

Jumpstart 4 Kids

Newsletter No 1, 2019 JANUARY

WELCOME:

To all our new families who have joined our Jumpstart family in 2019 we extend a very warm welcome. Our first week has been busy settling our new families and welcoming back our existing families and children as they settle into new routines and make new friends. We encourage all families to speak with educators so that we can support all children as they transition into Jumpstart for the year.

Communicating with families, children and educators allows us to enrich the learning of all children. We welcome family participation at the centre and encourage all families to share their gifts and talents with us throughout 2019. Each month we focus on a different culture that is representative of our Jumpstart community. These occasions are valuable as we learn about different cultures and festivals that are unique to families at JumpStart.

STAFF POSITIONS 2019

Directors: Mr John and Miss Maree
Nominated Supervisor: Miss Justine
Educational Leader: Miss Maree
Bunyips Room Leader: Miss Ashley
Bunyips Room Staff: Miss Shannen
Playful Possums Room Leader: Miss Justine
Playful Possums Room Staff: Miss Amy, & Miss Amber
Busy Bees Early Childhood Teacher: Miss Manpreet & Miss Maree
Busy Bees Room Leader: Miss Amie
Busy Bees Room Staff: Miss Jaina
Trainee: Miss Bethany
Trainee: Miss Francesca
(NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The Australia Day Public holiday will be on Monday 28th January with the centre closing for this day.



COUNTRY OF THE MONTH

AUSTRALIA

Each month as a centre we focus on countries that are representative of our JumpStart community. We invite families to share their cultures and festivals with educators and children so that as a community we build respect for the diversity and cultures that make Australia such a wonderful place to live. During the month of January, we will be celebrating Australia. The children will spend time learning Australian songs such as our National Anthem, 'Click goes the Shears', 'Waltzing Matilda' and the 'Wombat wobble'. The children will engage in Australian cooking experiences as they create vegemite scrolls, traditional Australian damper and a chocolate weetbix slice. Our arts and crafts will focus on our Native animals and our stories will include Aboriginal Dream time stories. We will be celebrating China during the month of February and invite families to offer songs, dance, stories and craft ideas throughout the year as we explore a world of cultures and festivals throughout 2019.



WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA FRIDAY 15th FEBRUARY 4:00pm



We invite all our families to join us for our Welcome Afternoon Tea on Friday 15th

February. The children will prepare a short presentation and will provide their attending families with a small gift as we commence our new year. This is a great opportunity for families to meet other families, connect with educators and see the progress that their child has undertaken by viewing their first portfolio entries. We encourage all families to attend and we look forward to spending the afternoon with children and families. (NQA 5, 6, & 7)

IMMUNISATION



On Monday 14th January NSW Health will attend the centre and administer the vaccination for Hepatitis A to a select group of children as a precautionary measure. All families have been provided with a Fact sheet regarding Hepatitis A and information in respect to the vaccination that is to be provided. We remind families that all children are required to provide an updated Immunisation schedule prior to their commencement at the centre. Hepatitis's A is not a scheduled vaccination. Families who wish to have their child vaccinated are encouraged to speak with their family doctor. Additional fact sheets are available in the foyer for all families. NSW nursing staff will be at the centre on Monday 14th January to discuss any concerns with families. We encourage families to speak with us if they require any further information. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

ABSENCES & ILLNESS POLICY

It is a requirement that families notify the centre by **phone by 9:00am if their child is NOT attending for the day.** As a centre we record all absences and it is vital that we are aware of illness, holiday schedules or family commitments that result in children being absent. Parents who neglect to contact the centre take educators away from children as they are required to ring families to determine absences. We ask that all parents ring the centre before 9:00am if their child will not be attending for the day. (NQA 2, 4, 5, 6, &7)



HEALTHY FOODS AND DRINKS

Families are encouraged to bring healthy foods for children each day. Chips, chocolate bars and non-healthy foods will **NOT** be provided to children. These items will be left in children's lunch boxes and educators will support families by providing suggestions for healthier options. Our front foyer has a range

of pamphlets and information that parents can borrow and collect to support healthy food options for children.



