

CENTRE INFORMATION



VALENTINES DAY Friday 14th Feb WELCOME AFTERNOON TEA 4:00pm

*Have you placed your name on the list in the foyer? We would be disappointed to have you miss our first afternoon tea as we welcome our new and existing families to 2020. Mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbours are all invited to this event. We look forward to sharing songs, stories and tasty treats as we show our love and care for all our children on this very special day. Across the centre we will engage children in experiences that encourage them to be kind to each other and to show emotions of care and concern as we show tenderness and compassion for those around us. Each child will take home a special gift for their family as a reminder to tell those we love how much they really mean to us. We wish all our families a *very special Valentine's Day.* (NQA 1,5, 6, &7)*

PARENT INPUT HELPING OUR WILDLIFE



Our children have been very concerned about the plight of our Koalas during the recent bushfires. No one can resist our cuddly Koalas. Many children have seen injured wildlife in the news. Our JumpStart children really needed to take action to save these beautiful animals. Sydney Zoo is caring for many animals who are

recovering after the fires. Your donations of bottles and can will assist us in donating funds for these animals. On the 31st January we had raised \$46. Our goal is \$100, so we are nearly halfway there. We encourage all families to continue to donate to our can and bottle collection as our children make a difference to their environment. (NQA 1, 5, 6, &7)

CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA

Throughout the month of January, all rooms have been exploring our Australian culture and heritage, through cooking experiences, arts and craft and songs. Busy Bees and Playful Possums have been listening and singing the "*Australian national anthem, Waltzing Matilda, Give me a home amongst the gum trees and the Wombat wobble*".

The Busy Bees were



excited as they made the Australian flag using fruit. Blue berries, raspberries, kiwi fruit and an apple were used to create our national flag. Not only did it look good it tasted great.



The Possum's were very creative when it came to making their own Koala biscuits!



They enjoyed using plastic knives to spread on the chocolate icing, and then stuck two marshmallows on for the ears, and three smarties for the eyes and nose. The children were so eager to eat these biscuits they couldn't wait until lunch-time so they ate them right away.



Our



beautiful Bunyips enjoyed making vegemite and cheese scrolls. Carefully spreading vegemite and sprinkling cheese with the help of Miss Manu and Miss Francesca ensured that our scrolls were

A way



delicious and tasty. A few tastes along the way ensured that the Bunyips scrolls were perfect for everyone

to enjoy. Miss Manu read about our Australian animals and an Australian version of the Hungry Caterpillar to delight of our Bunyips who listened eagerly as each page was turned.

The Possums and the Busy Bees enjoyed participating in their throwing competitions, cricket and dancing to the Wombat Wobble.



They all loved getting their Australian temporary tattoos. (NQA 1, 2,3,4,5, 6, &7)



ROOM STIMULUS

AREAS:

BUSY BEES:



1. Chinese New Year
2. Valentine's Day
3. Zoo Animal
4. Weather

Throughout the month of January in the Busy Bee room we focussed on getting to know one another and forming new friendships. We spoke about the members of our family and our favourite things to do. We focused on Australian and Aboriginal culture as we in celebrated Australia Day.



The



children enjoyed creating Aboriginal dot paintings, drawing Aboriginal symbols, singing songs



such as 'Waltzing Matilda' 'Home Among the Gum Trees' dancing to the 'Wombat Wobble' and reading about famous Australians.

These included books about 'Meet Banjo Paterson' 'Meet Don Bradman' and 'Meet Captain Cook'.

During the month of February, we will explore Chinese Culture through arts & craft, stories, videos and music in celebration of the Chinese New Year of the RAT.

We will look at different weather patterns and seasons using our new windmill in our outdoor space. We will explore Zoo Animals as we continue to fundraise for animals injured during our recent bushfires.

(NQA 12, 5, 6, &7)

SCHOOL READINESS

FOCUS LITERACY

During the month of February, we will be focussing on the letters A, M, S, T. Children will be encouraged to identify these letters and most importantly the sound each letter makes. This is something we encourage you to do with your children at home perhaps while reading them a story or out shopping. Together with your child see what letters you can find and encourage your child to identify the letter sounds that each letter makes. Remember we are focusing on 1 letter sound a week, so start with A for one week and progress through with a new letter each week so that we can consolidate children's learning.

