

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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HEAD LICE



Over the last few weeks parents would have noticed our bulletin board in the foyer alerting parents to head lice. We have had two confirmed cases at the centre and since the intervention of spraying the children with Tea Tree oil and water we

believe that we have successfully eradicated the problem. Please note that our *Policy for Head Lice* states that in the event of Head Lice at the centre, Staff will inspect children and spray with Tea Tree Oil and if a staff member believes that a child has the condition they are asked to contact parents so that children can be collected and treated by the family. Thank you to all parents who have been so diligent in treating their children's hair and also implementing preventative measures. We are very grateful.

WEEKLY STIMULUS EXPERIENCES

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

1. Space
2. Five Senses
3. Farms
4. Pets



The PLAYFUL POSSUMS will be engaged in learning about:

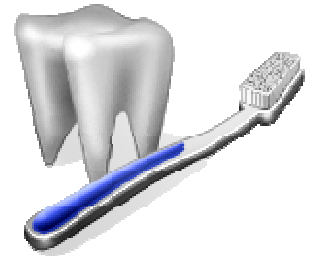
1. My 5 Senses
2. Dental Week
3. Our Body
4. Hospitals

(QIAS 2, 3 & 4)



DENTAL AWARENESS MONDAY 13th July 5, 2009 SPECIAL VISITORS

On Monday 13th July we will be having a special visit from 'Little Grinners' about Dental Hygiene. There will be no cost to families for this visit as the centre will cover the costs for the day. The talk will take place at 10.00 and will involve all the children.



Over the next few weeks all children will be involved in the Colgate Palmolive Dental awareness Kit. This resource will allow staff to talk to children about *Teeth Brushing* and good foods to protect our teeth.

We have placed a copy of Dental Health and Hygiene steps for parents in the front foyer and Parent corner resource folder for parent information. Children learn good hygiene practices that stay with them for the rest their lives. At Jumpstart 4 Kids we encourage good dental hygiene by prompting the children to swish their mouths with water after each meal. Please refer to our *Mouth Washing Policy* in the front Foyer.

PRESCHOOL PHOTOS Monday 27th & Friday 31st July



Children's Photos will be taken by a professional photographer on Monday 27th and Friday 31st of July. Families wishing to have their child's photos taken but who do not attend the preschool on these days are welcome to attend at 9.30am to have their child's photo taken. Parents will need to have corrected Money on the day. Packages range from around \$20.00 to \$39.00.

ARRIVAL TIMES FOR CHILDREN NON ATTENDANCE FOR THE DAY



We would be appreciative if families could ensure that children arrive no later than 10.00am. Each room has a set program for each day and it is sad to see that children arriving at 12.30 pm and 1.00pm are missing out on such wonderful learning opportunities. If children

are unwell or have a family commitment and are unable to attend for the day we would ask that parents ring the centre prior to 9.30 am to let staff know. We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

CENTRE NEWS

STAFFING NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Carlie on her recent pregnancy. Miss Carlie will continue at the centre until the birth of her child later in the year and will return to us early in 2010. We wish her a healthy and enjoyable pregnancy. We are all very excited as this will be our first staff pregnancy.

Miss Emma will be enjoying a holiday to Fiji over the next two weeks and will return relaxed and with a great tan. We wish her an enjoyable trip as she swims with the sharks. Let's hope they are as friendly as Miss Emma.

INSERVICES FOR STAFF

Over the next two months all staff at JumpStart 4 Kids will be undertaking in servicing on



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

This will be followed up by an all staff in-service on

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

We have invited a guest speaker to run both these sessions with the staff. Ms Sue Hastings has been a Director for 15yrs; a Children's Services Advisors – DOC's ; Special education consultant with Ku Children's Services; Author of Early Childhood texts for senior students as well as an Educator. Currently Sue is working as a Teaching Learning Educator setting up preschools in line with the Emergent Curriculum.

This will allow the staff to provide continuous improvement to our programs and improve the way that we communicate with you about your child. If parents would like information about these in-services please ask as we are very happy to share these with you. We invite families to make suggestions about our centre at any time. Families who wish to make suggestions may do so through the suggestion box in the front Foyer.

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CADBURY FUNDRAISING

WHAT WILL WE BE PURCHASING????

Over the next month we will be purchasing additional material for the centre from our fundraising efforts.

Parents may have noticed the new play equipment in the babies room, prams, etc.

We have purchased additional construction equipment, for the Possum and Bees room along with a range of outdoor equipment. We hope that over the next few months the children enjoy these resources.



FEE INCREASES 6th July 2009

Due to increasing costs fees will increase by \$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 June. Parents felt that this was 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. The government has provided an additional increase to parents so most parents will not experience a significant increase. We have minimised this increase to support all of our families at the centre. (QAIS 1, 2, 7)

SICKNESS

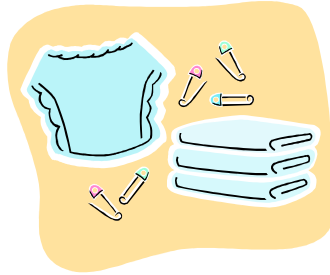
If your child is sick please seek medical attention for your child and minimise children attending the centre with illness. This will support all families and staff by minimizing the spread of disease. (QAIS 6, 2)



BABY WIPES BABY BUNYIPS & PLAYFUL POSSUMS ROOM

It is important that all parents place in at least 5 Nappies daily and Baby wipes for their child.

Parents who continually fail to provide these items for their child will be charge \$2.00 per nappy and \$3.00 for a packet of baby wipes.



PLASTIC BAGS

We would ask that families do not place their child's sleeping items in a plastic bag. These are a health risk to all children Please place these items in a canvas bag. Parents can purchase tote bags from the centre for \$10.00 these are fluorescent and have a draw string making them safe for the children.

Can you help???

Thank you to Ada, Kayla's mum for her recent donations of toys. If parents are having a clean up please consider donations to the centre. We warmly welcome donations for the following:

- **Books, Puzzles, Toys, Craft items, Old hair dryers, Balls, Outdoor play equipment.** (QAIS 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,)



PARENT FORUM

Our next Parent Forum will be held on Wednesday 26th August at 6.00pm. We have attached a copy of the last Parent Forum minutes for all families to view. 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:

JULY

13 th	10.00 am	Dental Health visit
27 th & 31 st	9.30 am	Preschool Photo's



AUGUST

6 th	Jumpstart4Kids 2 nd Birthday Party
10 th	Fathers Day Raffle Tickets

SEPTEMBER

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

A FINAL THOUGHT

Providing leading questions for children increases their knowledge and interest. Frequently ask your child



- What they have enjoyed?
- Who helped them or played with them?
- Why do they like particular activities?

Simple questions show children that you are interested in their day. They learn so much in a day and often we forget to ask about what was important in their day. Share your day and tell them how you felt about it. We can never have too much dialogue between our children.

**REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR DIARY
DATES FOR THE
COMING MONTHS.**