

CENTRE INFORMATION CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

During our November Staff meeting we revisited our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) for 2021. Covid has presented challenges in undertaking some of the initiatives that we had planned for in 2021. Revisiting these goals will now form the foundations of our 2022 plan. For 2022, we will support all educators through an Innovative Solution Grant. This grant will support educators in developing an awareness of each child needs and developing supportive strategies that assist all children inclusive of children with additional needs. We will be supported through specialists as we embrace collaborative conversations to provide quality care for children and families.



CHRISTMAS SANTA CLAUS AT JUMPSTART 4 KIDS

On the 30th of November we had the most awaited visitor at Jumpstart. All the children were very excited to see Santa Claus. Santa was so pleased to hear the children singing *Jingle*



Bells, the Reindeer Hokey Pokey and his favourite *Santa Claus is coming*. When Santa heard this song, he came through the gates with his bell in the air dancing to the tune and sending out loud

Shouts of “ Hello” to all the children . Santa was so impressed by the beautiful singing and the performance that he couldn’t help but swing his hips and dance with the children. As the performance concluded Santa sat on the stage on his special chair . There was a gift for each child



, a lolly bag and a special gift from Santa sack. Santa called each child who eagerly came up to receive their gift. Christmas paper filled our sand pit as the children excitedly unwrapped their gift.



LETTERS TO SANTA

The children have been busy writing their special letters to Santa . These letters were posted to the North Pole with the children receiving their reply letter during the first week of December. The children at Jumpstart have been really good

throughout the year. Many of the children have been helping mum and Dad and have been really kind to their friends. They have been using the words 'Please' and 'Thankyou' and they have been listening to their teachers. Santa has been really proud of the efforts of all the children at JumpStart. Each child was excited to receive their letter and their candy cane. A Special treat from Santa Claus himself, although we think Mrs Claus may have added this special treat for the children at JumpStart.



The simple joy of writing a letter is often forgotten. Encouraging children to write their wishes, dreams and thoughts allows children to express their ideas and communicate their feelings. Having someone return their letter through a written reply builds children's awareness of self and their confidence,



especially when it comes from Santa Claus himself. These letters and reply letters have been provided to families in each child's

portfolios as a memento of perhaps their first letter. Let's encourage more writing and letters for the future as children build their literacy and communication skills.



ST VINCENT'S De PAUL CHARITY BASKETS

For the past 10 years JumpStart 4 Kids has been providing Hampers to the Lalor Park Chapter of St Vincent's De Paul. Kevin Sloan is the

President of this Chapter and has supported JumpStart by attending our Christmas Celebrations each year to thank families and children for their generosity. With Covid restrictions current Kevin has extended a personal thank you to everyone who has donated to our 5 Hampers this year. Many families and local residents have struggled throughout 2021 and 2020. We hope that the generosity of those who have taken the time to think of others this Christmas reminds us that Christmas is a time of



Giving and Caring. The kindest words and gestures are FREE. QA1,2,3,4,5,6,7,)

REMEMBERANCE DAY

On the 11th of November all the children and staff at JumpStart acknowledged this historic day by organising a special story time and Viewing the Spirit of the ANZAC's by Lee Kernaghan.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q20DUaIzYJg>

We paid our respects to the Anzac's by



maintaining silence for 1 minute in order to remember everyone who

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serves and protects our country and who serve in the armed forces. The Spirit of the Anzacs captures armed services fighting for our Freedoms and protecting citizens. Miss Isha read a very special book called “Anzac Ted” to all the children. All the children were able to develop a deeper understanding of the role that the armed forces play in our life in order to maintain peace throughout the world.

To extend on children's interests about Remembrance Day, Miss Eloise made medals with children and attached rosemary badges on children's shirts from our Vegetable Garden. Rosemary is often used in herbal medicines for memory. This is why Rosemary is used on Anzac Day as it allows us to reflect and remember.