NUMERACY

This month we will be focusing on the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4. Children will be encouraged to identify numbers through school readiness activities such as number flash cards and identifying numbers on dice. Counting activities will be encouraged with hands on materials such as coloured counters. Children will also be encouraged to count during play experiences like building blocks and threading.

CONCEPT

This month we will focus on the shapes square, circle, triangle and rectangle. The colours we will focus on are red, blue, green and yellow. Games like 'eye spy' are good for developing shape and colour recognition these are things you can play while out and about with your children or even while driving in the car. Children will be encouraged to name and identify colours and shapes but also to develop an understanding of the properties of each shape. i.e. how many sides each shape has, how many corners an if they have straight sides or curved sides.

SIGHTWORDS

The sight words below are the ones we will be focusing on during February. These will be introduced to children through phonics stories, flashcards, bingo games and tracing sheets.

WK 1	A	And
WK 2	I	Me
WK 3	My	In
WK 4	Is	It

Pre-Lit

The pre-lit program focuses on children's pre-literacy skills. In February we are focusing on 6 books which are "Dear Zoo", "Aaaarrgghh, spider", "The very hungry caterpillar", "Found you little Wombat", "giraffe Can't Dance", "I Know a Rhino".

To begin with we start by looking at the parts of the book. We identify the front and back covers, the spine, the top and bottom of the book, the title, the blurb and then the Author and Illustrator.

BUSY BEES NEWS

Each child in the Busy Bees room will be allocated a day of the week for their news day. Please see the table below for your child's news day, this can also be found on the Busy Bee door. Each child is invited to bring something special in to share with their peers. We encourage the children to bring in a photo of their family or something they did on the weekend or something else to talk about such as a book, sporting trophy, an artwork or picture rather than a toy that may be lost or broken. We encourage the children to speak about their news item in front of their peers, helping to develop confidence. The other children are encouraged to ask questions and inquire about their peer's news item.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Arthur	Eliana	Benjamin	Aarish	Ayansh
Ayaz	Kirpa	Javier	Hannah	Claire
Eloise	Liam	Kaya	Ipsita	Ezra
Ilona	Millie	Roksana	Khushi	Ivy
Sebastian	Tyler	Veer	Maisie	William
Vrisha			Medha	

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

COMPANION BEARS BUSY BEES & PLAYFUL POSSUMS

During the month of January our companion bears spent some time at jumpstart getting to know the Busy Bees and Possums. They had so much fun making new friends. They can't wait to spend some time with everyone at their homes.



Paramedic Pete and Nurse Natasha look forward to visiting Sebastian, Illona, Ivy and Ayansh during February



Schoolgirl Jessica and Patient Patrick are excited to visit Ryker, Eden, Tobias C-J and Avni during February

Don't forget to share some pictures and stories about all your adventures together in our special companion books.

A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES THAT THE COMPANION BEAR MUST BE RETURNED AT THE END OF EACH WEEK. (NQA 1, 2, 5, 6, & 7)



PLAYFUL POSSUMS

- 1) Seasons
- 2) Valentine's Day
- 3) Body (Health)
- 4) Feelings

During January the Playful Possums had a great time exploring Aboriginal and Australian culture in celebration of Australia Day, the children participated in cooking experiences, story reading, art and craft and dancing. The children enjoyed reading the books 'What's in your pocket?'

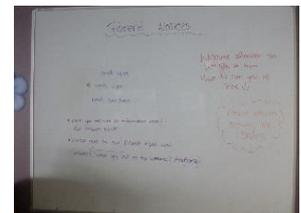


and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillars Australian Friends'



In the Possums room we have added a 'Parent notice board'. We use this specifically for reminders to families about upcoming events or daily reminders such as needing nappies or wipes. Please check this board each time you enter the room for important updates.

During the month of February, the children will be learning about the different seasons and weather through activities such as art and craft, songs, stories and videos. We will show a focus towards Our Body and Health. Looking at different parts of our bodies and different ways to be healthy through group discussions and stories. We will show a



focus towards developing and encouraging children's verbal skills and understanding of different feelings and emotions. We ask that parents bring in a family photo to add to our family tree wall.

