

Jenny's



Early Learning Centre

Jenny's ELC 2012/13 Vision

Our core belief is

"Children are our future"

Last year Jenny's focused on **Interactive Learning, Nutrition & School Readiness**. We have adapted our routine, goals and resources so that we can support our Children and Staff to extend their skills and knowledge in these areas.

In order to better serve our Children and Families, Jenny's will focus on **3 new** areas in 2012/13

- Natural Play and Intimate Play Spaces.
- Expressive Arts - Music and Movement
- Staff Mentoring and Support



Natural Play and Intimate Play Spaces

A Child exploring the natural environment is a beautiful thing, but we all know that Children are never themselves if they feel like they're been watched.

Our goal is to help our Children become more in touch with the natural environment, by providing them with intimate places where they can play, learn and explore.

Our Focus

- The creation of **'Jen's Kids Farm'**, which will include large plant boxes, compost, gardening tools, watering cans, a sensory area and maybe a scarecrow!
- Provide our Children the opportunity to manage **'Jen's Kids Farm'**, everything from ordering materials to planting and nurturing the farm. Through play our Children can explore, learn and develop a true appreciation for their surrounding environment.
- Introduction of intimate play spaces using of plants and natural materials, indoors and out, where our Children can feel 'hidden' in their own special place. Whilst also being able to take responsibility for their own environment.



Staff Mentoring and Support

At Jenny's we believe our Staff are our greatest asset. We are proud to say that our 2012 Team is the most skilled, vibrant and energetic team so far!

Our goal is to instil a culture of fun, continuous learning and support at Jenny's.

Our Focus

- Introduction of a new Senior Mentor role. One or two Senior Staff will be selected for this role to strengthen mentoring for our Staff at Jenny's.
- Provide and encourage ongoing development of professional skills.
- Encourage up-skilling of professional qualifications.
- Encourage and support team sports and social activities. Watch out for '**Kinder Surprise**' & **Gully Stars** in 2012!



Expressive Arts - Music and Movement

All children love music, and playing different musical instruments improves children's concentration, coordination, relaxation, patience and self-confidence.

Bendigo Academy of Music (BAM) led by **Jacqui Peeler** and **Rowden Kolone, "Australian Idol & X-Factor Finalist"**, will be privately tutoring our Children. BAM have extensive experience in the Music Industry, and will guarantee your Child's music tuition at Jenny's is second to none.

Our goal is to expose all our Children to a wide range of music, singing, dancing and instruments.

Our Focus

- **Bendigo Academy of Music** will lead a weekly music group time in each room, exposing our Children to different instruments and cultural music.
- As our Children's interests develop, Jenny's will invest in instruments so they can enhance their skills and enjoyment while engaging in play based incidental practice throughout the week.
- Our Children will also have the opportunity to develop their self confidence through singing, by Staff encouraging incidental singing as well as group learning led by **Bendigo Academy of Music**.