

Jumpstart 4 Kids



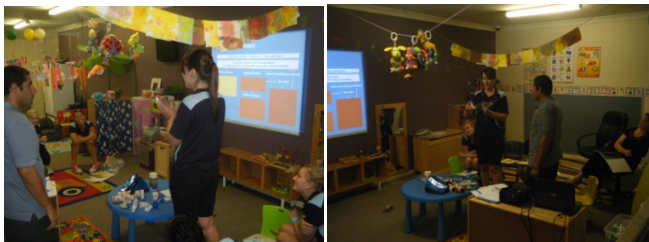
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CENTRE NEWS - ASTHMA TRAINING

On Wednesday 21st March all staff participated in Asthma Training at the centre which was conducted by the Asthma Foundation. Parents are reminded that children who have Asthma must provide an Asthma plan to the centre that is completed by their doctor.

If you have a child with Asthma and you have not disclosed this to the centre we would be grateful if you could inform staff and provide an updated plan. We ask that parents provide an updated Asthma Plan to the centre every 6 months. We thank all families who supported us with this training. (NQA 2,4,5,6&7)



ASSESSMENT and RATING PROCESS

Our centre is currently preparing for our Assessment and Rating. At our Parent Forum on Wednesday 29th March we discussed this process and gathered parent feedback in preparation for this process. The National Quality Areas that will be focused on in this process are

1. Education Program and Practice
2. Children's Health and Safety
3. Physical environment
4. Staffing arrangements
5. Relationship with children
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
7. Leadership and Service Management

As a centre we have been developing a Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) for each of these areas. We invite families to view our Daft which will be placed in the foyer for parent Feedback. Please feel free to ask questions and make suggestions. Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome.

GRANDPARENT AFTERNOON TEA



We thank all our wonderful Grandparents who joined us on Friday 30th March for our afternoon tea. The children were very excited to share the afternoon with you and it was great to see so many of our families. These events are a wonderful opportunity to mingle with each other and meet other families. (NQA 5,6&7)



SUN SAFETY CENTRE:

In March the centre updated our Sun Safe Policy so that we can remain registered as a SUN Smart centre.

This policy relies on the support of all families by providing children with a hat daily for outdoor play. The centre provides sunscreen for children and all children have sunscreen applied 20 minutes prior to outside play. Please ensure that your child has a hat for each day of your child's attendance and make sure that your child's name is clearly marked. (NQA 1,2,3,5,6&7)

PARENT FORUM 28th March

Our first Parent Forum was held on Wednesday 28th March. These meetings are held every 3-4 months and our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th July at 6:00pm . Parents are invited to attend for approximately 1 hour to share your thoughts about the centre, make suggestions and for us to share what is happening in each room and our future plans.

This is a valuable experience and we encourage all families to be a part of this process. Attached to this newsletters are the minutes from this meeting . Parents are reminded that they are welcome to raise suggestions or ideas with us prior to the evening if they are unable to attend. Parents are encouraged to discuss any concerns or suggestions with us at any time. We look forward to meeting new parents when we next meet ,so please join us for a coffee and discussion .

(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

Each room uses a family focus each week to connect experiences of children and families to our weekly program. This is a fantastic way to make your child the star of the week.



During the **Month of APRIL** we encourage all families to complete a **Family Focus sheet** . These are located in the foyer next to the sign on sheets. The family focus sheets are a great way to tell us about your child ,friends and family. Room staff are really keen to make your child's experiences part of our daily programs.

