



# Ulverstone Child Care Centre Newsletter- winter 2019

*"Together we care, nurture and learn."*

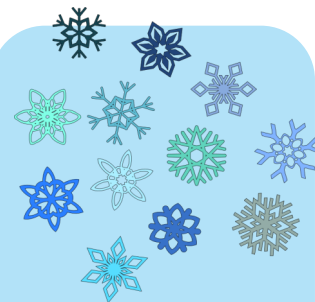
**Centre News ....** We are nearing the end of term 2 and winter has settled in. It has been a busy term with so many new families joining us, we have certainly had a baby boom and it is lovely to see the children settling into the centre and building attachments with our educators. With limited vacancies we appreciate parents booking in advance for casual bookings, where possible.

This week we have had the Council outdoor garden crew come in to finish our 'birch tree grove' in the Big Room outdoor area. Stepping stones and a small wooden bridge have been added to this area and some large rocks placed at either end to contain the mulch. Thank you to Haylee Johnson for organising the birch tree's and garden design and Peter French and his crew for constructing this area.

We have been successful in obtaining a small infrastructure grant from Education and Care to assist in upgrading the following

- Toddler Room bathroom cupboards and change tables
- Big Room bathroom, floor to ceiling cupboards and change table area
- Young Endeavour kitchen area

Recently we have purchased new resources for each room. The Young Endeavour room excitingly welcomed new shelving, home corner furniture and play props. We have also purchased new furnishings for both the Big Room and Young Endeavour cubby houses, sandpit toys, a new low table for the Baby Room and a table and chair set, play foods and table top toys for the Toddler Room. Thankyou to Ninh for helping us put the Toddler table together and Glen for constructing all of the new shelves and outdoor cubby furniture.



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### Community Links

Both the Big Room and Young Endeavour children participated in this years Woolworths Fresh Food Discovery Tour. Walking to our local Woolworths store, Melissa took the children for a guided walk around the isles, leading the children to the bakery and butchers stations.

Moving through the big doors and out the back of the store, the children were greeted with a food preparation area, learning that the left over food scraps are picked up by farmers and taken for their animals to eat, similar to our compost bin and our own food scraps.

The children were excited to see the inside of the large fridges and freezer, feeling just how cold the fans keep the room and commenting on the icicles on the ground. At the end of the tour the children participated in a colour and taste test of different fruits and used their senses to investigate which fruits and vegetables were hidden in brown paper bags. We finished with a colour rainbow of fruit. The children were given an activity bag to take home. Two comments that were made by children being collected on departure were 'I went on an amazing adventure' and 'we went to Woolworths and didn't buy anything!'. A huge thankyou to Melissa McCarthy for the amazing tour and Woolworths Ulverstone for the wonderful experience.

**Students-** This week we have practiced our lockdown procedure with the Young Endeavours and a fire drill at the main building. There was discussion with the Young Endeavour children on what to do if we blow the whistle and following our safety drill. The students from Ulverstone Secondary College came over to join our emergency evacuation and stayed on for our lunch routines.



**Fundraising-** Thank you to everyone that participated in the 'Woolworths Earn and Learn' program. We are currently collating all of our stickers and will keep you posted as to the resources we earn through the program.

We have reached 30 sales for the entertainment book fundraiser. Purchases for either book or digital memberships can be made online at [www.entbook.com.au/2415k78](http://www.entbook.com.au/2415k78).

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thankyou to everyone that supported our Scholastic Book Fair our book sales reached \$754.00!. With our Scholastic rewards we have purchased new books and pencil pot buckets for our craft areas.





### Big Room News....

As we move into the season of Winter, the Big Room children have been focusing on the changing weather. The children have been decorating their environment with snowflakes, a snowman and winter beanies.

Now wearing their coats and beanies outside the children are watching the clouds move across the sky, commenting on which ones may hold rain. The Big Room yard has had a grove of Birch trees added to the corner closest to the road, near the climbing equipment, that will provide a shaded area in summer and a quiet play area. This month the children walked to Woolworths for the Discovery Tour, exploring the process of preparing, storing and displaying produce. The children were able to investigate using their senses to identify different fruits and vegetables.



**Toddler Room News....**In the Toddler Room the children have been exploring role play in the doctors area. Lots of interest has been shown in using the bandages and pretending to go to sleep on the beds. The children have been engaging in a range of modes of communication as they explore music, movement, dance, reading and the creative arts.

We would like to welcome all our new families into the Toddler Room. We have been establishing partnerships with the children, and their families. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our families to provide coats, beanies and a change of clothes for their children as the weather becomes colder.

Please also feel free to view your child's portfolio at anytime, they are located on the bench near the entry door.



### Young Endeavour Room News...

With NAIDOC week approaching we have been busy celebrating culture with our Young Endeavour children. We have explored our own culture through our colourful family portraits, which are displayed on our family tree in our room. We have also enjoyed learning about our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags. We've done this through our colourful hand print artwork. We have been learning about the colours on the Aboriginal flag and the meaning behind them. The black represents the Aboriginal people, the yellow represents the sun and the red the earth.



