

# Jumpstart 4 Kids

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## WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

### ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Plants and gardening
2. Dinosaurs
3. Jungle
4. Science
5. Aboriginal culture

During the month of May the Busy Bees are going to be making their very own mini garden using beans, alfalfa and snow peas. The children are very excited about our Garden week. We will be using this growing experience to develop healthy eating awareness so we ask all families to support us by preparing healthy snacks and lunches through the month of May for our plants and gardening week which we are very excited about. We are also looking forward to creating our Mother's day gifts and giving them to our special Mums at our Mother's Day afternoon tea. Please don't forget to bring in a family photo for our display.

### SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

This month the Busy Bees will be focusing on identifying their alphabet through 'Ants in the Apple' and alphabet bingo. We will also be identifying numbers 1-12 and counting out objects as a group and individually up to 10. We will also be practicing our pencil grip and hand control through writing our first and last names, as well as tracing numbers and shapes.



Miss Amie & Miss Nikki

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



## PLAYFUL POSSUMS

1. Farm Animals
2. Mothers Day
3. Occupations
4. Science Week
5. Aboriginal Culture

The Playful Possums will be focusing on farm animals and the sounds that each animal makes .. We will be focusing on the letters A,B,C and D throughout the coming weeks. Please bring in a family photo for our family tree. This is a nice way for all of the children to see their peers family-connecting their families with their play at Jumpstart. Throughout Aboriginal week children will discover the aboriginal culture through stories, music and activities. We hope all children gain a sound knowledge of Aboriginal culture.

The Playful Possums had a great time creating Anzac biscuits in celebration of Anzac Day. We all worked together to mix the ingredients showing fantastic sharing and taking turns skills as we made our yummy biscuits.



Miss Justine & Miss Caitlin.

### BABY BUNYIPS:

1. Family week.
2. Pets.
3. Car/road safety.
4. Counting week- 1 to 5.
5. Aboriginal culture.

The Baby Bunyips are looking forward to creating their Mother's day presents and celebrating the special people in their lives. Please bring in a **FAMILY PHOTO** for our family tree. Throughout pet week we encourage children to bring a photo or magazine picture of their pet or perhaps a pet they would one day like to have. It is a great way to continue a positive link between your child's home and Jumpstart , and to also encourage kindness and a sense of nurturing. We will be showing children a range of real life pets, which is always lots of fun.

By providing an insight into the Aboriginal culture through a range of stories, music, puzzles and traditional objects, we hope children gain awareness of this aspect of Australian culture. If your family has anything you would like to share with us, please feel free to do so.

The Babies had some fantastic fun recently engaging in some sensory art activities, including finger painting and shaving cream. We learnt lots of skills and interacted extremely well with one another.



The Baby Bunyips. Miss Kelly & Miss Anita  
(NQA 1,2,3,4,5,6&7)

## **IMMUNISATION RECORDS**

To ensure the Health and safety of all children , families and staff at JumpStart 4 Kids it is important that all parents provide updated immunisation records. We ask that all parents provide an updated immunisation records especially when children receive their 18 month injections. As Parents are aware we recently had a case of Whooping cough. The NSW Heath Department asked the entre to inform them of any child who was not immunised. This was a difficult task and one that we would as parents to assist us with by providing updated immunisation records. A whooping cough booster is also given to 4 years old.

**Parents can contact the Australian Childhood immunisation Register to see if their child is up to date on 1800 653 809.**

**Parents can also view information about Whooping Cough and other childhood diseases at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)**

We would be appreciative if all parents could provide these updated records as soon as possible  
(NQA 1,2,,5,6&7)

## **ASSESSMENT and RATING PROCESS**

Our centre is currently preparing for our Assessment and Rating. The Quality Improvement Plan is on display in the Foyer for parents to view for comments.

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 our **Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)** from surveys taken late in 2011 , through consultation with parents at out Parent Forum , through conversations with you at the centre and through comments make by the children through our daily activities we thank all our families who have supported us with this process.

## **MUSIC SHOW: 23rd April**



The children really enjoyed our Music show and danced the morning away. Children experiences a broad range of instruments from different countries around the world. Different sounds and rhythms were tapped and clapped by the children. During the week children created a number of musical instruments and were involved in a range of music and movement activities.