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

ROAD SAFETY



The children engaged in a variety of activities during the Road Safety Week. They played games that supported their literacy concepts by identifying letters and



writing using a large dice which identified words associated



with modes of transport. The

children were keen to roll the dice and write what transport word they could identify. The children practiced the words Car, Bus, Van and Truck. Construction activities supported their understanding about road safety. Javier made a safety ladder, train tracks and bridges to ride his cars and trucks. Miss Jaina played a matching game with Busy Bees using the transport mats.

The children were encouraged to sort the vehicles that run on the water, land and air. Miss Isha set up a construction work site to encourage children to get familiar with road safety signs like STOP SIGN, SLOW, ZEBRA CROSSING, SPEED ZONE. We made a bus in the room by lining up the chairs and wearing our safety harness provided by one of our community networks BUSWAYS. And Roads and Traffic resources. Across the centre we talked about safety on the road, and how we remain safe in vehicles while traveling and the significance of wearing seatbelts. (QA1,2,3,4,5,6,7,)

COUNTRY OF THE MONTH – INDIA



In the month of November, all staff and children celebrated the Indian Festival of Lights at Jumpstart. Miss Isha and Miss Jaina organised several activities throughout the week with children. To kick start the celebrations we completed clay lamps out of baker's clay, painting in henna tattoo templates and Indian outfits in the dramatic play area. We watched the movie on the Diwali on YouTube < Ramayana : Story of Diwali | Mythological Stories from Mocomi Kids - YouTube> Busy bees enjoyed watching Meera the Royal detective episode on Diwali celebrations as well. To wrap

up the celebrations for the week Miss Isha organised a sustainable Rangoli across the rooms. We used loose parts like bottle tops, pinecones, octobuilder, mushrooms, rocks and pebbles in the room. Miss Jaina made an



authentic Indian dessert made up of carrots called “Gajjarella”. Busy bees went outside in our veggie garden with Miss Maree to pull fresh carrots to make this delicious desert of condensed milk , grated carrots and Indian spices. Simply delicious. (QA1,2,,5,6,7,)

ROOM STIMULUS AREAS:

BUSY BEES:

1. **Transport**
2. **Friendship**
3. **Christmas**
4. **Christmas**



The Busy Bees enjoyed learning about different modes of transport, the different shapes and sizes of vehicles. The children learnt about vehicles that sail on the sea, vehicles that run on the road and that fly in the air. Miss Isha read the book called “Trucks and Trains”, which allowed the children to see different parts of vehicles which include the engine, brakes, steering wheel and the special compartments for the driver. The children explored the concept of speed and how vehicles can go very fast and very slow. The children discussed and shared their understanding and knowledge about road safety, the importance of wearing a helmet, crossing the road, holding hands and wearing seat belts. Through the stimulus of friendship, the children

were able to build on their knowledge about positive social behaviours such as sharing and caring for each other and using kind words and looking out for one another. We read books like “When I am feeling sad, when I am feeling happy”. Through these books children were able to develop empathy and respect for each other in the room.

It is exciting to complete our Christmas inspired craft, stories and lots of music and movement in the room as we prepare for the holidays. We have discussed the importance of donating things like food, toys and other essential goods. We read Christmas books called “The night before Christmas”, “Santasaurus” “All I want for Christmas is My two teeth”. The children really enjoyed “There was an old bloke who swallowed a present”. During our Arts and Crafts activities, we made Christmas inspired collages, snowman,



Christmas bracelets and jewellery.

The children are busy making special treats for their



family as we celebrate with family and friends .

SCHOOL READINESS FOCUS

LITERACY FOCUS. THE SOUNDS THAT OUR LETTERS MAKE PHONICS

During the month of December, the Busy Bees will focus on the letters B, E and K. The children will be introduced to these letters through literacy school readiness groups with planned intentional teaching experiences. The children will be encouraged to identify the letters through letter hunt using magnetic letters or in the sand pit using letter flash cards. They will develop their knowledge on letter formation by creating the letters using play dough or by practicing writing the letters using rainbow writing technique and memorising the correct formation of each letter. Children will further their understanding on letter sounds as they will be encouraged to discuss the words that begins with each letter and later type the words on computer using their developing literacy skills.

