



Ulverstone Child Care Centre Newsletter– Spring 2018



"Together we care, nurture and learn."

Centre News

Spring has arrived and we are now approaching term four and the lead up to Christmas. We welcome all of our new families that have commenced care in the last few weeks. We have limited vacancies on some days and appreciate parents working from rosters and those requiring extra casual days being organised and booking in advance. We endeavour to meet everyone's needs with bookings and swap of days.

The school holidays commence on the 1st October and cancellations will need to be made one week prior to the holidays if your child is not attending during these two weeks.

There has been a slight delay with the delivery of the new bus and we patiently await the arrival, with sign writing and our logo booked in to commence once it is delivered.

We welcome the following students Georga-Lee Menzies, Nicqueta Richards (Tas Tafe) and Shelana Johnson (LCS) over Tuesday's Wednesday and Thursday. Emily Allardice (UHS) will continue with us on a Tuesday for term 4.

Booking forms for 2019 will be sent home mid November for all services.

Save the date! The centre family Christmas party will be held Friday the 7th December. With a visit from Santa, jumping castle, face painting and finger food. Fun for everyone!

Vacation Care... The holiday program for October is out! Activities include excursions to natural bush setting at Paton Park, C Max Cinema and Ten Pin Bowling. All services will be combining for incursions days to experience yoga and swimming at the Ulverstone Pool. Other activities on the program are, magic day, creative day which include jewellery making, soaps and bath bombs, wheels day and a mega maze day using recycled materials. Booking form are available at the office, and need to be returned a.s.a.p.

Community Links... We have had short local excursions to visit the baby calves and the science centre at the High School, Rock and Rhyme at the Ulverstone Library and next week the Big Room and Young Endeavours will be going to Woolworths on a 'Fresh Food Kids Discovery Tour' to learn about where fresh fruit and vegies come from.



On Wednesday the 26th of September the Toddler Room will visit the op shops to source items for an outdoor musical wall.

Thank you to Kate and Kylie from UHS for organising the visit to the science centre.



September 2018

Important Dates

Oct 1st—Oct 14th
School Holidays

Oct 5th—Burnie Show
Centre **open**

Penguin OSHC **closed**

Nov 3rd– Services
closed Public Holiday

Nov 30th– Centre open
Dev show.

Forth & East OSHC
closed

Dec 7th– Centre
Christmas Party



Our OSHC Services

East Ulverstone Outside
School Hours

Forth Before and Outside
School Hours

Penguin Outside School
Hours Care

Before School
Care UCCC



Vaccination Alert...The Tasmanian Government is extending its meningococcal program due to a localised outbreak of the W strain. All Tasmanians aged from six weeks to 20 years will now be able to get vaccinated for free against meningococcal W. In addition to meningococcal W, the vaccine will also cover strains A, C and Y. For more information talk to your GP or visit www.health.tas.gov.au.



Pre -Kinder Ulverstone Primary School.

We will be accompanying children to Ulverstone Primary School's pre-kinder sessions, beginning on Monday 22nd October. Children starting kinder in 2019 will need to be enrolled at the school to be able to take part in the program. The centre will take a group to the afternoon session between 1.30pm-2.30pm. We will walk from the centre weather permitting or via transport on the Community Bus. Parents will need to book this session on the Schoolzine app or via this link; <https://ulverstoneps.schoolzineplus.com/pre-kinder-playgroups>.

There will be a \$10 fee to cover the cost of the educator/s to accompany the children to the sessions on October 22nd, October 29th, November 12th, 19th and 26th. Please see the office for further information or enquiries.

Team Building and Reflective Practice Workshop.

Recently all staff participated in a team building workshop. The night consisted of educators recognising their own personality traits based on choosing a coloured jelly bean out of a jar. This process helped to divided educators into groups for the next challenge. Educators linked arms and had to follow a set of clues in the outside of the centre, to find a hidden treasure. This experience really challenged staff to work together as a team, to support each other and it also defined the leaders of each group. The last part of the training involved educators sitting in a circle, blindfolded with rope in hand. The task was to use the rope to change the circle to a square, using just verbal communication and resulted in a nearly perfect square.