**MOTHERS DAY  
RAFFLE  
MOTHERS DAY  
AFTERNOON TEA  
FRIDAY 11th May at  
3:15pm**



**We ask that all families take Mothers Day Raffle Tickets from the foyer and return them By Wednesday 9th May . We have on display 7 fantastic prizes for our special mums in the**



**Foyer. Funds raised will go towards purchasing additional resources for each room/**

**We remind Families that our Mothers Day afternoon Tea will be on Friday 11th May. Please . We invite all family members to join us for this very special afternoon tea and we would love to see our Dad, Aunts and grandparents join us.**

## **WORLD ASTHMA DAY Tuesday 1st May**

### **PJ Day**

- **Are you willing to STAY in YOUR PJs for Asthma?**

Did you know that each year: 1 million school days are lost to asthma, and Up to 3,000 new cases of asthma develop in the workplace?



Every day many Aussie kids and adults stay home from school or work because they are unwell with asthma symptoms.

**Support us By Wearing your PJ's On Tuesday 1st May**

## **PORTFOLIOS**

All Families have now been provided with their child's Portfolio to take home and view. We are pleased that families have been able to insert a photo and responded to the parent feedback sheet that has been inserted into each child's portfolio. The Portfolios are a collection of observations that showcase the uniqueness and skills of our child as they develop confidence and a sense of self.

We invite families to speak with staff about our child' portfolio and encourage parents to view your child portfolio as often as possible . In a few Months we will be holding Parent and teacher consultation meetings were parents can personally sit with teacher and discuss your Childs strengths and abilities in a more formal setting.

## **KIDS CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WITH OUR WORM FARM**



The children are actively assisting by caring for the environment by recycling paper and food scraps for

our 2 worm farms. During the month of April and May the Possums and Bees have been growing seeds to place into our outdoor vegetable garden. The children love to see 'Henry ' the worm along with his other brothers and sisters. He has quite a large family.



The children are developing an awareness of care and prompting sustainability for the world in which they live. As our vegetables grow through the use of our fantastic worm wee , the children will use our vegetables in numerous cooking experiences to support healthy eating options.

## **EMERGENCY EVACUATION**



On Friday 27th April the children at the centre participated in their second evacuation drill for the year. Miss Kelly blew the whistle three times and the staff and children made their way to the front car park to the designated area that is highlighted by a yellow strip. We ask that all families are aware of this location and that they do not park in this area.

The children spoke about the evacuation and why it was important to Listen , Hold on and walk quickly with their peers. Well done to all our JumpStart children

**SCIENCE SHOW \$8.00 per child**  
**TUESDAY 22nd MAY at 10:30 am**  
**SCIENCE SHOW**



On Tuesday 22nd May we will be having a science show at the centre. This is an interactive hands on show for all children . The children will enjoy making rockets and exploring the concepts of gravity , push and pull

motions and developing a sense of discovery.

This show is \$8.00 per child. We ask that all parents make this payment to the centre by Friday 18th May (NQA 1,2,3,,5,6&7)

**ROAD SAFETY**

Friday 18th May is" Walk Safely to school Day:". Leading up to this day we will be discussing Road Safety with the children during group experiences and showing the children how to cross our pretend road in our outdoor setting. It



is sad to think that we still have children sustaining injury because of poor road safety awareness. we encourage all our families to speak with their children about the correct way to cross road in their company. Let's all make an effort to keep our children safe by having all children restrained safely in care seta and talking to them about Road and care safety.

**STAFF MEETINGS**

During our May staff meeting we will be discussing Child Protection processes and reflection on the Quality improvement Plan that is located in the front foyer. Parents will notice that the white Board in the Foyer is now designated to information about the new Department of Education and Communities which was formerly know to parents as DOC's .

Staff qualifications and roles are also displayed in the foyer for families. we invite families to discuss any concerns or seek clarification with us as we move towards maintaining and developing the best care environment for families, children and communities. (NQA ,2,4,5,6&7)

**MAY EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

1st World Asthma Day - Please wear you Pyjamas

11th Mothers Day Afternoon Tea 3:15pm

11th Language Screeners - selected children

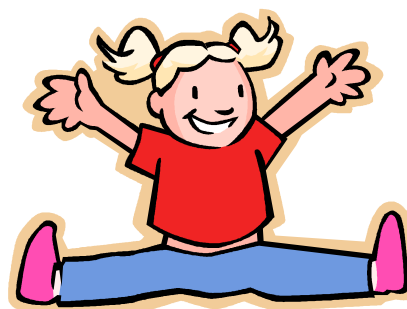
18th Walk Safely to school Day

22nd Science Show

Week 17th Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island experiences

**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.

**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 )**

As the children prepare for Mothers Day , we would like to wish all our mums a very special day. We all have people in our lives who are like mothers to us. May we also celebrate these significant people in our day to day lives that assist , support and guide us.



Have a Fantastic Mothers Day.

***Jump Start 4 Kids Staff***