

Ulverstone Child Care Centre Newsletter August 2017



"Together we care, nurture and learn"

Centre News

The days are now lengthening and we are on the way to welcoming spring! The centre has recently joined Facebook and we are endeavouring to keep people up to date with information and activities. You can find us at Ulverstone Child Care Centre ☺

We are now able to offer Centrepay as another payment method; you can use Centrepay to arrange regular deductions from your centrelink payments. If you would like to use this service please inquire at the office for the information and forms.

We would like to thank Brian Morton who has recently retired from Central Coast Council for all the work he has done over the years at the centre. Recently Brian upgraded the toddler sandpit area with new wooden shelving and a kitchen stove unit. We wish Brian all the best for this next chapter. Thank you also to Greg Bennett for the rock edging that he laid to complete the works. Sally Woodward has been busy pressure cleaning at the young endeavours' and will be cleaning under all of the sandpit shade covers over the next few weeks.

Community Links

The toddler room children are looking forward to a visit on Tuesday the 15th August from Chrystal Adams who facilitates 'rock and rhyme' which operates every Friday at the Ulverstone library. Chrystal will be joining our morning music session at 9.30am.

Thank you to Mr Riseley (Andie's dad) for putting together our wooden toys that were purchased at the end of June. We have a new shop, dress-up clothes rack, new dolls, dolls beds and prams. Other resources purchased were a foam play house for the baby/toddler area, puzzles, sand and water pond and stand, construction trucks, dolls house furniture, and an outdoor 'climbing' steam train and kombi van for the young endeavours.

Fundraising

Toy catalogue's will be sent home next week and will need to be returned by Friday September 29th. The Centre receives 20% of all sales to purchase new resources.

We are once again participating in the 'Woolworths' earn and learn promotion. Last year we were fortunate to receive a variety of table top puzzles, counting frames and magnifying glasses. You can drop your earn and learn stickers into the centre or in the box provided at Woolworths Ulverstone.

Thank you to all the parents and friends that have supported the 'Entertainment book' fundraiser. Our Fundraising is coming to an end. Hurry, this is your last reminder to buy your NEW 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Membership from us. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time! To order securely online visit: <http://www.entbook.com.au/241k78>



Young Endeavour room news..... Young Endeavour children have continued with the rooms long term goal of understanding self –identity, as well as now adding early letter and number recognition.

Through art and craft we have been creating some masterpieces with marble painting and collage. We have experimented with several simple science activities, which have including bubbles, oil and water, floating and sinking and magnets. As a group we have also spent time exploring sustainability and recycling, and created our own cycle and even made our own paper!



OSHC & Vacation Care

July holiday bookings were very popular with an influx of bookings resulting in limited vacancies especially on excursion days. The children engaged in a variety of experiences which included excursions to the cinema and Burnie beach, Kids Paradise in Launceston, a Christmas in July incursion for the 3 services and craft activities including making dream catchers and crazy critters. A new program will be available mid- September, and we ask parents/carers to book days in advance where possible to ensure their availability.

Reminder

A friendly reminder to all parents that the centre is licensed to operate during the hours 7am until 6pm daily.

Dates to remember:

August 15th : Visit from Ulverstone Library, Rock and Rhyme

October 2nd; School holidays commence

October 16th: Term 4 commences

October 25th: Young Australia Workshop "sharing Culture"

Big room news.... Over the past months the children in our room have been provided with many opportunities to foster and develop their cooperative skills. We have encouraged this by supporting the children's play and learning in both the indoor and outdoor environments. Educators have been guiding their behaviour (when needed), encouraging them to use their language to express themselves and to share and take turns. We believe these are important life skills and, although challenging at times, with support and gentle guidance can be achieved.



Toddler Room News

The Toddler Room children have been busy learning about their world through sensory exploration, showing interest and enthusiasm. Experiences such as finger painting, exploring jelly, sand foam, playdough, and water and boat station have been popular. Children have been exploring their problem solving and investigation skills through tipping and pouring with various materials such as wheat, rice and lentils.

Movement to music has provided children with opportunities to express themselves, through singing, listening and copying actions. Our toddlers show delight in familiar songs and will express their excitement through cheering and clapping at the end of their favourite songs. The children have also enjoyed exploring role play in the dolls and shop area, playing alongside each other engaging in these experiences.



Baby Room News..... As part of our curriculum cycle we also focus on long term goals. One of the goals that we have set within the Baby Room is to provide more opportunities for all children to be involved in regular creative, music and story- telling experiences. As you could understand this can be difficult due to routines and all sitting together as a group, one way we are trying to overcome this is through a monthly focus book with July/August being, 'Five Little Ducks'. All children have had the opportunity to participate in group time, reading the story, singing the song and following up with a creative experience related to the focus book.



Staff Profile



Hello my name is Raj Rani Sharma. I live in Burnie with my husband Dr Satish Kumar our three daughters, Sabby, Monika and Tarunika and my mother in law. We migrated in 1998 from India. While in India I worked as a qualified teacher and on arriving in Australia I completed a course in Teacher Aid and Information Technology. In 2007, I commenced work at the East Ulverstone OSHC service.

I completed my diploma of Education and Care Early Years, whilst working in long day care and have had the privilege of working in the child care industry for 10 years. I really enjoy working with children, this is my passion.

I think that working in childcare the most important thing is building relationships with the children ,families and staff. The important things for me are effective supervision, child health and nutrition and children needs and requirements.

I love spending time with my family and our dog Lucky. I would like to thank the wonderful spirit of the Australian community, who have welcomed us and supported us since our immigration to this beautiful country.

Andie & Staff 😊