

Jumpstart 4 Kids

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CENTRE NEWS STAFF CHANGES:

We are delighted to welcome Miss Amanda to JumpStart 4 Kids. Miss Amanda is a four year trained Early Childhood teacher who comes with several years of experience working across other centres and will be working with Miss Amie in the Busy Bee room from Monday 23rd July. Miss Amanda will focus on our ready to school program and support the fantastic work that Miss Amie and Miss Nikki have provided since the start of the year. Miss Nikki will join Miss Justine in the Playful Possums room.

CADBURY FUNDRAISER



MONDAY **23rd JULY**

On Monday 23rd July we will be asking all families to sell a box of mixed Cadbury chocolates to

support the purchase of additional resources for the centre. We thank families in advance for your continuing support at the centre.

PARENT FORUM: 25th JULY

CHANGE OF TIMES :4:45 -5:15 pm

We invite families to join us over a coffee to discuss our centre goals and to view our Quality Improvement Plan that is located in the foyer of the centre. We were a little disappointed by our last Parent Forum and we would urge as many families to participate in this process. For this reason we have change the time to 4:45 pm so that parents collecting children can pop in and be part of this process. We hope that this opens up this opportunity to more families. Your contributions for 15- 20 minutes will be invaluable. We will hold this event in the BUSY BEES ROOM. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Multicultural
2. Camping
3. Weather
4. Fairytale

During the month of July the Busy Bees will enjoy learning about different cultures throughout multicultural week; they will look at people from all around the world and learn about the different clothes they wear, foods they eat and homes they live in and gain an appreciation of these different cultures through the experiences we participate in. Children will also enjoy learning all about camping and participate in lots of camping themed experiences; during our camping theme it is 'Pyjama Week' so we encourage all the Busy Bees to wear their pyjamas throughout this week and get involved in the fun. Please don't forget that as we are getting the Busy Bees ready for primary school we ask that all children bring a sandwich, wrap or roll for lunch instead of heated food as they are not able to take food to be heated to primary school.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

This month the Busy Bees will be focusing on identifying the letters of the alphabet through alphabet bingo, counting from 1 – 15 using assorted counters as well as counting out particular numbers from 1 – 12. Children will continue to practice writing out both their first and last name focusing on their pencil grip and control. We will also practice our cutting skills through cutting out shapes and cutting out themed items from magazines. The Busy Bees will also continue to practice the days and months through songs, our room calendar and flash cards.

Miss Amie & Miss Nikki

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

PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Plants and gardening
2. My 5 Senses
3. Multicultural Week
4. Weather

The Playful Possums will be focusing on using their independence skills throughout the month such as feeding themselves, putting their own shoes on and off as well as toileting independently. If you could assist us by starting to allow your child to take part of these daily activities independently it would be greatly appreciated. The Playful Possums will also be focusing on recognising their first names; these will be hung around the room for the children to see on a regular basis. Throughout Multicultural week we will be providing different experiences for the children, becoming aware of different cultures and beliefs. If you have any suggestions or comments about the Playful Possums room please don't hesitate to talking to the staff, putting your ideas forward. Miss Justine

BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Farm animals.
2. Pyjama week and children's choice.
3. Multicultural Week
4. Transport.
5. Shapes.

The Baby Bunyips have enjoyed the last month's learning experiences. We focused on learning our Fundamental Movements and enhancing our gross motor abilities, as we practiced running, jumping, balancing and more. The police visit was a highlight for the Bunyips. The children loved seeing the Police car with the lights on and even sitting inside the Car. Having a cuddle with Constable Charlie, a lovely penguin was also very popular.

We would appreciate if any of our Families would like to share some of their culture with as during our upcoming Multicultural week or at any other suitable time. You may like to come and read some stories, bring some music or even dress your child in their national dress. We would like to thank Zoe's Mum for donating various craft items. We have a lot of fun being creative with these odds and ends. They are much appreciated.

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

Cupcake Sale Room Totals:

We congratulate the following rooms and staff for their outstanding efforts.

Baby Bunyips \$177

Playful Possums \$178

Busy Bees \$106

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED: \$461.00



We thank all our parents for supporting our Camp Quality bake sales. It is extremely important to

support these worthwhile causes, but to also teach children the importance of caring for, and helping others. At JumpStart 4 Kids we have families who have been affected by Cancer and the message of **Love and Friendship** to assist those suffering illness and for their carers is certainly something that we can all strive for. Human empathy, consideration and genuine kindness for others is something that needs to be modelled by adults so that children can be active contributors to our world.

