

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## ACCREDITATION PROCESS

On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March we experienced a successful Accreditation visit. Our Assessor was very supportive of our centre and complimented us on our processes and relationships with children and families. Attached to this newsletter is a parent Fact sheet about Parent-Carer Partnerships and the benefits of this bond for everyone. When viewing this information it is evident that at Jumpstart 4 Kids we can certainly feel confident that we are building a positive community through our ongoing communication. Please take some time to read this material so that together we can continue to build this effective partnership. We will keep families informed about the final accreditation report. (QIAS 2 & 7)



## EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for all those children who have donated an Easter egg for our Easter raffle. Our Easter Raffle Baskets are on Display in the front Foyer. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April so please ensure that all tickets are returned by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. (QIAS 2 & 4)

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

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

1. Zoo
2. Weather / Seasons
3. Time
4. Family and Friends

The PLAYFUL POSSUMS will be engaged in learning about

1. Dinosaurs
2. Zoo Animals
3. Weather & Seasons
4. Family and Friends (QIAS 2, 3 & 4)



## RECYCLING – BUSY BEES

During Recycling week Miss Kelly and Miss Stacey have been busy speaking to the children about how we can be active in recycling at preschool and at home. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April Miss Stacey has organised a Visit from Blacktown City Council to speak to the children about Recycling. The children will also be engaged in creating our first worm farm. We congratulate the Busy Bees on their recycling and environmental venture. Parents can actively support children by listening to the skills and knowledge that they have learnt through this experience and perhaps becoming involved in recycling at home.

## EMERGENCY HELPERS

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Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 11.30 am  
ALL WELCOME

As many families are aware all children at the centre have been busy completing the emergency helpers program. This program assists children in understanding the basic steps to follow in times of emergencies. We can never underestimate the skills and assistance that can be offered by our children. On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April the ambulance service will visit the centre and outline to the children what services they offer and how they assist people in need. Perhaps some of our children may be ambulance officers in the future. (QIAS 4,5 & 6)

## MUSIC FROM AROUND THE WORLD Performance Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May



On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May the children will have a performance of musical instruments from around the world. This experience will allow children to see the variety of musical instruments that are found in a variety of culture as they develop an awareness and appreciation of our very multicultural world.

Children who do not attend on this day are very welcome to come along. The cost of this for each child will be \$7.00. Payment will be due by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please place your child's name on an envelope with \$7.00 and place this in the Fees box. After the success of our recent Puppet show we are sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy this experience. QIAS 1, 2, 3 & 4)

## MOTHERS DAY - MORNING TEA 10.30am 8<sup>th</sup> May

### Cancer Foundation Fundraiser.

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May we would like to invite all our special Mums, Aunts, Grandmothers and special female friends to our Mothers day Morning Tea. We would ask that mums make a gold coin donation which will be forwarded to as Part of the Biggest Morning Tea to the Cancer Foundation.

Your contribution of a plate for morning Tea will be greatly appreciated. As the Theme for this week will be about Friends and family this will be a wonderful opportunity to share a special moment with our loved ones. Dads are very welcome as well.

## BUSY BEES, POSSUMS & BUNYIP ROOM INFORMATION

- COMMUNICATION POCKETS



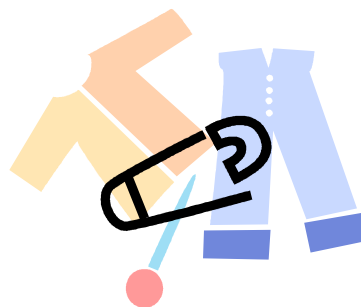
The Busy Bees and Possums room now have communication pockets located on the back of their store room doors. We would ask that parents check these communication pockets daily. This allows staff the opportunity to provide parents with notes/ notes and any communication updates.

- NO PLASTIC BAGS

For the safety of all children we ask that parents do not bring plastic bags into the centre. Children must have a canvas bag for their belongings.

- CHANGE OF CLOTHING

Many children experience accidents and require a change of clothing. This can be a very distressing for children who do not have a change of clothes that is theirs. We urge all families to place a spare pair of underwear and clothes in their child bag. Please remember to accommodate spare clothes for summer and winter.



- CLOTHING

All children must have clothing that covers their shoulders. Singlet and shoe string straps are not acceptable clothing for preschool. If parents would like to order a Jumpstart 4 Kids T-shirt please see staff for details.

## • LOCKERS

Please label your child's belongings and place them in the correct locker. Each locker has your child's name of photograph. This will ensure that all items are returned safely home.

