 3,4, ,7)



## STAFFING CHANGES

Miss Emma joined us in 2008 as a Trainee. Emma has always aspired to working with children and has a love and passion for the children at the centre and their families. Miss Emma will be continuing her training in education and will be reducing her hours so that she can complete full time studies over the next 6 months. We would like to congratulate Emma on achieving her goal.

(QAIS 1.)



## Cancer Foundation Fundraiser.

Over the last few weeks we have been collecting money to assist with Cancer research. We are please to say that we donated \$50.00 towards this great cause. Many families have been affected by this disease.

## CADBURY FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all our families for supporting us with the Cadbury Fundraising chocolates. We have raised \$800 towards purchasing new equipment for the outside play areas. We look forward to the children enjoying stimulating equipment in the coming months.



## 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 6th July 2009

Due to increasing costs Fees will increase by around \$2.00 -\$3.00 a day commencing the first week in July. This is the first Fee increase in 12 months. This was discussed at the Parent Forum in May and Parents felt that this as a reasonable amount .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)

## DISABLED PARKING. PARKING FINES TO FAMILIES.

We would ask that families only use this space if there are no other available parking positions. It is a concern that parents are using this spot when there are other car parking spaces available. Please show your consideration to families and visitors to the centre by not parking in this space. Council can issue fines to people who park in these places without a disabled permit.

## 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 . We would be appreciative of your support in this matter. (QAIS 1,2,4,5,6,7.)

## FRONT DOOR;

It is important for all families to ensure that you shut the front door and gate behind you when leaving or entering the centre. This is for the safety of all children

## SICKNESS

With the winter months upon us, many children will develop coughs and colds. We would ask that all parents are vigilant in washing children's hands and supporting good hygiene to limit the spread of diseases. If children are going to be absent for any reason we would ask that you make a courtesy call to the centre before 9.30 am. Immunisation for all children needs to be maintained at all times. The immunisation schedule is attached for your use. Please approach your local doctor or Blacktown community health clinics for assistance with medical needs. (QAIS 6, 2)



## ASTHMA FORMS

We would like to remind all families that all Asthma Plans need to be updated every 3 months. Staff are not able to administer Asthma medication without written confirmation from a treating doctor. (QAIS 1,, 5,6,7.)



## CLOTHING

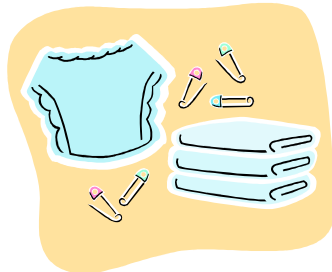
With the winter months with us parents can now purchase long sleeved JumpStart 4 Kids tops for \$15.00. Any parent wishing to make a hat or clothing order will need to see Maree by the end of June.

## SPARE CLOTHES

Please ensure that you have placed a spare set of clothes into your child's bag. Please place in underwear, a top and bottoms. Many children may have wet shoes through unavoidable accidents. We would suggest that a cheap pair of slip on slippers be placed in bags in case children require an additional pair of shoes.

## BABY NEEDS

It is important that all parents place in at least 5 Nappies daily and wet ones. If Parents are providing prescription creams for nappy rash they must be accompanied by written permission from a medical practitioner.



We would be appreciative if parents could make sure that they do NOT leave any items in children's bags, e.g. money, nappy rash creams. Hand creams, anti bacterial etc, as the children have access to these and pull these down. This is a serious safety concern for all children and we vigilantly ask parents for cooperation in this matter.

## SLEEPING NEEDS

All children require a fitted and flat sheet for sleeping. This is a health regulation. Please ensure that your child has a sheet set prior to their next visit.

## CD PHOTO'S

Many parents request copies of children photo's from time to time. Photos of rooms can be placed on a CD and Purchased through the centre for \$10.00. Parents will need to be aware that it is too difficult to extract photos of one child only and that the CD's will hold a collection of Photos from specific rooms. Parents have sighted permission for photos on enrolment forms. If parents have any objections to these CD's please see Maree or John by the end of June Prior to these CD being purchased by families.



## RESOURCES

We would be appreciative of the following donations

- Old make up
- Empty make up cases
- Old hair brushes
- Hairdryers
- Hair Rollers
- Hair clips
- Ribbons etc.
- This will allow us to make up a resource for hair and beauty for the children to use for dramatic play and exploration

(QAIS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7.)



## PARENT FORUM

Our next Parent Forum will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm. The Parent Forum assists in strategies for the centre and management decisions. For the wellbeing of all families. If you would like to offer your assistance or opinions please feel free to attend. If you are unable to attend, but would like an issue raised please pass this on to Staff as we are more than happy to raise all issues and provide written feedback through the minutes. So join us for some light refreshments. Parental input is vital to the continuous improvement and evaluation of our centre. (QAIS 2 & 7)