As directors we are appreciative to all staff who took time to make these treats and who have donated their time and cakes to such a



worthy case. With such admirable qualities as these it is clear to see why the staff have such a passion for the children in their daily care.

Mr. John & Miss Maree.



STRANGER DANGER TALK 25th June BLACKTOWN POLICE VISIT.

The children were excited to meet Constable Castagne on Monday 25th June. The children had spent the week commencing the 18 June talking about Stranger Danger and people



who are "SAFE" people in their community. These people include the police. If the children are lost or scared they can safely approach a police officer who will assist them in finding their way back to mum and dad. The police penguin was a hit, along with the children playing with the constables hat , handcuffs and jacket.

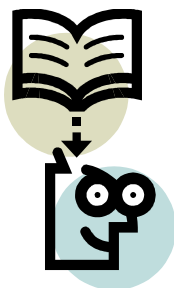


The Police car was a highlight with an additional two officers attending the centre after a call out to show the children a real police car. The children enjoyed listening to the siren and looking at the police onboard computer system. We had a few children who are keen to join the Police force in the years ahead.



PARENT NOTE:

We remind all families that it is important to talk to children on a regular basis about Stranger Danger. Parents can view local papers to see this occurrence and children need to be aware of the safe people in their lives.



We ask parents to discuss the significant role that the Police play in our community as one of protection and not a place that we call when our children are not behaving as we would like. This can be a negative image and one that we do not want to portray to our children.

LUNCHES BUSY BEES HEALTHY EATING.

We remind all families that have children in the Busy Bees room that this is a school readiness room. Part of this room procedure is to support children to become school ready. We remind all families that all children should have the following:



- a Piece of fruit
- A Sandwich / healthy wrap/ salad
- Vegetables, cheese sultanas, healthy snacks.

PARENTS ARE REMINDED NOT TO BRING:

- ~~✗~~ Chips
- ~~✗~~ Bars containing nuts
- ~~✗~~ NUTTELA or PEANUT BUTTER on sandwiches
- ~~✗~~ Eggs, Shell fish, NUTS.

We have a number of children who are anaphylactic and these items cannot be brought to the centre .

SLEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CHILDREN :

We remind all families that all children require the following for their rest times each day.

Sheets sets: Fitted and Flat sheet placed inside a pillow case. No plastic bags are permitted at the centre.

All sheets are required to be taken home each day.

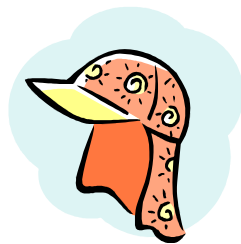
We ask parents to check that sheets are clean and hygienic.



Recently we have had children without sheets or sheets that are wet inside children's bags. Please check these daily.
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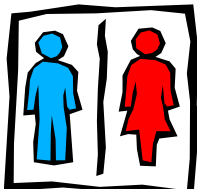
HATS: NO HAT NO PLAY

We remind all families that all children must have a hat everyday at the centre. Even though it is winter the sun's rays still causes damage and children are still provided with 30+ block out every day.



If children are not provided with a hat they will not be able to play outdoors. In line with our centre policy children will be provide with a hat at a cost to families of \$12.00 after the third consecutive event when a hat has not been provided. We ask families to support us with our Sun Safe Policy.

TOILET FACILITIES FOR VISITORS



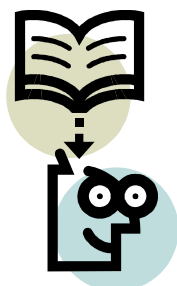
Visitors to the centre are asked to use the toilet located in the disabled store room. The staff toilet is for staff ONLY and we are mindful that staff require a place that is private for their use only. We ask that all families use the disabled toilet located next to the kitchen on the right-hand side. This is a locked area and parents are invited to approach staff who will be more than happy to open this for your use We thank you for your consideration in regards to this request.