DRINKS: No cordial, juice or poppers are to be placed in children's lunch boxes. Children are encouraged to bring a drink bottle with water. Children will be offered water and milk during each meal session. Good dental hygiene supports reducing sugary drinks for children under 5 years. (NQA 1,2, 5, 6, &7)

FRUIT

A reminder to all families to place a piece of fruit in the basket located in the Possums



room on the trolley or in the kitchen in the bowls provided. This fruit is used daily to provide all children with an assortment of fruits to support healthy eating options. Educators will remind families by speaking with them and by placing reminder slips in children's lunch boxes. (NQA 1,2, 5, 6, &7)

PORTFOLIOS

Each child has an individual portfolio that captures developmental skills, observations and a variety of craft and activities that are completed by your child during their time at JumpStart 4 Kids. We ask all parents to complete an **'Individual Outcome'** sheet and **'Knowing Me'** sheet for their child so that this can form part of their portfolio. Parents are welcome to view their child's portfolio at any time. (NQA 1, 5, 6, &7)



Please feel free to speak with staff by sharing your experiences through our Family focus sheets and by volunteering at the centre. Family focus sheets are located in the foyer. (NQA1, 5, 6, &7)

INCURSIONS FOR 2019

Throughout 2019 we will be inviting a variety of different organisations to present shows and activities to the children. We wish to notify parents that these will be at an additional cost to families of \$10.00. Incursions will be displayed on the Foyer screen to notify all families. All children across the centre take part in all extra curricula activities. Absent children will automatically be charged.

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

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019

WASTE FREE ENVIRONMENTS

HELP US TO REDUCE



WASTE BY SELECTING

NATURAL FOODS that are more nutritional for children without the added salts, fats and sugars. To

reduce packaging, we urge families to reuse plastic bags and place yogurt and foods in reusable plastic containers. Packaging will be returned to families to support sustainability as we consciously reduce waste in 2019. (NQA 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

WEEKLY EXPERIENCES

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. Getting to Know You
2. Families
3. Australia Day

Throughout the month of January, we will be getting to know one another and settling into the Busy Bee room.

We would be appreciative if families could share a photo of your child and their family for our room display.

We look forward to celebrating Australia Day and learning all about Australia.

Please remember to bring each day:

- **Hat**
- **Drink bottle**



- **Sheets if your child is not attending primary school next year**

Please ensure that all items for your child are clearly labelled with your child's name.

The Busy Bee room does not have provision to heat children's food. Please provide children with a sandwich, wrap or roll, fruit and a healthy option for morning tea and afternoon tea. All items must be clearly labelled.

No juice poppers or cordial. Water and Milk ONLY. these will be provided during all meal sessions. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

STARTING SCHOOL IN 2020

Children who commence school in 2020 will be encouraged to engage in quiet reading and table activities during the after-lunch rest period. Children will be offered a rest if required, with educators using this opportunity to focus on small group-based activities to build school readiness skills through play-based learning experiences. These sessions will build children's resilience and support routines that will be supportive to their school transition.

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

LITERACY FOCUS. THE SOUNDS THAT OUR LETTERS MAKE -PHONICS:



Our school readiness program focuses on the sounds that letters make, numbers and the representation of numbers and common Sight words that build the foundations for young readers. For February we will

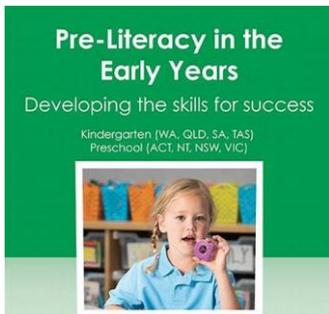
be focusing on the below concepts in the Busy Bees room. Parents can support children's skills by incorporating these concepts at home. Reading each night to your child and playing games such as 'Eye Spy' and developing an awareness of letter sounds will support children build the foundations of these

concepts as they move towards their formal educational years. Parents are invited to speak with educators to support play-based activities at home that build upon the foundations for these skills. We look forward to working with families during 2019.

CONCEPTS:

Sight word:	Sight Word:	Letter/ Sound:	Number:	Shape:	Colour:
A	And	A	1	Square	Red
I	Me	M	2	Circle	Blue
My	In	S	3	Triangle	Green
Is	It	T	4	Rectangle	Yellow
Big	Little	L	5	Oval	Orange

Pre-Lit



The PreLit Kit provides early childhood teachers with the tools necessary to teach pre-literacy skills and concepts in a fun and engaging way. There are 108 short, clearly prescribed lessons that incorporate different types of phonological awareness activities and oral blending and segmentation activities.

