



Ulverstone Child Care Centre Newsletter- Summer 2018



"Together we care, nurture and learn."

Centre News What a busy time of the year! Christmas is just around the corner and the children have been busy with Christmas craft which we have started to display in all rooms. Thankyou to parents that have completed booking forms for 2019 and we remind families to get their Family Christmas Party forms in by Friday 30th November.

Welcome to all of our new families that have commenced care over this term, it is lovely to see how well children are settling in and building connections with our educators, forming a sense of belonging.

The centre car park is nearly finished with the line marking to be completed, thank you for your patience whilst this has been closed off. We are hoping for completion this week.

The centre will close on Friday 21st December at 6pm and re-open 7am Wednesday January 2nd. If your child is not attending during the holidays you will need to cancel the week before to receive a cancellation fee. Cancellations will not be given on the day of care.

Staffing.... We welcome Georga-Lee Menzies and Nicqueta Richards to our casual staffing pool. Georga and Nicqueta are studying their Certificate III in Education and Care through Tas Tafe and have both settled well into the centre, especially over this busy period.

Sadly we farewell two of our staff who are retiring at the end of November and December respectfully. Janelle Van Ek who has been working at the centre as a casual staff member for the past 3 years is retiring at the end of November. We will miss Janelle's energy and kindness, we may see Janelle as a volunteer at the centre and we wish her all the best for this next chapter!

Mary Hamilton is retiring at the end of December, Mary has been one of our cleaners at the centre for the last 14 years and during this time has also been a relief cook. We will miss you Mary, and your common sense approach to your work. We wish you a healthy, happy retirement and know that you will enjoy spending time with your little granddaughter Ivy.

Community Links... Our new cubby house for the Young Endeavour outdoor area has arrived! We would like to thank the students from Ulverstone High School V.E.T Construction class, and Mr Howard for all the work that has gone into building this. The children have enjoyed watching the progress, from the foundation being poured to the delivery. During group time they have discussed the play resources they would like to have in the new cubby.



A huge thank you to Kate and Kylie for gifting us a music program, this will be a valuable resource for the centre.

Dec/Feb 2019

Important Dates

- * **Friday Dec 7th**
Family Christmas Party
- * **Closed from Friday 21st Dec 6pm.**
- * **Re-open Wed January 2nd 7am.**
- * **Closed- Public Holiday 28th Jan**
Australia Day
- * **School commences Wednesday Feb 6.**

Our OSHC Services

- East Ulverstone Outside School Hours
- Forth Before and Outside School Hours
- Penguin Outside School Hours Care





Vacation Care...

Our holiday program is out! Commencing on Friday 21st December. This summers' action packed program includes; crafts with mosaic art, sand art, bead and sensory days, dream catchers and wind chimes, pebble art and Hebel carving. Excursions to the Ulverstone Water Slide, Metro Cinemas, gymnastics and exploring the Bluff beach and the Launceston Aquatic Centre. We will be celebrating Australia Day, a mystery day, water play and Nerf day. Please contact the office for any inquiries on 64253505.

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Staff profile..... My name is Rachael Sculthorpe and I live in Gawler with my husband Claye and our two children, Mia who is five and Cade who is three. As a family we enjoy walking, swimming, gardening, football and spending time outdoors together. I have been working in Early Childhood Education for fourteen years, in that time I have worked with a variety of age groups. I am currently studying towards my Bachelor of Education. (Early Childhood Teaching) and enjoy keeping up to date with current theories and perspectives on children's learning and sharing these with my co-workers.



I believe children learn through play and thrive in all areas when submerged in rich play based environments which promote social interaction. The early years are an important time for children's development and I feel privileged to be able to contribute to the minds of the next generation.

Room transitions.... The majority of children due to move rooms will commence transition in January with moves taking place in February once school commences. However there will be some children moving in January where spaces are available. Please see Andie at the office if you have any concerns or queries.

We would like to thank Mark Damon from 'Damon Signs' for the excellent job creating signage for our bus. Mark has updated our logo, defining the image, and is now working on a new banner for the centre and magnetic signage of the centre logo to use on the community bus.



Reminder..... The centre provides a generic 50+ sunscreen. If your child needs to use a sensitive sunscreen parents will need to provide this for their child to use. Please ensure that your child has a hat. There are hats available at the office for purchase in a range of colours and sizes for \$8.50.

Our licensing hours are **7am-6pm**. Please ensure that you have organised for your child/ren to be collected by 6pm. Late fees will apply if children are not collected prior to 6pm.



Big Room News.....

The Big Room have been planting and growing some vegetables and herbs. We started with a walk to Becks Hardware to buy some parsley and spring onion plants to plant in a tub. The children were then given the opportunity to grow some snow peas from seeds. They have been observing the peas growing in the pots until big enough to replant to the climbing frame. The children helped to plant the peas and have been helping to water and observe the peas climbing up the frame. Two cucumber plants have been added, and we are planning to have two tomato plants as well.

Link to outcome 2- Children are connected with and contribute to their world

Show increasing appreciation and care for the natural environment.



Toddler Room News.....

The Toddler Room children participated in the Outdoor Classroom Day, which involved various experiences that were set up in the outdoor environment for the children to explore. Some of these activities were chalk drawing on the concrete, investigating mud with insects and some time reading with their peers.

The children have shown their keen interest in music as they have been exploring the arts in different ways, such as the musical wall, different musical instruments, creating collages and spring artwork. They have enjoyed expressing themselves through dance with their enjoyment in the Wiggles music. The Toddler Room children have also been busy creating Christmas crafts in preparation for Christmas time.



Young Endeavour Room News...

Over the past month in the Young Endeavours all of the children have enjoyed working in our garden. It has been fantastic to see the children so excited to be involved in creating a space where they can enjoy caring for our environment by growing our own vegetables that we can eat at the Centre. Some of the children have brought in seedlings from home that they have happily shared with their peers to plant. The children take turns during the week at watering and weeding our garden, something they look forward to.



The children have been busy transforming our room into a Christmas wonderland with all our beautiful artwork and craft. The children have engaged in making reindeers, snowmen and coloured baubles for our room Christmas tree. They have enjoyed coming into the room and seeing their work displayed on the walls which leads to lots of wonderful conversations about Christmas and Santa, something that we are all excited about!

Baby Room News.....

Our babies have been participating in Christmas crafts, enjoying the opportunity to engage in different forms of media such as painting, gluing and collage activities. We have been busy settling new babies into our room making meaningful connections with the children and their families.



We wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Andie & Staff
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Staff training

All Centre staff participated in the review of our Quality Improvement Plan. Looking at each of the seven quality areas, our documented strengths for each area and our actions to date for our areas of improvement. Our QIP is on display on the counter in the foyer for parents to view.