Concept

Colour Red  Colour Blue 

Shape Circle  Shape Square 

Numeracy

Number 3

Here are 3 flowers



Number 4

Here are 4 fingers



Literacy

S as in Snake



T as in Turtle



BABY BUNYIPS STIMULUS:

Week 1- Musical instruments

Week 2- Valentine day

Week 3- Celebrations

Week 4- Farm animals



During the month of February, we will be focussing on a different stimulus each week. For the first week children will focus on musical instruments listening to the various sounds they make. Children will participate in craft activities for Valentine's Day and share these special gifts with their families. The children will explore farm animals using books, songs and dramatic play area. The

children will learn where animals live and talk about the foods that they eat. They will hear the sounds that different animals make as they develop their social skills and language skills by naming animals and engaging in group-based activities.

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The children will focus on a *Square* as a shape in the month of February through flash cards, number hunt game and books.

Educator will read books during the mealtimes to promote children's language and listening skills. We encourage all families to read to their children each night. Look at the Books that we have read!

- 1. *Little penguin stories.*
- 2. *Fox makes friends.*
- 3. *Grandpaa is great*
- 4. *A Math safari*
- 5. *What can rabbit see?*

The focus words for literacy in February will be **YES.** Children are encouraged to say "yes" throughout the day in response to educators' requests. E.g. . "Do you want water to drink r?"

YARNING BOOK:

We use our Yarning book to share stories with families about their children while in care, the families then can take the yarning book home for 1 week and share some of their child's interests from home with us. Every week each child has an opportunity to take the yarning book home and pour their experiences in it and bring it back the following week for the next child .Once it's returned we will send it out to another family. Camryn and Dana will be the children to share their stories for the month of February .



OUTDOOR PLAY FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENTS

Throughout the month of February, we will be focusing on the Fundamental Movement Skill (FMS) of 'balancing'. The Baby Bunyips will attempt to walk along the balance beam laid on the floor. The non-walking Bunyips will develop balance through standing with educator assistance, using furniture or the walking frames.



Throughout the month of February, the Possums and Bees will focus on the Fundamental Movement Skill (FMS) of 'Jumping'. Children will learn the basic concepts and skills



in relation to jumping with encouragement and support from educators. The children will participate in games involving Jumping such as jumping in hoops with their feet together', 'Jumping to the fence and back'. Parents are encouraged to practice these skills with their children at home to develop proficiency. (NQA 1, 5, 6, &7)



SUSTAINABILITY SHOW

Monday 24th February 10:00 am



The children are learning about how they can care for their world through their daily activities. We are collecting food scraps and placing these into our worm farm to use as fertiliser for our centre vegetable garden. On Monday 24th the children will engage in a hands on interactive show that supports children's understanding of how they can care for their environment by reusing materials, placing items in recycling bins and reducing the amount of plastic that we use and saving water. In 2020

our incursions will be charged at \$12 per child as all shows have increased. This charge will be automatically charged to accounts for enrolled children. Parents who have children who are not enrolled on this day are welcome to attend with their child

CORONAVIRUS

NSW Health has issued guidelines to child care services to ensure that children, families and educators follow procedures to ensure that we reduce the risk of this virus at our service. We ask families sign and take a copy of the Fact sheet provided by NSW Health. If your child is unwell please keep them at home and inform the centre by 9:00am

CHINESE NEW YEAR

In February we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. The children will engage in making Chinese Lanterns, Chinese musical instruments and of course cute mice. We will cook a variation of Chinese moon cakes, eat noodles and share in vegetable rice rolls. Simply delicious. We invite families to share books, songs and dances as we celebrate China.



EASTER & MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE



In Preparation for our Easter and Mother's Day raffle we would ask each family to donate an Easter egg and gift. Place donated items on the table in the foyer.

POSSUMS Sayesha 11th

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Khushal 23rd

FINAL THOUGHT



IT TAKES A BIG
heart
TO HELP SHAPE
little minds

JUMPSTART 4 KIDS
STAFF