

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 6, 2012 JUNE

## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

### ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

#### BUSY BEES:

1. Olympic/Sport
2. Time
3. Stranger Danger
4. Insects

During the month of June the Busy Bees will be focusing and learning about the different sports that are played in the Olympics. We ask that you bring a photo of your child participating in physical activity to place on our display for Olympic week. Throughout the third week of June, we will be aiming to provide children with the awareness of stranger danger. We encourage parents to have a discussion to their children about the importance of stranger danger at this time.

### SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

This month the Busy Bees will be focusing on writing their first and last names. We will be continuing to identify our numbers from one to twelve. In the month of June, the Busy Bees will continue letter recognition as we play our alphabet bingo while introducing children to number bingo to help with their numeracy skills. We strongly encourage that parents work on practicing children's cutting skills.

Miss Amie & Miss Nikki

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

#### PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Olympics/sports
2. Insect Week
3. Stranger Danger
4. Jungle Week

The Playful Possums will be focusing on the different aspects of colours and shapes- learning and recognising them, through small and large group time activities. During Olympic week/ sports week the children will use their fine and gross motor skills along with their fundamental movements. The Playful Possums will be learning about stranger danger and the importance of knowing our surroundings and who are strangers

and what to do in a situation where we come across strangers.

Miss Justine

#### BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Sports/Olympics-Fundamental movements.
2. Letters and sounds.
3. Stranger danger.
4. Native animals.

The Baby Bunyip's have enjoyed their shopping/dramatic play experience over recent weeks. It has been a great way of developing social and language skills, but also a sense of belonging to a community. We are sure that your young ones will be very keen to help you do your shopping too. We aim to assist the Bunyips in developing gross motor skills during our upcoming sports and Olympics' week. We know the children will love the extra opportunities to be physically active.

### MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE

### MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON TEA

### FRIDAY 11th May.



Everybody enjoyed celebrating the special people in our lives, at our recent afternoon tea. We had made lots of yummy things to eat, and special

presents and cards to give out. The pretty bunches of flowers were also a nice way of saying "I love you". We all did our special performance and had a



great afternoon playing with our loved ones.



(NQA 1,5,6&7)

## SCIENCE SHOW

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 the children enjoyed a fantastic Science show. During the show the children watched and learnt about different experiments and activities. The children then had a fantastic time with the hands on activities.

Highlights were the smoke rings, volcano in the sand pit and the outdoor rockets that blasted into the sky.



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## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

On Friday 1st June we were delighted to have Paul and Malakai's mum Danielle share a Dream Time story with the children from her Aboriginal culture. Danielle shared with the children the tradition of



telling stories and sharing stories by talking to each other and as many of their stories were not written down. Danielle showed the children a



variety of pictures and explained that Aboriginal people can have fair skin, green eyes and that some

Aboriginal people have very dark skin. The children

shared their understanding of symbols that they had been learning over the week for Aboriginal paintings and Danielle joined the children to create simple Aboriginal art work. We thank Danielle for sharing her culture with us. (NQA 1,,5,6&7)

## CAMP QUALITY CUP CAKE SALE

12th JUNE 10:00am



Tuesday 12th June we will be hosting a puppet show by Camp Quality. Camp Quality raises funds for children with cancer. The staff at JumpStart 4 Kids

will be baking cupcakes for parents to purchase through the week commencing the 12th in the front foyer. Each room will compete to raise the most funds. Last year we raised approximately \$450 for this charity. We hope to better this target and we hope that families will support us in achieving our goal.



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## PRESCHOOL PHOTO'S

Wednesday 20th & Friday 22nd June



Children will have the opportunity to have preschool photos taken at the centre on the 20th and the 22nd

June. All families will receive envelopes with the packages available on the front. We ask that all families return their envelopes with correct money by Friday 15th June.

The envelopes go to the photographer and not to the centre so we are unable to provide change or have the cost of these put through the centre EFTPOS machine.

