

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## FUNDRAISING

Parents will have noticed that we have been purchasing a number of different items across the centre for our rooms. At the Parent Forums we openly discuss all purchases and fundraising amounts and suggested purchases from families. So What have we bought? Here is just a sneak preview of some of our new resources

- 3 See- Saws  
Books for our stimulus weeks  
Playpen / Slide Bunyips Room  
Beauty Area Busy Bees  
8 New Bikes  
Construction People \$300.00  
Additional Construction items  
Jumping Sacks  
Shopping Centre Busy Bee Room  
Outdoor Tunnels  
Craft Items - Assorted / moulding clay  
Outdoor Soccer Net  
Assorted Balls Outdoor  
Magnifying items Baby prams / cradles

We will be investigating a cubby house for outside as well as a blackboard near the sandpit area in the coming weeks. (QAIS 1,2,4,7)

## HELP REQUIRED.



Do we have any parents who are handy with Carpentry? We would love to create our new Cubby and blackboard with your help. If you are handy and could help one weekend we would love to hear from you.

## WEEKLY STIMULUS EXPERIENCES

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

1. Celebrations
2. Multicultural
3. Numbers
4. Shapes
5. Colours

The PLAYFUL POSSUMS will be engaged in learning about:

1. Pet Week
2. Shapes
3. Multicultural
4. Multicultural ( 2 Weeks)

(QAIS 2, 3 & 4)

## EVENTS FOR CHILDREN HEALTHY EATING VISIT

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August.  
The children will have a talk from Blacktown Fitness on Healthy Eating and Exercise. Kelly will discuss with the children why it is important for



children to have Healthy lifestyles and how to look after their bodies. The centre will cover the costs for this. (QAIS 5,1,6)

## BUG SHOW

Ranger Stacey will visit the Centre on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. Stacey will bring a variety

of animals for the children to see and touch. This will be a wonderful opportunity for children to see animals that they may not have come into contact with before. The cost of the day will be \$5.00 per child. We ask all families to make this payment by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. (QAIS 3,4)



## DENTAL AWARENESS

### August is Dental Awareness Month

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July we had a visit from 'Little Grinders' about Dental Hygiene. The Children were very excited about this and learnt the correct way to brush their teeth.

These steps included:

1. Scrub
2. Circles  
And Flicks.

Perhaps Parent might like to use these words to assist their child with correct oral hygiene. This presentation was paid by the Centre to support children and families with good oral hygiene. So Parents are asked to remember to provide children with milk and cheese daily. (QAIS 4,5,6,)



## STAFF NEWS

Recently Miss Elizabeth has taken three weeks leave for some well earned rest and relaxation. Miss Elizabeth is enjoying the break and will return in the coming weeks.

Miss Emma has recently commenced her Diploma in Children services and is attaining this qualification from an external college. Miss Emma will continue at the centre with changed shifts.

We are pleased to introduce another Miss Emma who will be part of the JUMPSTART 4 KIDS Staff. Miss Emma is completing her final year at university undertaking a degree in Early Childhood at University. Please feel free to have a chat to Emma about your child as we know that she is keen to get to know all our wonderful families.

## INSERVICES FOR STAFF

Over the last two months all staff at JumpStart 4 Kids completed in servicing on the following :

1. *Effective Programming – documenting Programs, Portfolios, observations and Evaluations.*

This was followed up by an all staff in-service on

2. *Supporting Children with Special needs through Effective Programming.*

Ms Sue Hastings led both evenings and provided staff with suggestions to record and reflect on the needs of the children at the centre. We believe that both of these evenings allowed all staff to have links between their programs, portfolios and observations.

We remind families that each room has a program developed at the commencement of each week and that this program is displayed in each room. We invite parents to make comments and suggestions to these programs so that together we can create a positive and meaningful learning environments for our children.

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



## SMOKING IN CARS



We have included 2 Fact Sheets from the NSW health department on the effects of smoking on children. Young children are significantly at risk through second-hand

tobacco smoke and this is greater in confined spaces such as cars.

At Jumpstart 4 Kids we have a ZERO tolerance for smoking and at no time is smoking permitted on the premises or within the car park area. We thank parents and visitors to the centre for their continued support and respect for the Health of children and staff. We hope that families read this material and promote safe and healthy life styles with their children and families. (QAIS4,5,6,)

## RECEIPTS for FAMILIES

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2009 all child care centres are required to issue to all families a four weekly statement to comply with family assistance legislation.