Various activities are presented in a game format and lessons are cumulative with children progressing through the program at their pace and developmental level. Each activity is 15-20 minutes and designed to be delivered each day. To support this program, we remind families to read to their child each night and to introduce letter sounds in the order that is displayed in the above grid. This program will commence in February 2019.

BUSY BEES NEWS

Each child in the Busy Bees room will be allocated a week to bring in a picture or photo to share as part of their news. We ask that children DO NOT bring in toys as these can be broken or misplaced during the day. A favourite story book, photo or drawing allows children to actively use their language skills.

SIGN in STATION



Each morning the Busy Bees commence literacy learning by signing themselves into the Busy Bee room.

Signing themselves in will assist to identify and write their name. Parents are responsible to take their child over to the sign in table and assist their child in finding their name card. Once their name card is found, your child will be required to trace their name on the laminated sheet. Once completed they are asked to place their card in the finish box. *It is important that this occurs every time your child arrives to assist with literacy and writing skills.* (NQA 1, 3, 5, 6, & 7)

COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS



WAYNE WINCH TOMMY TENNIS

Wayne Winch is the Busy Bee companion Bear and Tommy Tennis is the Playful Possum Bear. Throughout the year the children across these rooms will have a turn at taking the Bear allocated to their room home for 1 week. In this time your child can take the Bear on fun adventures showing him your family and friends. There is a special book that goes home with the Bears so families can add pictures of our Companion Bears with your child and family

It is important to return our Companion Bears after 1 week, so all children enjoy this experience. We ask that you keep the Bear clean and do not place the Bears in water.

We can't wait to see what adventures our Bears go on. During the month of February Wayne Winch will be visiting Brandon, Ilona and Obadiah. Tommy Tennis will be visiting Maisie, Sebastian and Thisali. **A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES THAT THE COMPANION BEAR MUST BE RETURNED AT THE END OF EACH WEEK.** (NQA 1,3, 5, 6, & 7)

PLAYFUL

POSSUMS

- 1) Getting to know each other
- 2) Families
- 3) Australia Day.



During the month of January, the Playful Possums will be working on settling into their environment. The children will be getting to know each other and our families through games and small group times. The children will focus on using their verbal skills saying their first name during the song "I wonder what your name is?" We ask that parents bring in a family photo to add to our family tree wall. This is a great way for the children to connect their home to school environment. The Playful Possums have had a great time in the first week signing some of our favourite songs- A, B, C, D, Old McDonald had a farm and The Bumble Bee song.

Concept:

Week 1 and 2 we will be focussing on each child's first name as we encourage children to identify and recognise their first name along with learning their peer's names as they develop friendships at Jumpstart 4 Kids.

Numeracy and Literacy:

We will be focussing on the letter 'A' and number '1'. Children will be encouraged to identify the letter 'A' and learn different objects which begins with letter sound 'A'. Children will be developing their numeracy skills further by counting and recognising number 1.



Aa as in Ant



Number 1 as in 1 in a group



PLAYFUL POSSUMS - WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR CHILD

Parents are reminded to bring in clearly labelled each day:

1. at least 5 nappies and a packet of wipes
2. Top and fitted sheet (cot size)
3. Hat
4. At least 2 changes of clothes
5. Drink bottle (water only) and
6. Lunch box (healthy options only)

Children can bring food to be heated in the Possums room as there is a microwave and fridge located in the Playful Possums room.

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

BABY BUNYIPS:



1-2: Getting to know you

3-4: Australia day

Welcome back to all our returning families and new families for 2019. We will be focusing on supporting the babies to feel confident and comfortable in their learning environment through group activities, songs and activities of interest to each of the children.

To assist us with this, we ask that each family add to their child's cloud once a week, filling it with their interests, goals you have for them or something you did on the weekend.



By doing so, you are assisting the room educators to program for your child and help them to feel a sense of belonging to their environment.

YARNING BAG BUNYIPS



Our Family Yarning bag allows families to share their home experiences with educators so that we can incorporate family events and interests into the activities that are enjoyed by your child while in care. Educators spend time capturing the activities that your child enjoys during their day at Jumpstart through photos and short observations that are presented to families in the Yarning Book.