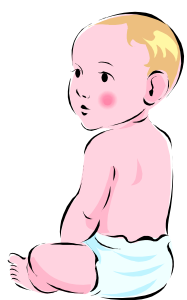


## **FAMILY FOCUS SHEETS**

During the first week of June we will be asking ALL families to complete a family focus sheet. This sheet is used to lead our Program on a weekly basis. We are really interested in knowing what your child enjoys as part of your family and extending these ideas throughout the centre. We appreciate parents support us in this matter as it only takes 5 minutes to complete. Parents are welcome to speak with staff on collection of your child who will record your thoughts on our family focus sheets.

## **PROCEDURES FOR FAMILIES WHO USE OUR NAPPY CHANGE FACILITIES FOR THEIR CHILD AT THE CENTRE**

Parents are welcome to use the nappy change areas at the centre on arrival, departures and during celebrations at the centre. To retain hygiene for all children we ask that families follow the following procedures.



- 1. Approach a staff member informing them that you will be using the nappy change area.**
- 2. Change your child placing the used nappy in a plastic bag tied at the top.**
- 3. Take the plastic bag with you and place it in the bin outside the centre in the car park.**
- 4. Inform a staff member that you have completed the nappy change.**
- 5. Staff to sanitise the nappy change area.**

## **Communication and Language development for children**

Recently we had 8 children assessed at the centre for Language and communication. Many parents are unaware that the development of children's language play a significant part in their ability to grasp educational concepts and social skills. We are grateful to Communicate speech who provided this free service to the centre. This is a mobile service and one that parents can contact if they wish to pursue a speech

and Language assessment for their child. We encourage all parents to speak with staff in relation to their child's language skills. We have included the contact details for families and the latest newsletter from Communicate Speech for parents

## **Middle Ear Infections and Speech Development**

My child has had recurring middle ear infections. Can this affect their speech development?

The answer is yes. Middle ear infections or *Otitis Media* are caused when fluid builds up in the canal behind the ear drum causing pain and mild deafness.

According to the government, 4 out of 5 young children will experience a middle ear infection at some time so it is not uncommon. If you suspect your child may have a middle ear infection see your GP straight away for treatment. Your doctor will usually give antibiotics to clear the infection. Sometimes after a middle ear infection "glue ear" may occur where the ear fills up with thick fluid. If antibiotics do not clear this fluid, then your doctor may recommend an operation to insert grommets to help drain the fluid.

The first 5 years of life is when middle ear infections are more likely to occur, and coincides with the time when a child is rapidly developing their speech and language skills. It is crucial that optimal hearing is available during these years or a speech and/or language delay can most certainly occur.

If your child has had middle ear infections and presents with delayed speech sounds or delayed language development please contact your Speech Pathologist for an assessment. You may find it useful to look up the speech and language norms on our website (see: <http://www.communicatespeech.com.au/information.html>) to check if your child's development is on track or delayed.

If you have any concerns about your child's speech and language development feel free to contact us on 9328 3444 or [info@communicatespeech.com.au](mailto:info@communicatespeech.com.au) or visit our website [www.communicatespeech.com.au](http://www.communicatespeech.com.au) for more speech therapy information.



## BUDGET CHANGES

### INFORMATION TO FAMILIES

#### JETCCFA

The Government will provide additional funding to "support increased demand for JETCCFA and better target assistance".

- JETCCFA will now only be available for study between Certificate II or Graduate Diploma level and will not be available for repeat studies at the same qualification level except for skills shortage areas;
- JETCCFA will now be available for up to 50 hours per week where a parent undertakes at least 15 hours of work, study or training, or a maximum of 24 hours of child care for activities involving less than 15 hours per week; and
- The parental co-contribution to child care costs will be increased to \$1.00 per hour per child (previously 10 cents per hour).

#### STAFF MEETINGS

**Keep Them Safe** [www.KeepThemSafe.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.KeepThemSafe.nsw.gov.au/)  
**Keep Them Safe** recognises the importance of the wellbeing of all children and young people, with the aim of providing appropriate support to families, to prevent children and young people requiring statutory child protection intervention.