CHILD CARE BENEFIT INFORMATION:

All families will have changes to their CCB contribution from the 1st July 2012. This is inline with changes to the Governments percentage calculations for the Child Care Benefit (CCB). We remind all families to speak with us about these changes and the changes to Fees that came into effect during the first week of July. Thankyou

ABSENCES FOR CHILDREN

We remind all families that it is a condition of enrolment that parents call the centre



NO LATER THAN 9:00am to confirm a child's absence for the day.

IMPORTANT PARENT NOTE **FULL COST OF DAYS TO PARENTS** **OVER 42 DAYS OF ABSENCES**

CCB will cease for families who have more than 42 days of absences in a financial year. All children's absences are reported to family assistance on a weekly basis. After 42 days of absences Parents MUST provide a doctors certificate for the 43rd day of absence and thereafter upon your child's return to the centre. Without a Doctors Certificate for the 43rd Day and beyond we are unable to claim additional days for absences and parents will be charged the full daily rate.

ABSENCES are recorded on each families statement which are provided in the foyer at the end of each month. We urge families to view these statements carefully and be mindful of absences.

CHILD CARE REBATE CCR PAYMENTS

Parents who are both working are eligible to claim the Child Care Rebate (CCR). This is capped at \$7500 for out of pocket expenses associated with childcare. This is paid in a financial year and we remind families that once this cap is reached the payment will also stop. We ask families to keep track of these payment as they can affect you childcare payment as we draw to the end of each financial year.

EXTRA CURRICULA SHOWS **MULTICULTURA SHOW FRIDAY** **20th JULY**

A reminder to all families that all shows are capped at \$8.00 per head. These costs are calculated on your child's attendance. Fees will be charged regardless if your child is absent for the day. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

STAFF MEETINGS

At JumpStart 4 Kids we hold monthly staff meetings that are based on refining centre Policies and training staff. We thank all our parents who supported us by collecting children early when we conducted staff training for Anaphylaxis. We have several children at the centre who are anaphylactic and all staff are now trained in Asthma and Anaphylaxis care as well as holding their Senior First Aid qualifications. This is a crucial element to ensure the safety and well being of all children in our care.

We invited all families to discuss any issues that they may like to have raised at these staff meetings by making comments to staff or by voicing your concerns with Maree or John. We are very much aware that our centre is one of continual improvements and we certainly value the input by all families. We welcome suggestions and thank you in advance for your support.

In the coming weeks, staff will be involved in training on understanding children's emotions. The "Tuning into Kids" is a certified course that will take place over four nights of training at the centre. Times will be allocated to the whiteboard so that parents are aware of these dates.

We would like to commence this training at 5:30 pm and we would be appreciative if families could support us with collection times on these dates. . (NQA ,2,4,5,6&7)

JULY EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 9th Pyjama week Come in your Pyjama's
- 16th Cadbury Chocolates arrive
- 20th 10:00am Multicultural Show \$8.00
- 25th Parent Forum 6:00pm

AUGUST EVENTS:

- 6th Dental Awareness TALK 10:00 am
- 8th JUMPSTART BIRTHDAY PARTY
- 21st RSPCA TALK
- 31st FATHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA 4:00pm

DONATIONS FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

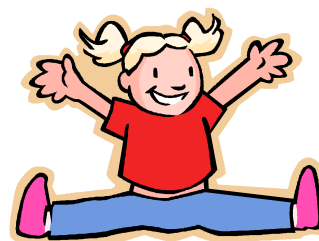
We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles. Presently we are collecting items for our Fathers Day Raffle. We would be appreciative of any items that can be used in this raffle.

The Busy Bees room and the Possums room are making a Science and discovery corner and we require the following items.

- Drift wood pieces
- Pine cones
- Sea shells
- Magnifying glasses.
- Sand timers
- Snake skins
- Children's Books
- Children's Puzzles
- Raffle Prizes

We thank all our families who have recently donated to the centre.

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FINAL REFLECTION

Recently Miss Nikki and Miss Maree attended an in-service on Chronic Sorrow. This in-service spoke about the human reactions to loss and how important it is to touch base with people who are struggling or who are experience loss in their lives. We are all very good at the here and now and it is often the 3, 6, 9, 12 months down the track where people need assistance. Often this is through a simple " How are you going?" " Can I help?" . Such simple gestures are often forgotten in the daily grind , but we hope that we can support our families and offer support, just like you would a friend or neighbour.. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6,&7)

Jump Start 4 Kids Staff