(QAIS 1,2,7,)



## HOW IS JUMPSTART 4 KIDS DIFFERENT?? TRAINED STAFF?

Many families may have noticed the recent media attention to have all child care workers trained. Many Parents may believe that all centres only employ trained or qualified staff. This is certainly **NOT the case**. Untrained staff is naturally more costly, but often they lack the insight and understanding that is required to care for children.

As Directors, we believe that formal qualifications are essential and from the commencement of the centre we have undertaken to employ trained staff so that we could provide families with the best care and learning opportunities for children whilst they are in our care. Additionally all staff have a current Senior First Aid certificate.

## CHILDRENS PORTFOLIOS.



Portfolios for children are a visual record of the achievements and activities that your child has completed during their day. This gives parents an idea

of the activities that they enjoyed and an opportunity for staff to record and develop observations about your child that show their development.

As a centre it is important for families to share the experiences of children within their family environment. For this reason we welcome families to record a special event or photo of their child in the portfolio. Often this builds relationships for families and the centre.

In the coming weeks we will be inviting each room to have portfolios displayed in the foyer for 1 week. Parents are asked to view their child's portfolio, speak with staff and record a comment in their child's portfolio. Families are invited to place photos in their child portfolio so that we can see the activities that children enjoy at home and with their families.

The Baby Bunyip - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August  
Playful Possums - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August  
Busy Bees - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August.  
(QAIS 1,2,3,4,7)



## FAMILY PORTRAITAITS

On Friday 11 September we will be having Family Portraits for \$10.00. These photographs are framed and make a wonderful gift or keepsake.

The family portrait must include two generations.

This will commence at 3.00pm

Please record your time and name on the Folder in the foyer. Families are required to make their \$10.00 payment prior to nominating a time.



## RYANS TOY WAREHOUSE

Last year we had a great night at the Ryan's Toy warehouse. This is not open to the general public and we are grateful to Mrs. Katherine Checuti for her ongoing support and her organisation of this night.

Get in early as last Year we had a few disappointed parents.

TICKERS \$5.00 per person

Please place your money in an envelope in the fee Box and record your name on the clip board in the foyer.

## FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

All children will receive Fathers Day

Raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Booklets \$10.00

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$395.00 Gym

Membership

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$30.00 Dan

Murphy Gift Voucher

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Men's Gift Set

(QAIS 1,2,4)



## DONATIONS

If parents are cleaning up their child's room we would be grateful for any of the following items.

### Donations for the following:

- Books,
- Puzzles,
- Toys,
- Craft items
- Ribbons
- Wool
- Balls
- Dolls. (QAIS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7)

## PARENT FORUM Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm.



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)

## CALENDAR EVENTS

Please place these dates in your Dairy:



### AUGUST

6<sup>th</sup> Jumpstart4Kids 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Party  
10<sup>th</sup> Fathers Day Raffle Tickets  
10<sup>th</sup> Health & Fitness Talk for children

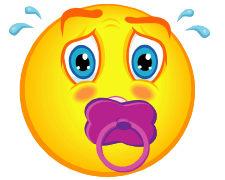
### SEPTEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> Fathers Day Raffle Drawn  
11<sup>th</sup> \$10.0 Family Portraits  
17<sup>th</sup> Bug Show  
29<sup>th</sup> Ryan's Toy warehouse Tour  
6.00pm \$5.00 ticket

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS.



We have included a brief article from this month's Sydney's Child. Many families struggle with dummies as their children become older. Many parents share different strategies for success. We hope that you enjoy this brief article.



## LITERACY for Children.

At Jumpstart 4 Kids we would like to promote families to support us with Literacy by

- Reading to their child.
- Engaging in conversations with their child through play.
- Using puppets to have conversations
- To ask your child questions to explore their feelings and opinions
- Allow them to use pencils and paper to write their name at home.

Children learn best when they can use their skills for learning at home and at preschool. Together we can make a significant difference to their learning of all children. (QAIS 12,3,7)

## THANKYOU

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August we celebrated our 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. Thank you to all our families who have shared the journey. Dylan McFadden, Emily Barnes and CJay Spoelder have experienced our last two years and we hope that all our families know how special they are to us, and of course the children who we care for on a daily basis.

Thank you to all our staff who continue to make JUMPSTART 4 KIDS such a wonderful place through their dedication, love and support.

