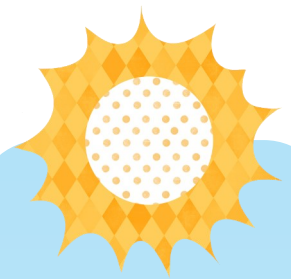




"Together we care, nurture and learn."

Ulverstone Child Care Centre

Newsletter– February 2018



February '18

Important Dates

12th March

—Public Holiday

30th March—3rd April

—Easter Holidays

16th April –27th April

—School Holidays

Our OSHC Services

East Ulverstone Outside
School Hours Care

Forth Before and Outside
School Hours Care

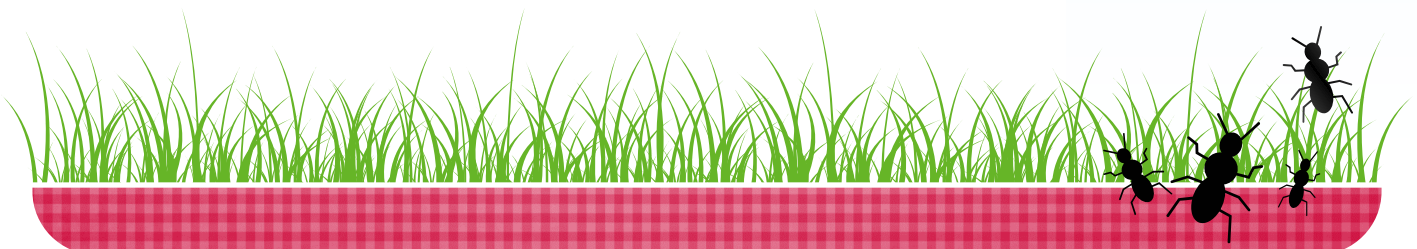
Penguin Fun Club Out-
side School Hours Care

Ulverstone Child Care
Centre—Before School

Centre News

Welcome back to all of our existing and new families to the service! Over the last few weeks we have been transitioning and settling children to their new rooms, before school care and outside school hours care. It has been a joy to watch the excitement of our new kindergarten students as they counted down the days to start school.

- As parents/carers may be aware a new **childcare package** will be implemented by the Australian Government as of the 1st July 2018. The Department of Human Services is about to start contacting families about the changes to subsidy payments. In April all families currently receiving CCB and/or CCR will be asked to provide extra information so that they can be assessed for the new Child Care Subsidy. Ahead of this our service management team have taken part in a webinar on the upcoming changes. All families will require a **MyGov** account to enable them to assess and approve their child care bookings. This step is compulsory before the service will receive any rebates. To assist families we will have a laptop set up at the centre to access MyGov accounts, and to look at the online estimator. To set up a MyGov account families will need their email address and personal details such as mobile phone number, then to link to Centrelink will need their Customer Reference Number. Alternatively families can call 13 2307 and select option 2. Families requiring further information can access the Department of Human Services website at humanservices.gov.au/childcaresubsidy, or the Department of Education and Training website at education.gov.au/childcare. Another further change we will be looking at implementing is the method in which families sign in and out of the services, as we will be required to log actual sign in/out times for each child. We are looking at using an ipad log in system (kiosk) with our current provider. This will involve families using a pin code to sign in/out and only those people listed on your enrolment form as authorised collectors will be able to sign your child in/out.
- Enrolment Forms**—reminder to all families that we are starting 2018 with a new enrolment form which covers all our long day care and outside schools hours services onto the one form. We ask all families to ensure these are filled in and returned to the office as soon as possible.



Room Names.....

Continuing from our reflections last year we will be renaming our rooms, using the surrounding streets as a means of community connection and looking at the history behind the street names. We also feel this moves away from the stereotypical ages of children that are currently attached to our current room names.

The names changes will take place when our centre moves to the 'kiosk' option for sign in and sign out on ipad devices.

- The Baby Room, will become Alexandra Room,
- The Toddler Room, will become Grove Room,
- The Big Room, will become James Room,
- Young Endeavours, will become Jermyn Room.

Staffing ... We congratulate Brooke on her appointment as Outside School Hours Care Coordinator, Brooke has over 13 years experience in our sector and will be working at the service over 4 days. We farewell Hannah and wish her every success in her new role as a teacher with Ulverstone High School. Welcome back to Maree Chilcott who has taken on the role of Penguin Outside School Hours, PIC. Maree comes to us with over 20 years experience and is a welcome addition to our team. Maria has moved from the big room into the baby room and is enjoying connecting with this age group.

Fundraising

The centre will be holding an Easter raffle, with books distributed to families in the next week.