During our Staff meeting in May all staff were trained on Child Protection and viewed the "Keep Them Safe" website, working through a number of child related scenarios.

As a centre we are responsible for the safety of all children and the well being of families. As mandatory reporters who suspect that a child or young person is at "risk of significant harm" (the statutory threshold) we will report concerns to Community Services. This new statutory threshold has replaced "risk of harm" in the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*.

A child or young person is at risk of significant harm if the circumstances that are causing concern for the safety, welfare or wellbeing of the child or young person are present to a significant extent.

## FEE INCREASES JULY 2012

We wish to inform families that Fees will be increasing from the first week of July 2012 by \$3- \$5. We are waiting to hear the government's final changes to the CCB percentages before we determine this increase so that we can reduce the impact to families. As families are aware we have always keep these increases to a minimum. We thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.



#### STRANGER DANGER

During the month of June we will be exploring safety for children. Stranger danger is something that is in the back of many parents' minds and it is by educating children about these situation with active strategies that we can support children in being safe. We ask all parents to take time to speak with their child about people who are strangers and people who are " safe" people in their lives. (NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)



#### REPORTS

During the Month of June Parents will receive a progress report for their child. These reports are a summary your child strengths and accomplishments. We hope that families find these informative and insightful. We encourage families to speak with room staff in regards to your child's progress.

#### ASSESSMENT and RATING PROCESS

Our Quality Improvement Plan is located in the front foyer and is updated each staff meeting. This plan focuses on changes and improvements that the staff, family and children view as important to their wellbeing and development. We invite all parents to be a part of this ongoing cycle.

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## JUNE UPDATE

4<sup>th</sup> June Newsletter to families

11<sup>th</sup> June - Queens Birthday Public holiday

12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> June Cupcake Sale

12<sup>th</sup> June 10:15 am Camp Quality Puppet Show

20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June Preschool Photos

## JULY EVENTS

9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> July Pyjama Week

16<sup>th</sup> Cadbury Fundraiser Chocolates to families.

20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Multicultural Show \$8.00 per child

25<sup>th</sup> July Parent Forum 6.00pm -7.00pm

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## PARENT FORUM

We invited all families to join us for our Parent Forum on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm. This is a valuable time where families can express their thoughts and ideas to the centre and a time where we can share our goals in consultation with you. We look forward to catching up over a coffee.

## DONATIONS

### SANDPIT TOYS

We would be grateful for any donations of cake tins that can be used in our sandpit area

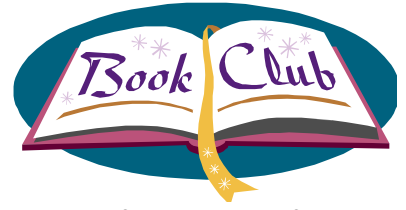
### NATURE DISPLAYS

We would like to create some nature concerns and would be grateful if families have any shells, pinecones, bark pieces, drift wood or snake skins .etc



## BOOKS

We would be appreciative to families who may have unwanted story books for the children to read through for the Possums and Bees room.

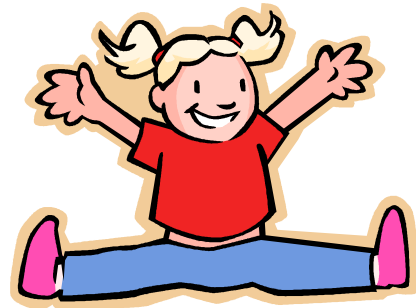


We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles. If families have received any unwanted gifts or toys please consider the centre. We have ample plush toys and thank the following families for their recent donations.

Thankyou Charlie - Possums room donations Mothers Day Raffle

Lily - Bees toy donations. Thankyou

## 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 )

Working together with families is a crucial part of our day to day planning at the centre. Sharing ideas and experiences from many is far more profitable than the experiences of one person, so please take the time in June to reflect on the strengths and achievements of your child and share these with us through our Family Focus sheets.

*Jump Start 4 Kids Staff*