



Ulverstone Child Care Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter March 2018

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2018. We have just finished up another school holiday period, with lots of fun had at each of our Vacation Care services. You will be able to read and see the great things they got up to on the pages following.

Our bus is continuing to collect children from all schools in the Ulverstone area to take them to the East Ulverstone OSHC service after receiving great support from families. The bus runs 5 days a week and also allows us to operate a BEFORE SCHOOL SERVICE from the Ulverstone Child Care Centre to schools in the Ulverstone area.

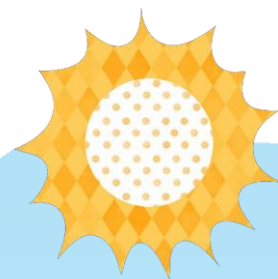
Vacation Care over the Summer break saw lots of fun, laughter and great experiences and activities on offer. The children that came along had a great time, each having their own favourite day.

OSHC Coordinator–

As you may all be aware we have recently said a sad farewell to Hannah Mee. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work, dedication and knowledge she has provided us as the OSHC Coordinator. Hannah will be missed by all of the Ulverstone Child Care team and families. We would like to wish Hannah all the best in her future roll teaching at Ulverstone High School.

Welcome–

We would like to say a big welcome to Maree Chilcott who fulfilled the position of Person in Charge at Penguin Fun Club. Maree has 25 years experience in the Child Care sector and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the service.



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Our OSHC Services

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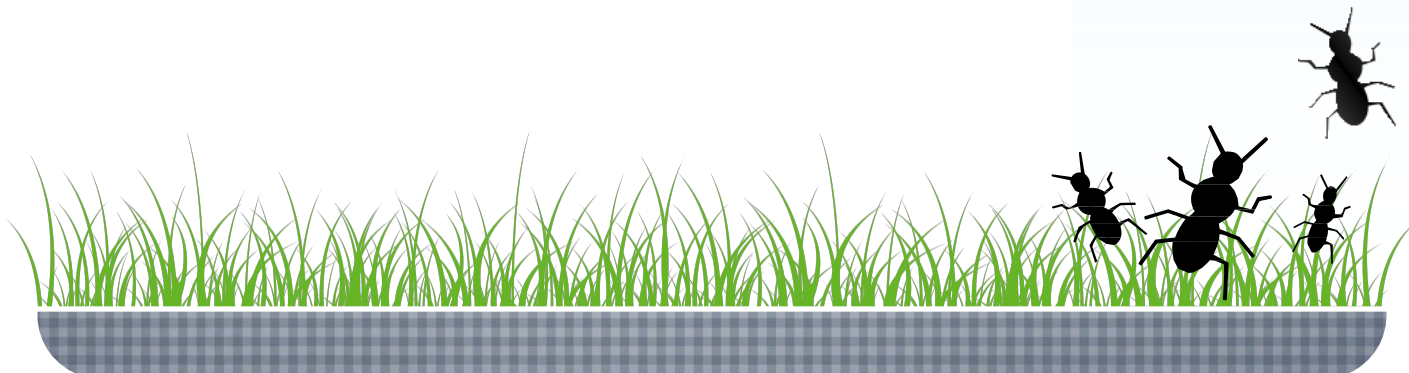
Important Dates

Student Fee Day–

13th April 2018

School Holiday's-

16th April to 27th April
2018.



New Child Care Package Changes- Child Care Subsidy-

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 human-services.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.





Forth Outside School Hours Care

The summer holiday program was filled with fun learning opportunities for the children. From experimenting, to trying something new, to taking on leadership roles. Water days are always very popular, with children also enjoying a wide range of other activities including a visit from Scott the snake man, Tasmania zoo and wheels day. Nerf day was a huge hit, with the children wanting to extend on it at after school care, which is something we are currently planning.

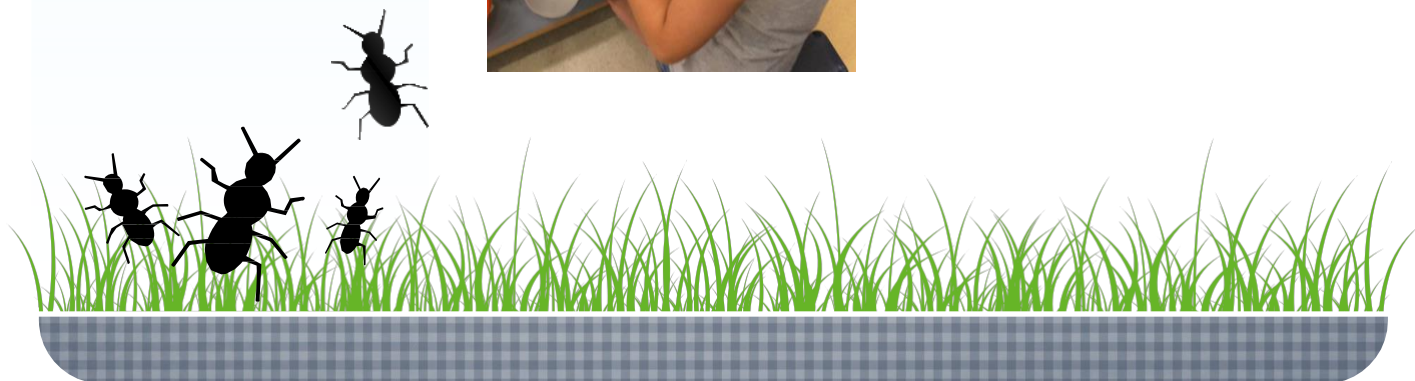


The children have been very busy giving us their ideas for the menu, new resources and games to play in the hall. Our curriculum is based on the children's learning, ideas and feedback and its great to see the pages are full of fantastic suggestions (some maybe a little extravagant)

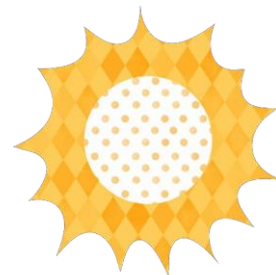


Spare Clothing-

We are in need of spare clothing. If anyone has any spare clothing at home they would like to donate please see Amanda or Liz.