Families are provided with the Yarning Bag and book for 1 week. We ask that families are prompt in returning the Yarning bag so that we can provide this to all families throughout the year. In February the Yarning bag will be shared with Kalani and Ryker. (NQA 1,4, 5, 6, & 7)

WHAT TO BRING FOR YOUR CHILD

Parents are reminded to bring in clearly labelled each day:

1. At least 8 nappies and a packet of wipes
2. Hat
3. At least 2 changes of clothes (season appropriate)
4. Sippy Cup /Water bottle (water only)
5. Lunch box; at least two snacks for morning tea and afternoon tea. As well as lunch. (Healthy options only)
6. Dummy or Comforter
7. Please bring in a family photo so staff can add it to our family tree

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK MISS
ASHLEY OR MISS SHANNEN. ☺**

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

NO HAT NO PLAY

CLOTHING

Children are required to wear Sun Safe clothing.
T shirts - NO SHOE
STRING STRAPS
Covered in shoes – NO
THONGS



SUN HATS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY

Parents will have reminder slips placed in their child's bag notifying them that children have not attended the centre with sun safe clothing. After three consecutive occasions children will be provided with a centre hat. Parents accounts will be automatically charged \$15.00 to support children's health and safety needs.

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

OUTDOOR PLAY FUNDEMENTAL MOVEMENTS



Throughout the month of January, we will be focusing on the Fundamental Movement Skill (FMS) of 'Running'. Children will learn the skills and elements in relation to running as they participate in games that have a focus on running such as run, stop game, mini games of soccer and tips. During the month of February, we will focus on the Fundamental Movement Skill (FMS) of 'skipping'. Educators will guide children as they begin to understand and develop an understanding of the elements involved in 'skipping'. Children will be

encouraged to use their coordination skills as they practice each step as educators encourage children in developing these skills. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

FEE INFORMATION:

Fees will be charged for 2 weeks at the conclusion of Week 1, 2019. From the week commencing 14th January Fees will be charged weekly or fortnightly. This will ensure that all families are always a week ahead in regard to their fee payments. Please see John for any questions or concerns in relation to Fees.

CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING

FOR 2019: All families will need to sign a confirmation of booking for 2019. These will be made available to families from Monday 14th January. We ask that parents sign these and return ASAP. (NQA 6, & 7)

PARENT INVOLVEMENT:



Throughout the year we host several family centered events. Educators spend a great deal of time preparing children for these events and it is important that children feel supported by the presence of a parent or familiar friend or relative at these events. Your child's growth and development is a partnership between your home, family and the educators at JumpStart 4 kids. At times it may be challenging to attend these events, but with advance notice we hope that all families can support their child on these occasions so that children can see the presence of a familiar face. 2019 is a very important year for your child and together we hope to create many memories as your child progresses to achieve goals in a caring and supportive environment. Our first official event is our Welcome Afternoon Tea on Friday 15th February at 4:00pm. We hope to see as many family and friends at this event as we kick off to a great year. The children will be making small gifts to share with family so please take the time to support your child and speak with staff. Your contributions to our curriculum is always appreciated and we look forward to developing and maintaining strong relationships with all our families throughout 2019 and beyond. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Throughout January and February, we will be finalising our Quality Improvement Plan for 2019. These were discussed with families at our Parents Forums throughout 2018 and during monthly staff meetings. These will be displayed in the foyer at the start of March and will be displayed on the glass window located in the hall prior to entering the Possums room. Families are invited to view and make comments and suggestions throughout the year as we progress in attaining goals for 2019. (NQA 1,2,3,4, 5, 6, &7)

DONATIONS

We are always appreciative of Donations for our Raffles and recyclable items that we can reuse for our craft, indoor and outdoor play experiences. If families have received any unwanted gift over the Christmas period please consider the centre as we prepare for our Mother's Day raffle.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

We ask that all families donate an Easter Egg to our Easter Egg raffle. Please place your donated Easter Egg in the baskets in the Foyer by Friday 22nd February.



Possums Romeo 9th January

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

FINAL THOUGHT

*Show your support by attending our Welcome **AFTERNOON TEA** on Friday 15th at 4:00pm. We look forward to seeing all our families.*

JUMPSTART 4
KIDS TEAM