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NUMERACY

In December, we will focus on mathematical concepts such as time, long and short. We will do this by encouraging children to participate in different activities and games focusing on these concepts. We will encourage children to use large wooden blocks, twigs and yarn strings to sort out long and short and will use wooden clocks and visual times cards to introduce children with time

CONCEPT

During the month of December, we will focus on the shapes Pentagon, Diamond and Rhombus and the colours Pink, Grey and Black. The children will be encouraged to name and identify each colour by participating in activities such as colour scavenger hunt both in outdoor and indoor, mixing colours to make the focus colour of the week. Children will be encouraged to further their knowledge on each shape through teacher guided experience where educators will introduce children with the properties of each shape including the sides and corners of the shape. Children will be encouraged to express their understanding through play- based learning activities such as drawing shapes using the dot to dot connect technique, Pom pom and shape mats and identify the shape.

SIGHTWORDS

WK 1	The	See
WK 2	Said	Look
WK 3	Not	Can

Throughout December in each week, children will be focusing on 2 sight words as listed above. At first the children will be introduced to the sight words using the flash cards then taught through play-based literacy games like matching the sight words using the magnetic letter tiles, find and colour the sight word using crossword puzzle and sight word bingo.

BUSY BEES HEALTHY ADVENTURES BOOK

For the final stage of the year this will go to Sia, Tobias, Eli, Avni

COMPANION BEARS

For the final stage of the year this will go to Mayz, Sayesha , Millie and Ahmed



ROOM STIMULUS

PLAYFUL POSSUM

- 1 Colours
- 2 Recycling
- 3 Road safety
- 4 Numbers

In the first week of November the Possums revisited their colours. Throughout the week they participated in colour sorting and grouping experiences. As they participated in these learning experiences they were developing their colour recognition skills and mathematical skills as they learnt how to group the colours into individual ordering. Our recycling week was a busy and productive week where the children used the recycled materials that had been set out for them in the block area, home corner area, sandpit and during art/craft experiences. We watched videos on recycling(reduce, reuse, recycle) and we read the story “worms the mechanics of organics” and “Lets save water”.



The Possums also sat with Miss Michelle who did a talk on sustainability, and they took part in a hands-on demonstration using the

yellow recycle bin and the red rubbish bin. The children learnt which bin to put the rubbish in and which one to place the recycled materials into. Our road safety week was an integral part of their learning as educators guided the children



on the importance of keeping safe when walking near the road, near carparks and wearing seatbelts in the car. Miss Michelle also read the

importance of keeping safe when walking near the road, near carparks and wearing seatbelts in the car. Miss Michelle also read the

story “hold my hand” and then children used the ride on cars with the use of road signs for them to role play and use their thinking strategies and social skills.

The children took part in creating traffic lights, colouring traffic signs and singing “buckle, me up, buckle me up” and Click, clack, front and back”. In the last week of November our stimulus was all about numbers. Educators provided experiences for the children to enhance their number recognition skills through flash cards, number puzzles, counting experiences with educators during group times and number writing activities.



Children were scaffolding in their counting abilities and educators provided



assistance to children who needed some extra help in this learning area.



Next month our Stimulus learning will be all about sea animals and Christmas which will wrap up the year. From



all the Possums Educators I would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas and a happy New Year.

BABY BUNYIPS STIMULUS:

1. Dinosaurs
2. Dinosaurs
3. Christmas
4. Christmas



During the month of November, we had a strong focus on shapes and

colours. We provided the children with various activities based on their interests including books and songs about shapes and colours developing their language skill and listening skills. We provided the children with various activities, like colour mixing on the table and using the colours in zip lock bags, based on their interests. We read books and sang songs like the rainbow song



about the colours of the rainbow thus developing their colour recognition skills. We also engaged in activities that challenged their cognitive ability such as puzzles, pom pom with tongs, shape turtle, shape sorters etc. The children enjoyed listening to the

Sounds

Toes, Ears and nose

Hoot's lullaby

Goodnight, Sleep tight

10 hooting owls

There's a Big Green Frog in the Toilet

Macca The Alpaca

Alpacas With Maracas

The Wonky Donkey

Jungle Drums

stories as read by the educators. These stories allowed the Baby Bunyips to develop their language and listening skills.