Staff then moved into groups to reflect on practice which involved sustainability, use of technology, spontaneous activities, and end of day activities.



Policies reviewed ..The following policies have been reviewed during July and August.

- * Payment of fees and provision of a statement
- * Sun Smart Policy (endorsed by the cancer council)
- * Staff handbook
- * Student and volunteer policy
- * Enrolment pack all services
- * Child Protection.



Staff profile..... My name is Tracey Flanigan. I live in Ulverstone with my husband Mark and my two sons Mason 18 and Liam 14. I had previously been a hairdresser for around 20 years before beginning to study Early Education and Care. I began my journey at the Penguin Play Centre where I gained my Certificate III and then completed my diploma.



I have been employed casually at Ulverstone Child Care Centre for 4 years where I work between all age groups and rooms. In my own time I enjoy watching AFL and I am involved with the Ulverstone Football Clubs junior committee. I enjoy watching the children learn and develop in all age groups.



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program

Reminder.....

Beginning Monday 17th September, we will be checking the U.V daily as we approach the warmer weather. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat packed. Hats are available from the office in a variety of sizes and colours. If your child requires a sensitive sunscreen parents will need to provide this. The centre provides a generic brand SPF 50+. sunscreen



Fundraising....

The toy catalogue fundraiser orders are due on September 29th. The centre receives 20% of sales from orders. Thankyou to all who supported the Entertainment Book fundraiser, the centre raised \$274 and we purchased a new C.D player for the baby room, wooden puzzles for Young Endeavours and musical C.D's for the centre.

We will be supporting 'Footy Colours Day' during the week 24th- 28th September. Children can dress up in their favourite footy colours for a gold coin donation. Money raised will support children and young people living with cancer, continue with their education during treatment and recovery through Fight Cancer Foundation's education support programs.



Book Week 20th -24th August.... What fun we had during book week! Thank you to the Community Services year 11 &12 students who came in to read stories to our children, along with our East Ulverstone Outside School Hours children.



Baby Room News.....

During the past weeks the babies have been extending on the joy of reading 'Where is the Green Sheep'. They have all used a different media to decorate a sheep for display on the board. The babies delight in pointing at the sheep when they arrive of a morning and we ask, 'Where is the Green Sheep?' We have all enjoyed sharing the story with the babies, they point at the different coloured sheep and actively share their enjoyment of the story.



Toddler Room News.....

The children in the Toddler Room have been exploring finger painting to create dandelions to celebrate this new season of spring. The children have been learning about sustainability as they have been involved in regular trips to the compost bin. They show great excitement in walking over to the Young Endeavours outdoor area and help to place scraps in the compost bin.

The children have also been exploring movement to music using various dance props and action songs. We have a new curriculum display on our window next to the entrance of the Toddler Room where you can find experiences the children have been involved in. We are always welcome to any suggestions from families.



Young Endeavour Room News.....

The children at Young Endeavours have been learning about their bodies, their body parts and how they move. In conjunction with this the children participated in two local excursions. The first one was to Ulverstone High School to view a skeleton and an anatomy model. The children showed great interest in these and compared their own bones to the skeleton system. Later that day the children created their own skeletons using pipe cleaners and straws.



The children also participated in an excursion to a local bush area and collected natural resources, which they later used to create various formations in sand tubs. Some of the children's creations included bodies, trees, clowns and mountains.

Big Room News.....

The Big Room have been enjoying the start of the warmer spring weather with outside play. The children have been busy making some flowers to represent the season. These flowers will be displayed at the Central Coast Garden Club Daffodil and Flower Fair. The fair is on Saturday the 22nd of September from 10am-4pm, at the Ulverstone Rowing Club.



Andie and Staff