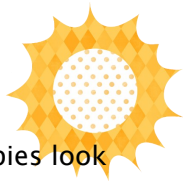
Thankyou to all families, staff and friends who helped at our Open Garden Day or visited the gardens. We had a very successful day. The centre has been able to purchase new resources with our fundraising including , new shelving units in the baby room as well as recarpeting of the baby room, and an outdoor storage cube. We will be looking at upgrading the shed in the Young Endeavour area to allow for better storage and easy access to outdoor resources.



Thank you to all that supported the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' sticker promotion. This enabled us to purchase the tool bench and tool kit pictured. The centre will be offering 'The Entertainment Book' as a fundraiser for 2018. A flyer will be sent home in the coming month. There are exciting new business featured in the 2018 book, with something for everyone.



Baby Room News.....



We welcome Maria to our room with her wealth of experience and enthusiasm! The educators and babies look forward to many hours of fun in her company. We have been very busy beginning the year with new faces and settling our babies into the room. Some have settled easily whilst others take more encouragement to separate, to build secure attachments with familiar educators and join room activities. The babies have begun to participate in Easter Craft, experiencing painting and enjoying the taste and textures.



Toddler Room News.....

The toddler room have commenced the year showing great interest in water play which has been lots of fun in the warm weather. Children have explored the water wheels, the sprinkler, and mixing sand and water.

Our new long term goal is about allowing children to use the creative arts to express ideas and make meaning, our potato masher painting was enjoyed by many children. Children have enjoyed exploring role play in our camping area, including sleeping in the tent and cooking on the BBQ.



Big Room News.....

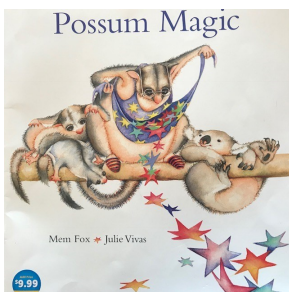


The big room welcome back our families and new families to the centre. Since the beginning of the year the children have explored their sensory capabilities through play dough, water play, especially the sprinkler, and role playing in the sand pit. The children have been enjoying the Thomas trains and musical instruments, sharing and interacting together. As a room we have long terms goals which comprise of 'building relationships', 'social skills' and 'developing verbal communications'. We aim to develop these skills through music, creative arts, role play and positive relationships. Our room display of Belonging, Being and Becoming is displayed on the wall, the children are pictured as butterflies, that they have coloured themselves to create unique and individual art works.



Young Endeavour Room News.....

Young endeavour children have had some time to learn about and celebrate Australia Day through the story of Possum Magic, providing the children with an entertaining way to explore many parts of Australia and replicate native animals, obviously starting with the possum. Children have identified areas of Australia that possum magic visited in the story as well as decorating their own craft possum. Young endeavours will continue with a focus on self identity for children and are beginning to identify room values through our superhero poster and all children will create their own superhero with their face to form a 'Belonging Wall' where all children are recognised as equal yet recognising and accepting differences.



After School/Vacation Care news.....

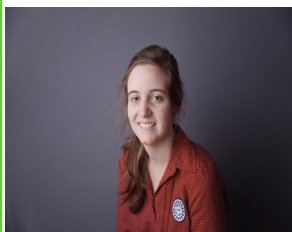


Once again our vacation care program was action packed with children enjoying a variety of experiences. Excursion and incursion days provided the opportunity for children to rekindle and form new friendships. The photos displayed are from some of the activities including 'wet and wild', 'wheels day', 'science day', nerf and pamper day.

Our April school holiday program will be released on the 20th March. Book early, as we have a high demand for excursion days.



Staff Profile



Hi. My name is Abbey Cunningham and I am 20 years old. I have been working at the Ulverstone Child Care Centre since October 2014 after commencing work placement at the centre for my certificate 3 in Early Childhood Education and Care.

I continued to work as a casual educator working in each room as I furthered my studies to complete my Diploma in June 2016.

Outside of work my interests and hobbies are camping, kayaking and swimming.

During the time I have worked here, I have enjoyed getting to know the children and families in all the rooms and I am now currently enjoying working in the Toddler Room 4 days a week. I love seeing the children learn and grow and my aim is to help them along that journey by helping them to have some fun and feel safe and secure in their environment.

The young endeavour sand pit structure will be removed and under-go repair work after damage from last weeks stormy weather. A new shade and sandpit cover has been ordered for this area.

Reminders: Please ensure your child has a sun hat, families are required to provide sunscreen if your child requires their own due to sensitivity. We follow the daily UV rating and with the warmer weather children will be accessing water play. Please provide a spare set of clothing for messy play.

With thanks Andie & Staff