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

- **Easter**
- **Shopping**
- **Plants & Gardening**
- **Music**



During the month of April, we are extending our numeracy skills as we begin to visually recognise numbers 1 through to 12. Each day children are learning to identify their first and last name through flash cards, lockers and during meal or group times, as children find their names. Our stimulus areas for the month include shopping, transport and music. We would love for children to bring their own homemade instrument in for music during week beginning Monday 23rd April. Miss Amie & Miss Nikki

PLAYFUL POSSUMS:

- **Easter**
- **Playing Healthy (Fitness)**
- **Farm Animals**
- **Music Week**

The playful possums will be focusing on the stimulus areas of emotions, music, farm and Mother's Day. Understanding emotions is an important aspect for this age group, as we are encouraging the children to express their feelings in a positive way e.g.: verbally or appropriate cuddles. Please take the time to also encourage your child to talk about and understand their feelings at home to help this process. Miss Justine & Miss Caitlin

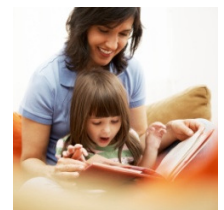
BABY BUNYIPS:

- **Easter**
- **Transport**
- **Fantasy**
- **Dinosaurs**

The Baby Bunyips are looking forward to learning about some of our favourite interests throughout the next month. Our next four stimulus areas include transport, fantasy, dinosaurs and families. To assist children in learning about the fun world of fantasy, we invite the Bunyips to dress up in any costumes throughout the week beginning Monday 16th to 20th April. Any character or simple dress up costume would be much appreciated. Miss Kelly & Miss Anita **(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)**

FAMILY PHOTOS

We still have a number of families who have not provided a family photo. We ask all families to provide us with a family photo so that we can . use these for our family tree and room displays . Thank you (NQA 1,2,5&6)



PORTFOLIOS:

Children portfolios will be provided to families in the coming weeks. We invite families to take these home and view the activities that your child has been involved in over the last few months. We have inserted a Parent feedback sheet and we ask all families to complete this sheet so that we can use this in our programming and planning for the development of your child's needs and areas of interest. We appreciate your support and know that together we can create wonderful learning opportunities for all our children.

(NQA 1,5,6&7)



EASTER RAFFLE

We congratulate the winners of our Easter Raffle: the lucky winners were:

- Charlie Smith - Possums
- Joseph Muratore - Bunyips
- Jwodho Mugo - Bees
- William Machione - Bunyips
- Alexis Manga - Bees
- Levi Maher - Possums

EASTER HAT PARADE We raised \$337 for this fundraiser. We will be allocating this to an outdoor climbing frame.

EASTER HAT PARADE

We had some very creative hats for our Easter Hat parade. The children really enjoyed sharing their creations and completing their Easter Egg Hunt. It was great to see the



children sharing their Easter Eggs with each



other. We hope all our families had a restful and enjoyable Easter.



ST PATRICKS DAY 16th March

The children enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day on Friday 16th March by making green cakes, biscuits, play dough and wearing something Green.



APRIL EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 11th - Bunyips Portfolios Provided to families.
- 16th Possums' Portfolios provided to families
- 23rd Bees Portfolios provided to families
- 23rd 10:00am Music Man performance
- 23rd Mothers Day Raffle Ticket distributed
- 25th ANZAC DAY Centre Closed

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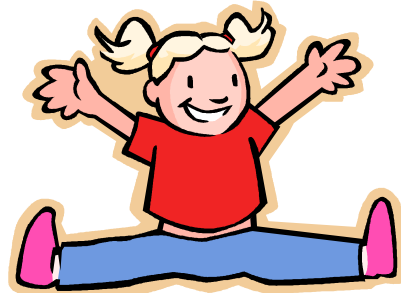
- 11th Mothers Day Afternoon Tea 3:15pm
- 11th Language Screeners - selected children

DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gifts or toys please consider the centre. We have ample plush toys and thank the following families for their recent donations.

Bernadette Smith - Charlie -Possums

GO NUTS JUMPING CASTLES



**Great for birthday Parties -
Very reasonable rates.
Ring Paul on 0432 290 502**

FINAL REFLECTION (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6,&7)

Children learn through experiences that they actively enjoy and through the friendships that they make with both their peers and carers. By supporting staff through family photos and family feedback sheets parents are actively assisting us to make the best and most appropriate experiences for your child. This week take some time to discuss with staff your child and spend some time this month sharing your reflections through your child's portfolio sheets.

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