

# 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. Body Parts
2. Emotions
3. Types of Food
4. Safety – Fire / Water (QIAS 2, 3 & 4)

## LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN

### RSPCA TALK

Miss Sacha has a real love for all animals and knows how important it is for children to know how to approach dogs, so that children are not harmed.



On Wednesday the 7th of October Miss Sacha organised the RSPCA to talk to the children about safe approaches to dogs.

*The children learnt in the presence of a dog's owner to:*

1. Ask the owner "May I please pat your dog?"
2. Offer your hand with a closed fist for the dog to sniff.
3. Pat the dog on the chest, not the head or the back.

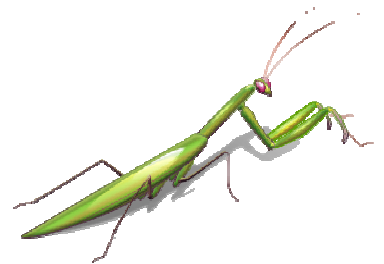
*If they are approached by a strange dog without an owner to:*

4. **BE A TREE.** Stand like a tree with your hands by your side with closed fists. Don't move.
5. **BE A ROCK:** If you are on the ground do not stand up. Curl up like a rock with clenched fists over your ears.

## DO YOU HAVE A SPARE BIRD CAGE FOR OUR BUGS?

On Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September the children enjoyed a very special bug show.

We now have a stick insect and leaf insect as centre pets which the Possums are caring for. If any one has a spare small bird cage that they are not using and would like to donate we would be appreciative



### GARDEN:

The children have been successful in their growing of tomatoes and have recently planted watermelon. If you have any spare tomatoes stakes or pots please feel free to donate threes to the centre.



If you have any plants that we could use to add to our garden we would be most appreciative.

## PARENTS CORNER INFORMATION THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW.



### ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S LANGUAGE OR HEARING??



### 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.

### 2010 ENROLMENTS

This year as parents would be aware we had limited vacancies throughout the year and we were only able to accommodate new families when families were taking holidays overseas or moved from the immediate area.

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We ask that all families confirm their positions for 2010 as we are going to once again have limited positions available. If families have any friends that require positions for 2010 we would ask that these families complete the enrolment process as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

### OPENING TIMES

A reminder to all parents that the centre opens at 7.00 – 6.00pm.

NO parent is permitted to enter the premises prior to 7.00am. Staff will be on the premises, but use this time to organise rooms for the day's programs. It is against our licensing agreement to have this happen and we ask that all parents are respectful of this.

LATENESS of parents. All children need to be collected by 5.45 pm at the latest. This means that parents are exiting the centre at this time. This allows staff to make the final adjustments and checks for the day. Children often become distressed when they are collated late. Again we ask for parent's consideration in this matter.

### HATS:

It is a requirement of the centre that all children wear a hat during outdoor play. If parents would like to order hats or T-shirts please see Mare or John. These items must be paid in full prior to orders being taken.

### POLICY NO HAY NO PLAY

### CLOTHING:

With the summer months approaching it is important that children are provided with protective footwear and clothing.

**NOT ALLOWED:**  
**NO THONGS**  
**NO STRING STAPS**  
**ALL SHOULDERS**  
**MUST BE COVERED**



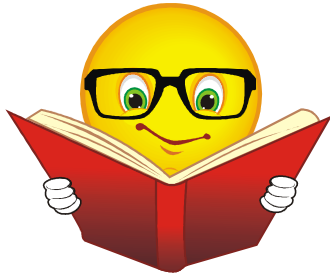
## STAFF NEWS – WELCOME MISS EMMA

Miss Emma O' Keefe has now joined our staff. Emma has settled in well and has a real compassion for all the children.

Miss Lisa will be taking 2 weeks holidays from the 12<sup>th</sup> of October and Miss Kelly will also be taking week's holidays from the 19<sup>th</sup> of October. We wish both Lisa and Kelly a relaxing and enjoyable break.

## CHILDRENS PORTFOLIOS.

PLEASE RETURN ALL OUTSTANDING PORTFOLIOS NOW. Families will have personal phone calls are a reminder. (QAIS 1, 2, 3, 4, 7)



## PARENT HELP

### A BIG THANKYOU

Thank you to Mrs. Katherine Checuti (Chloe and Lilly's Mum) for her organisation of the Ryan's Toy warehouse night. This opportunity is a great fundraiser for the centre and a wonderful opportunity to add new resources to the centre. All families had a great night and we look forward to next year's event.

Thank you to Mrs. Kylie Robinson (Mickayla's mum) for donating pots for our garden.

Thank you to Mrs. Cathy Jackson (Nathan's mum) for donating a glass container for our bugs during their first week at the centre.

**TO ALL OUR FAMILIES THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSTANT SUPPORT.**



## DONATIONS

With Christmas approaching many families will be busy making new space for new items please consider the centre for items such as:

**Donations for the following:**

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

## CALENDAR EVENTS

Please place these dates in your Dairy:

### OCTOBER

Visit from the Fire Brigade date to be confirmed.

### DECEMBER: 8<sup>th</sup>

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Party**  
Blacktown Sportsman Club  
Reservoir Road Blacktown.

## PARENTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

**24<sup>th</sup> December:** Collecting of children. We ask that all families collect their children no later than 4.30 pm on Christmas Eve. If there are any problems please see Maree or John. Please place this in your dairy now.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> of October.**