East Ulverstone Outside School Hours Care



Vacation Care–

Once again our December /January 2018 Vacation Care program was well supported with such a varied program being offered.



Excursion and incursion days again proved popular providing a wonderful opportunity for the children to rekindle friendships while also forming new relationships.

Unfortunately, due to our SunSmart policy outdoor play was minimised but I must say that our visit to the bluff, being able to walk across the rock pools, enabling us to find some very interesting sea urchins, which lead to informative conversations. On reflection it was suggested by the children we visit beaches along the coast during our next vacation program.

The days spent at the service were also enjoyed with barbecues, cold rock day, crazy hair day, science day,



creative arts days and of particular interest the children performing their very own concerts. Seating arrangements made, hand made tickets created, music independently chosen and acts practised in readiness for the shows to begin.

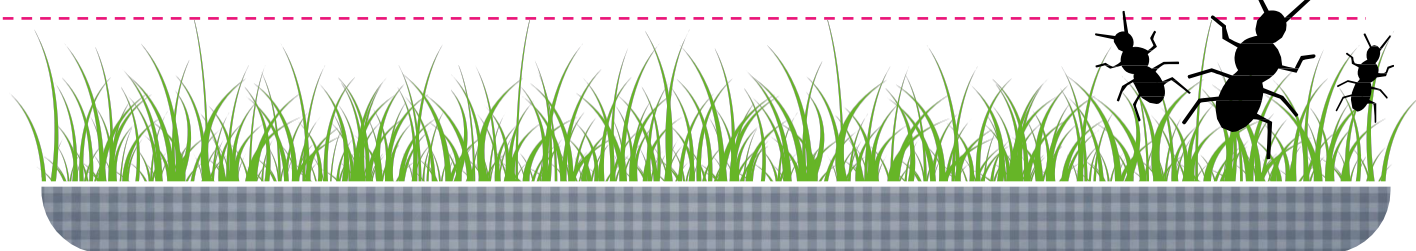
Watching children positively collaborating with their peers while performing, supporting and praising them on their efforts is exceptionally rewarding.

Children are to be commended on their efforts in all areas of the program and we do hope their time was as rewarding to them as it was to the educators and we look forward to a fun filled 2018.



Are you receiving your statements fortnightly via email?

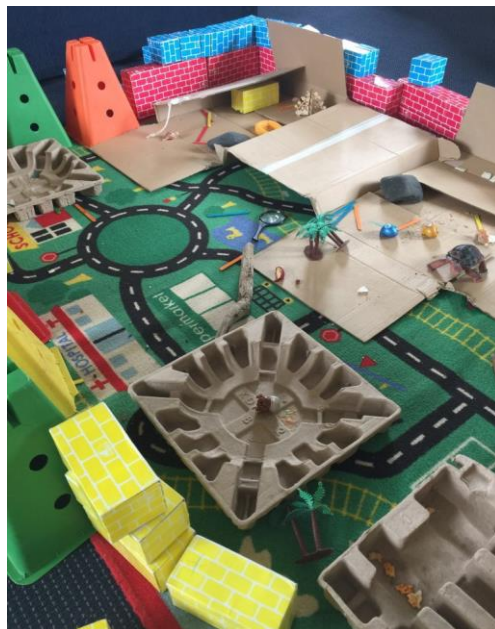
Most families have elected this option. If you are not receiving your statement on a fortnightly basis or cannot access these, please let us know so we can ensure your



Penguin Fun Club Outside School Hours Care

Vacation Care–

Today we found empty cardboard boxes on the cupboard and took them outside to slip slide down the hill. The laughter and enjoyment of the children created a time to reflect on children just being, just simply enjoying their leisure time, just a time to be– long as part of a group to share the delight in this adventure. As a parent commented. “It was great to see the children doing something that we did as children” Observing the children in this play experience, listening to their conversations, from a simple box the children became inventors, collaborated, problem solved, made decisions, took risks and actively involved them– selves.



After School Care–

We have had a great start to OSHC at Penguin, a highlight is our Hermit crabs, Sherbet, Pilot and Nip. The children have so much fun interacting and taking care of them, with the occasional nip !! The children have built an adventure playground for them out of recycled boxes and also added a barrier to keep them in; after them escaping to all areas of our room.



Reminders:

[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 school's 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. Although families have provided Immunisation forms in the past it would be appreciated if you could give a new copy to the service.

[Vacation Care](#)—April 2018 School Holiday program will be released on Monday 20th March. Please return forms by March 30th 2018.

[Sunscreen](#)—Please ensure your child has a sun hat, families are required to provide sunscreen if your child/ requires their own due to sensitivity.

Introducing – Brooke Edmunds

Hi, I am Brooke and I am the new Coordinator for Outside School Hours Care. I am the behind the scenes person to our OSHC services, supporting the staff to do the /wonderful job that they do caring for children before and after school and during school holidays and overseeing the operation of each service.

My role is also to manage the administration of all of our OSHC services, such as bookings, payment of fees, enrolments and reporting to CCMS along with all other enquiries. As the Nominated Supervisor of all OSHC services, it is my responsibility to ensure we are meeting all of the legislative requirements. I really enjoy working with a great team of passionate educators. Providing fun and exciting programs for children.

I spend most of my non-working time caring for my three children Rory, Bodhie and Makai. Together with my husband Darren we enjoy time together fishing, camping and going to the park.

