

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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WEEKLY STIMULUS EXPERIENCES

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

1. Music
2. Jumpstart Idol
3. Bugs
4. Reptiles & Insects

The PLAYFUL POSSUMS will be engaged in learning about:

1. Gardening
2. Bugs and Insects
3. Bugs and Insects
4. Jungle (QIAS 2, 3 & 4)

EVENTS FOR CHILDREN BUG SHOW

PAYMENT DUE NOW

Ranger Stacey will visit the Centre on Thursday the 17th 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. (QIAS 3, 4)



OUR SPECIAL GARDEN:

The children at Jumpstart are keen to make a vegetable garden in the front car park. The children have been busy growing bean and watermelon seeds and will soon have tomatoes, potatoes and mint to add to their garden. If parents have any old pot plant containers or plants to donate we would be appreciative. This area will provide an area of interest for the children and



encourage them to care for a project that is constantly changing. We hope that parents share the excitement with their child through this project.

FREE CHILDREN HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Enhanced Primary Care program

Parents with children aged 3 – 5 years are entitled to a FREE Kids Health Check. This is completed by talking to your family doctor. Example: If you are worried about your child's speech development you can ask your doctor to complete this form and have 5 free speech visits. *How can this help?* You can then have an assessment from a specialist that outlines your child's needs and have strategies suggested to you and the preschool so that you know how to help your child.

We urge all parents to speak with us about the benefits of this program. Staff will be speaking with families in the coming weeks about this program if we believe parents need to access this for their child.

SICKNESS

If your child is sick we ask that you keep your child at home. Our policy states that if your child has two episodes of diarrhea or is vomiting then parents must collect their child immediately. It is inconsiderate to others if families bring in sick children to the centre. (QIAS 6, 2)



CHILD ABUSE: NEVER EVER.

Did you know that over 30,000 individual children were abused or neglected in Australia last year?

No child ever deserves this experience. With the start of National Child Protection Week in September join us in support to stop this often hidden abuse.

Go to www.preventingchildabuse.com.au and complete the on line survey.

HATS:

It is a requirement of the centre that all children wear a hat during outdoor play. From Monday 15th of September no child will be allowed outside if they do not have a hat. They will be required to sit under the shade or inside until parents purchase a hat. We are now taking orders for hats and T-shirts and ask that parents rectify this situation ASAP.



With increasingly sunny days, it is important that children's skin is protected. Whilst the centre does provide sunscreen this is only one form of sun protection. Please place a hat in your child's bag for their next visit.

CLOTHING:

With the summer months approaching it is important that children are provided with protective footwear and clothing. Children are not to wear thongs to the centre. Shoe string straps are also not appropriate as children's shoulder need to be covered at all times. We would be appreciative if parents could assist us with this.



CONTACTS DETAILS

Recently we had an unfortunate incident where a child was required to be collected from the centre and all the contacts that had been provided at the time of enrolment were incorrect. For the safety of your child we are asking that all parents check with their room leaders and clarify contact details during the week commencing the 7th of September. It is very distressing for children and staff in times of an emergency if parents / carers are not contactable. I would ask that all parents place this request as a priority for their children.



STAFF NEWS – A FAREWELL

Miss Jelena will be completing her CertIII in Children Services at TAFE. Jelena has been a valuable member of our team and she is keen to progress in the child care industry by enhancing her own knowledge. We wish her the very best in her full time studies as she pursue her passion for working with children.

INSERVICES FOR STAFF

Let's talk about it. This in-service was a practical in-service at Westmead children's hospital in Wednesday 2nd of



September. Miss Lisa and Miss Maree attended this in-service and will present this information to the staff on Monday the 15th of September at the staff meeting. Language and speech is an important aspect of a child's development during the ages of 2 -3years. Children who do not achieve speech by the age of 3 needs to have a referral to a speech therapist through their family doctor. The earlier intervention is provided the better the learning outcomes are for children. **Parents can have 5 free speech assessments by speaking with their family doctor under the Enhanced Primary Care Program.**

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

CHILDRENS PORTFOLIOS.

Portfolios for children have now been provided to all families to view. We would e appreciative if all families could return these portfolios to the centre by Monday the

September of 15th. Families will be provided with a courtesy phone call to return these portfolios if they are not returned after this date.

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





FAMILY PORTRAITS

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 3.30pm

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

29th of September:

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.



DONATIONS

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

Donations for the following:

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

WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES

Fathers Day Winners

- 1st Prize – Gym Membership - Paige Manga**
- 2nd Prize – Khaiber - Dan Murphy's Voucher**
- 3rd Prize – Mens Gift Set – Jack Cully**

CALENDAR EVENTS

Please place these dates in your Dairy:

SEPTEMBER

- 11th \$10.0 Family Portraits**
- 17th Bug Show \$5.00 per child**
- 29th Ryan's Toy warehouse Tour
6.00pm \$5.00 ticket**

OCTOBER

Visit from the Fire Brigade date to be confirmed.

DECEMBER: 8th

**Tuesday 8th December Christmas Party
Blacktown Sportsman Club
Reservoir Road Blacktown.**

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS CONCERT NIGHT.

Join us as we celebrate the end of the Year. All attending

children will receive a gift from Santa on the Night. Children are asked to dress up in their Christmas costumes and colours.



Children's Tickets \$7.00 Includes dinner / sweet bag and gift from SANTA

ADULTS 7.00. Each

Additional Children's Tickets \$7.00

Family Tickets 25.00 2 – Adults 2- Children

Available for Purchase from 1st of October.

FINAL THOUGHTS

As parents we are active role models to our children. Let's create the best possible environments for our children so that they always feel loved and secure.