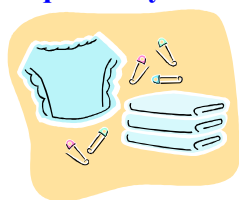
## • BED SHEETS

Health and Safety Guidelines require that all children must have a fitted sheet and flat sheet for sleeping. 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.



## • BABY WIPES & NAPPIES

Children in Nappies require at least 5 nappies daily. Please ensure that all parents provide 5 nappies and 1 spare daily. Baby wipes are required by families so that allergies and skin irritations do not occur.



Please ensure that you have provided these items for the care and hygiene of your child. Additional costs will be incurred to families who do

not provide these basic items for their child.

## • LOST PROPERTY

Please check the blue box in the kitchen for lunch containers at the conclusion of the day and the lost property box in the foyer. Both boxes are emptied at the end of each month.

## PUPPET SHOW 25<sup>th</sup> March 10.00AM



On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March all the children were highly entertained by our First Puppet show. The children were captivated by the colour and array of puppets. Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Cully and Ms Wong also joined us for the morning along with Alex, Elisha, Jack and Faith. We look forward to our next performance in the coming months on musical instruments around the world. (QIAS 3 & 4)

## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC THANKYOU

Last week our Busy Bees enjoyed a Teddy Bears picnic. A big thank you to Dylan's mum Sherrie McFadden for baking special cookies for our Picnic. Not only did the children enjoy these treats but our special teddy guests thought they were great.

## EXCLUSION OF SICK CHILDREN



## MEDICATION & ILLNESS

(QIAS 2, 5 & 6)

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.

In the Foyer in the Parent Corner we have 2 resources for parents about infectious diseases and illnesses for children. This may be useful for parents and families. Please do not hesitate to ask staff if you would like a copy of any material.

Attached to the newsletter is a parent information sheet on Hygiene and Infection control. If is the combined efforts and families and the centre to ensure that minimise infections and promote healthy and safe environments for all our children. We thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

## **DONATIONS WE NEED YOUR HELP ITEMS THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED ARE:**

- Picnic Baskets - Plastic plates , plastic cups, wine cups for outdoor play
- Baskets – any shapes or sizes
- Hair dressing items, - Rollers , brushes, small hair dryers, ( we will remove the cords for play ) empty shampoo bottles etc
- Shop play- Empty food boxes
- Beach Play – Blow up ball, tots, beach towels, spades, buckets.
- Dress ups
- Cooking items, small pots, pans, table cloths, spoons, whisks.
- Books , Paper , Craft items
- Pot plants, Plant containers, Seed packets.

## **PARENT FORUM CHANGE OF DATE Now 6<sup>th</sup> May 6.00 – 7.00pm**



Our next Parent Forum will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. So join us for some light refreshments. Parental input is vital to the continuous improvement and evaluation of our centre. (QIAS 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. Cathy has also contributed to the resource boxes on shopping for the Busy Bees room. Thank you for your generosity and support. Mrs. Katherine Checuti has continued to support us with craft items along with a number of our parents. C-Jays grandmother also continues to support the centre with valuable craft items. We thank all our wonderful families for their ongoing support and donations. They are always extremely appreciated.

### **From Miss Elizabeth How Children Learn**

Children are natural learners. They learn best when they are happy and have interesting things to do. Children learn from what they hear, see and do. Children do their best when they feel loved and safe and are encouraged to do new things. Follow the child's lead when it comes to play, do what interests them.

## **A FINAL THOUGHT.**

Recently one of our children in the centre experienced the loss of a special grandmother. Grief and loss is often a difficult emotion for adults let alone children.

### **Children can experience grief through**

- The loss of a parent, close family member, sibling or grandparent.
- Divorce
- A friend moves away
- The loss of a pet , toy or favourite comforter
- Illness

### **Children can be supported by**

- Not underestimating a child's capacity to experience grief. Recognise that they may grieve quite strongly over something that an adult may view as trivial
- Provide them with verbal and physical reassurance
- Help them to express their emotions
- Allow them to ask questions
- Keep routines and stability
- Communicate with carers so that we can support each child's needs.

Whilst a lot a joy is experienced in the lives of children, we understand that in partnership with parents we play a key role in supporting children through a variety of emotions and situations. So during the Month of April and during the time of Easter that celebrates new life and joy, let us together create an atmosphere of trust and care as we continue support our wonderful children throughout 2009.

**The staff at Jumpstart 4 Kids wishes all children and their families a wonderful Easter and we hope that the Easter Bunny hops your way on Easter Sunday Morning.**