Baby

bunyip's really



enjoyed the instruments. They all engaged at this activity making sound and learning about tempo. Some of the older children named the colours of the instruments while others were exposed to the bright colours which made the instruments more intriguing



Throughout December our focus will be on the stimulus dinosaurs and Christmas. It's such an

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exciting time of the year, the children will have the opportunity to learn about the meaning of Christmas through stories and songs, explore their creative side through art and craft activities and develop their fine motor and manipulative skills by building and decorating a Christmas tree.

YARNING BOOK

The Yarning book went home with Gurfateh for the first time; it was exciting to see some pictures of things she gets up to at home. Jorawar and Daksh will get to take it home next to share some of their home life with us.

OUTDOOR PLAY FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT



Our fundamental movement skill we focused on in November was skipping. We encouraged children to work on their skipping abilities through playing some known games with a twist, such as duck duck goose but having the children skip, and some new games like Thaw and Freeze. To Play Thaw and Freeze, one child is 'freeze' running around trying to freeze their friends while one person is 'Thaw' tipping their friends so they are back in the game and able to skip around again. Throughout December our focus Fundamental movement will be Galloping in honour of our favourite Reindeer friends visiting in a few short weeks.

OUTDOOR STEM



In the outdoor area this past month we focused on investigation sensory activities. These types of activities focus on developing children's investigation skills and curiosity while also developing fine motor skills through sensory play. We utilized our trough by implementing

activities where the children were searching through the sand, such as our fossil finding activity which was a favourite amongst the children throughout the month. This activity had children investigating through the sand with a paintbrush, dusting for seashells or as we saw them 'fossils'.



HEALTHY EATING CHAMPIONS

<u>Possums</u>	<u>Bees</u>	<u>Bunyip's</u>
Elianah	Neil	Mael
Gautham	Ryker	Mia
Hrishi	Millie	Jorawar
Linaya	Tobias	Imrose

GRADUATION REQUEST



BUSY BEE GRADUATION DECEMBER 7th & 8th 6:30 -7:30 pm

Our Graduation night is an exciting time as we celebrate children achievement and prepare them for their start for Kindergarten in 2022.

Parents have received their formal invitation for the night and we look forward to celebrating this event with families.

COVID SAFETY IMPORTANT NOTICE

With this in mind we would request that if parents are not able to find care for siblings that they are seated with family at all times and that they have a mask on. As we are so close to the Christmas break, we wish for all families to remain safe so that they can enjoy this time with family. Parents will be asked to show their vaccinations on arrival.

A reminder that we would strongly suggest that only 2 guests can accompany each graduate with social distancing undertaken. We look forward to sharing this momentous occasion with all our families and graduates as they prepare for kindergarten in 2022.

Graduation Invitations Provided Strictly 2
guest ONLY

7th December: 6:30 – 7:15pm

8th December: 6:30 – 7:15pm

BOND REFUNDS FOR EXITING
FAMILIES

We wish all our exiting families with children commencing kindergarten the very best for 2021. For families exiting at the conclusion of 2021, refunds will be forwarded during the week commencing 18th January.

CLOSE DOWN DATES

The final day is Friday 24th

December:

**We advise all families that the
centre will close at 1:30pm .**

**Please collect children by
1:30pm.**

Please ensure children's belongings and portfolios are collected by all families so that you can share the incredible moments that your child has experienced with us during 2021.

No fees are payable during the shutdown period.

REPOEN Monday 10th January 2022.



*Busy Bees - Stella 1st & Charlotte 9th
Bunyips Ameer 24th*

FINAL THOUGHT

As the years come to a close, we wish all our children and families a magical Christmas. Take the time to relax and enjoy time shared with loved ones. Santa is delighted to share that all the children at Jumpstart 4 kids have made it onto the nice list. His recent visit to the centre from the North Pole was spectacular. Our Elf on the Shelf has kept Santa informed each day and the children have used their manners and been kind to their friends as they prepare for a Christmas filled with magic and joy.



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