



"Together we care, nurture and learn."

Ulverstone Child Care Centre Newsletter- Easter 2019



As term one draws to a close we have been embracing the spirit of Easter with the children making Easter baskets, cooking and crafts. We held a whole centre excursion to Anzac Park on Tuesday 9th April in conjunction with the Ulverstone Secondary College Community Services Class.

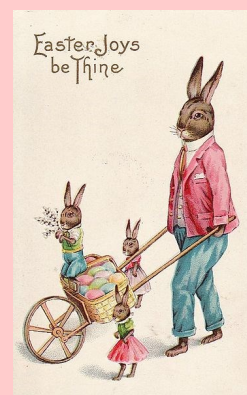
The students organised an Easter egg hunt for all age groups, an area for the children to colour in a 'treasure bag,' Easter story books and games. Some of the students joined the centre educators and children on our walk to and from the park, with the children enjoying a shared lunch before returning to the centre.

It was such an enjoyable outing and we would like to thank the students and their Teacher Hannah Mee for all of the organisation and effort they showed to make this such an enjoyable experience for all.



Important Dates

- **School holidays**
15th -26th April.
- **Term 2 Commences**
Monday 29th April.
- **National Simultaneous Storytime Wednesday**
May 22nd.
- **Scholastic book fair**
Monday 3rd-14th June



Our OSHC Services

East Ulverstone
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 **Happy Easter** 



Welcome to all of our new families that have commenced care over the months of March/April. With children joining all rooms over this time, it is lovely to see them settling in and feeling a sense of belonging in the centre.

We now have limited spaces on some days and endeavour to work with casual rosters and swap of days where possible. We appreciate families booking in advance and we update our vacancy list each day.

Staffing.... I would like to thank our dedicated staff at all services who embrace our motto 'Care and Nurture' We are privileged to build relationships with the children in our care as we watch them grow, develop and learn during their time with us.

With increasing numbers at all of our services we are in the process of employing two new casual/relief staff members, who we are hoping will join us after the Easter break.

Congratulations to Brooke and Lois (pictured with Rachael for RTV Training) who have recently completed their Diploma of Leadership and Management. Both have worked consistently to achieve their goal of completion within the 12 month time frame. Well done girls!



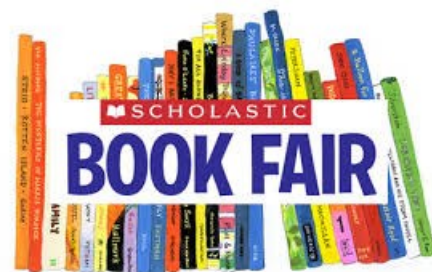
National Simultaneous Storytime.....

The Centre will be taking part in National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) on Wednesday May 22nd at 11am. NSS is now in its 19th year and the book chosen for this year is 'Alpacas with Maraca's' written and illustrated by Matt Colgrave.



- * Promote the value of reading and literacy,
- * The value of fun and books,
- * Promote an Australian writer and publisher,
- * Storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country,
- * Opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

Scholastic Book Fair We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair on Monday June 3rd to Friday June 14th. Books will be available for purchase over the 2 week period with a selection of books for all age groups. The centre receives a percentage of sales to purchase new books for all rooms.



Big Room News....The Big Room children have been reading “The Very Hungry Caterpillar,” by Eric Carle. Taking inspiration from the book, children have decorated their very own hungry caterpillars from recycled materials, pipe cleaners and paint. Following the journey of the caterpillar through the story children have each created a butterfly of many colours that are displayed around the ceiling of the room.



Our children have also begun their Easter craft work and cooking. Their art works are adorning the indoor windows with a carrot garden for the Easter Bunny to hide Easter eggs. Happy Easter to all of our children and families.



Toddler Room News.....The children in the Toddler Room have been busy creating meaningful artwork through paint and collage for Easter. They have been exploring role play in the home corner kitchen which has included play dough and utensils allowing children to utilise their fine motor skills and communicate with each other through play. The children have a great interest in music and have been enjoying listening to their favourite songs by the Wiggles in both their indoor and outdoor environments. Another favourite is ‘Baby Shark,’ where children enjoy doing the hand movements and singing along to the song.





Young Endeavour Room News... Over the last few weeks the Young Endeavour children have had so much fun using their imaginations to engage in our fun Easter activities. These experiences have helped to foster children's creativity, curiosity and confidence.

The Young Endeavours have made woolly chickens, coloured eggs, bunny footprint cards and Easter baskets, all ready to carry their chocolate eggs home from the Easter Bunny in!

The children visited our elderly neighbours Peg and Una to share Easter gifts, which has become an annual tradition. Peg likes to show the children her flower garden and looks forward to our visits. Young Endeavour staff would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy, safe and restful Easter. See you all after the holidays. X



Baby Room News... During the months of March and April the children have engaged in creative art experiences, relating to Easter. Our children are supported and encouraged by the educators, to explore and investigate through a hands on approach. Often their art is more about the process of exploration and the participation not about the finished project.



Establishing Relationships During Before School Care

Slime, using a variety of drawing medium and playdough has provided children the opportunity to engage socially, cooperatively and respectfully during Before School Care.



OSHC and Vacation Care.....What a busy start to 2019 at the OSHC services. Easter is creeping closer and we have been busy planning and organising the April vacation care program. We have a variety of activities on offer including, 'Metro Cinemas', Easter craft/ hunt day, beach walk, Anzac Day and 'I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here.'

A big welcome to all of the new families that have commenced care at the OSHC services. It has been wonderful to see all of the children building friendships with peers and feeling safe and secure in the environment. Due to the increase in enrolments, our after-school care services have started to become very busy and spaces are limited on some days. To book your child/ren into care, please ensure that you phone the main centre on **64253505**.



Staff profileMy name is Tania. I live in Turners Beach with my husband Craig and my two girls Molly 22 and Maggie 16. While having previously worked in the main Centre for 23 years I have returned after a six-year break now working in Outside School Hours Care.

While adapting to the many changes since returning to Child Care I believe, as an educator, the key emphasis on building trusting relationships in a secure and safe environment remain unchanged. I

am very proud of the service we offer at East Ulverstone Primary School providing a fun filled, open ended, challenging learning environment.

I have recently started working three mornings a week in the Young Endeavour Room assisting with the Before School Program. This opportunity has allowed me to not only strengthen relationships with familiar children and families but build new relationships which I find exceptionally rewarding.

When not working I enjoy eating delicious food, spending time in the garden and with my extended family and eating more delicious food. 😊

Fundraising..... Thank you to all of the families that have supported our Easter raffle. We will be drawing the raffle on Thursday 18th April and notifying the winners by close of business. We have raised over \$500 for the centre which will be used to purchase new resources.

We have had a huge interest in our 2019 'Entertainment Book' memberships with both book and digital copies. The centre receives \$13.50 for each sale and there is a book on display in the foyer of the centre with information on purchasing either the book or digital copies.

Reminder..... To receive a cancellation fee on the day of care, parents need to call the centre before 8.30am. Cancellations for holiday care need to be made one week prior to the holidays commencing to receive cancellation fees.

With the cooler weather change please ensure your child has a coat or warm clothing, we have a range of coloured beanies available for purchase at the office.



*Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter break
Andie & Staff.*

