



Ulverstone Child Care Centre Newsletter- Autumn 2019



"Together we care, nurture and learn."

Centre News

Welcome back to all our children and families! To all of our new families that have commenced care for this year, it is lovely to see the children settling into the Centre and building relationships with our educators, forming a sense of belonging.

Recently we had the Toddler room shade structure over the sandpit replaced and a new shade sail installed, this is providing much needed extra shade to this area. The hut that was moved from the Young Endeavour room has been relocated to the Toddler room outdoor bark area. The relocated cubby house has been a welcome addition with the children delighting in role play and creating their own desired games.



Leading up to the Easter break we will be organising, in conjunction with the Ulverstone Secondary College Community Services class a whole Centre excursion to Anzac Park. The students will organise an Easter egg hunt and some activities for the children to engage in, we will then have a shared lunch before returning to the Centre. The Young Endeavour children will be visiting our local neighbours in the independent living units, this has become an annual tradition that our elderly neighbours look forward to.

Community Links... We have been making the most of the beautiful weather and taking opportunities for short local excursions to the park and 'rock n rhyme' at the Ulverstone Library. This week the Big Room are going to the park at 'Otto's Grotto' on Wednesday morning. We will be having morning tea in the park before returning to the Centre. Our short local excursions encourages road safety awareness, community connections and helps to develop children's physical wellbeing.



Important Dates

- **March 11th closed. Public Holiday.**
- **Friday April 12th Student free day**
- **Monday April 15th School Holidays commence**
- **Friday 19th April Services Closed Good Friday**
- **Monday 22nd Closed-Easter**
- **Tuesday 23rd Closed- Easter**
- **Thursday 25th Closed Anzac Day.**
- **Monday 29th April- term 2 commences.**



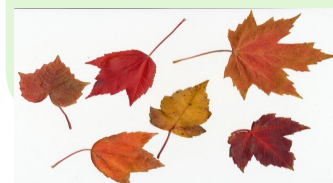
Our OSHC Services

East Ulverstone
Outside School Hours
Care

Forth Before and
Outside School Hours
Care

Penguin Outside
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OSHC & Vacation Care... Another busy start to the year for our OSHC and vacation care! Children enjoyed participating in a variety of activities during the vacation care period which included, 'In the Zone', 'Metro Cinemas', 'Ulverstone Waterslide', 'All Stars Gymnastics' and '360 Martial Arts'. In-service days included, nerf and pamper day, pancake day and decorate your own pencil case day.

On Friday 23rd February Penguin Fun Club organised and participated in 'I'm a celebrity get me out of here.' Children explored the natural bush setting, ate bush tucker, made a campfire and found the golden stars between the pasta worms. What a wonderful time they had.

A big welcome to all of our new families and children that have started care in OSHC and the vacation care services. We have had a busy start to the year with increased enrolments in all services. Parents that use the services with casual bookings can phone our main office on 6425 3505 for available vacancies each day.



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Staff profile..... Hi my name is Amanda, I have been working in the child care industry for over 15 years. I have my Advanced Diploma in Education and Care and have worked with all age groups including Outside School Hours Care. I love watching the children learn and grow in all aspects of development. I am married with two children and enjoy going on adventures with them, such as exploring the beaches and bush.



Staff training Our educators have been updating First Aid qualifications, annual CPR and food safety updates. Staff from the long day care service have had training on diabetes awareness, which was very informative. At the end of March staff from each room in the centre and all of our OSHC services have the opportunity to attend behaviour management trainings, relating to developing emotional regulation skills in individuals with anxious, oppositional and aggressive behaviour.

Fundraising..... The centre will be holding an Easter raffle with books being distributed at the end of March and drawn on Thursday the 18th April. We will be participating in the 'Entertainment Book' fundraiser again in 2019. The new books will be available for purchase after the launch in late April for early bird purchases. The centre receives \$13 from each book purchased either in book form or digital copies. Our fundraising supports the centre to purchase new resources. We have just had a visit from our toy rep and ordered new sandpit toys, a water play table and small wooden easel for the Baby Room, a new wooden plank for the Young Endeavours outdoor climbing equipment and new handle grips for some of our bicycles.

Reminder..... We have hats available for purchase at the office in a variety of colours and sizes for \$8.50. There are days that we are running short of spare hats in rooms as children are not bringing them into care. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat in their bag, or you may wish to leave their hat with us. With our ever changing weather children will need jumpers and jackets packed for cooler days.



Big Room News....Welcome to all the children and families joining our room for this year. The children have been enjoying picking snow peas and cucumbers from our vegetable garden wall, eating and tasting them at afternoon tea time.

The creative arts has been a focus in our room, which has included, potato masher, shaving foam, wicker ball, feet and finger painting.

At group time the children are enjoying listening, watching and reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' on the iPad. They are developing an awareness of the life cycle of the caterpillar changing into a butterfly from a cocoon. Following on from the story the children have made their own 'hungry caterpillar' from recycled plastic trays, showing a sense of achievement from their creative work.



Toddler room news.....

The Toddler Room have welcomed new families and babies that have moved into our room. We look forward to watching them learn and grow in their new environment. The Toddler Room's goal for this half of the year is to focus on them building trusting relationships with all educators to allow them to feel safe, secure and supported.

With our lovely warm weather the Toddler Room have been investigating water through various ways in play, such as water with sponges, funnels and exploring ice cubes. They have also been exploring paint in different media, painting a mirror using brushes. This gave the children an opportunity to see their reflection in the mirror as they were created a meaningful art.



Young Endeavour Room News... The Young Endeavour children have been exploring nature and different ways to engage with our natural environment.

In our display the children have gathered a collection of leaves and plants to express themselves creatively.

Our focus within our room for first term will be using routine and transition times to encourage learning and participation in

preparation for school years. The children have been busily preparing for the upcoming cultural celebrations of Harmony Day, Easter and Mother's Day



A reminder to our Young Endeavour parents to please return your child's portfolios so we can continue to document their learning within our room .

Baby Room News..... The babies have been enjoying a variety of creative messy play experiences. These opportunities stimulate their senses, foster hand eye coordination and curiosity, along with encouraging their physical well-being.

Babies learn about the behaviour of liquid and solid objects by playing with different materials and begin to develop an understanding of cause and effect. We believe our babies are active learners and messy play makes their learning fun!



Before School Care.. - We have settled into before school care with some busy mornings. We welcome our new and existing BSC families for 2019 and our focus is on Outcome 1: children have a strong sense of identity. In order to foster a sense of belonging we have started exploring identity through drawings and fostering a sense of reciprocal play through games and activities such as slime, drawing and craft.



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