During group times the children have enjoyed listening to dreamtime stories, our favourite is about the bandicoot with two hearts, and the journey he takes to discover which heart is his true heart and the ABC animal book with its traditional Aboriginal illustrations. The Young Endeavour children have enjoyed looking through this book recreating the animals through their own colourful artwork.



**Baby Room News...** Over the last few months we have been spending time settling in our new babies, getting to know their routines and building secure attachments with them and their families. We believe through these strategies, as educators we will be able to support their development, sense of well-being and build on their learning.

This month we are focusing on books and music related to numbers and colours. Children have been engaging in simple songs that involve counting and stories that show numbers and colours.

Children have also participated in an art activity, using collage techniques to build our winter snowman display. They have enjoyed the feel and texture of the shredded paper adding it to their art to create a cheerful little snowman depicting their faces.



## Before School Care

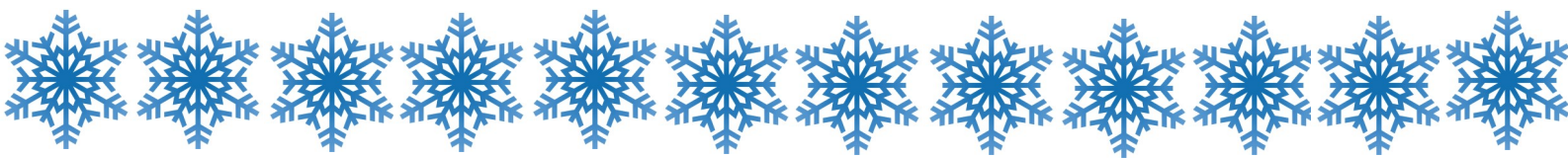
There is always a hive of chatter along with much enthusiasm on the Before School Care bus as the children prepare themselves for their school day. Driving the Before School Care bus provides educators the opportunity to strengthen their relationships with the children as informative conversations take place.

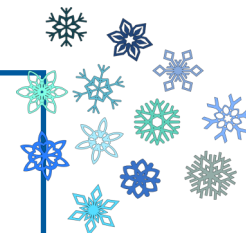
Discussions about road rules and signs, progression of building sites, what animals they have at home, what activities they will be involved in at school, when they get home or what they would like to do at After School Care, chatter about their families and where they live, will they make it to school before the music starts because they really want to go to breakfast club, is the condensation on the bus windows smoke, Jack Frost or just fog. Confidence and self esteem grows as children are given the opportunity to become independent, as educators support and encourage the children to do up their own seatbelts. The looks on their faces when they succeed is priceless.



**Staff profile** ..... Hi my name is Nicqueta, and I have been working at the Ulverstone Child Care Centre for the last 8 months. I have just completed my certificate 3 in Education and Care and thoroughly enjoy my job. I have a passion for working with children, watching the children grow and develop, and I enjoy making everyone smile. I have been working as a casual relief in all of the age groups including outside school hours care and vacation care.

I live in Riana with my husband Clinton and our two boys Jimmy, who is 16 and Steven, who is 12. I am a busy mum taking the boys to sporting commitments and other interests. In my spare time I enjoy cooking and often cook for people that need a little help with fundraisers etc, and I am a committee member for the juniors at the Ulverstone Football Club.





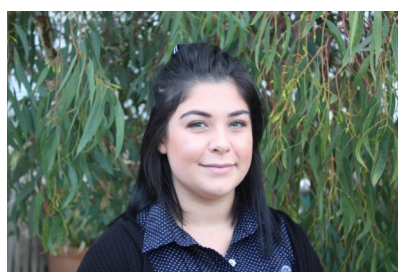
### Policies reviewed April/May

The following policies have been reviewed and are available to read in the foyer at the centre.

Behaviour Management, Certified Supervisor Agreement, Child Safe Environment, Confidentiality and Safe Storage of Records, Continuous Quality Improvement, Emergency Situations and Lockdown Procedure, First Aid, Hygiene, Infectious Disease, Medical Conditions, Nutrition Guidelines, Sleep and Rest, Single Staff Policy and Staff Policy, Supervision.

**Staffing...** We recently welcomed Bianca Chilcott to our casual/relief staffing pool. Bianca has had over 10 years experience in the sector and comes with a wealth of experience. Bianca has been working at the centre and our Forth OSHC service.

We also welcome Meg Chilcott as a casual/relief staff, Meg has returned to childcare after maternity leave working for 7 years as an educator as a in-home carer. Meg has also been working at the centre and at our East OSHC.



### Dates to Remember

- \* School Holidays 8th-19th July
- \* Pupil free day Monday 22nd July
- \* Tuesday 10th Sept. Cultural performance
- \* October 4th End of term 3
- \* Mozi's Monster Music Monday October 28th



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### OSHC & Vacation Care

Over the coming weeks East Ulverstone OSHC will be commencing the Assessment and Rating process. Education and Care Services across Australia are assessed and rated by their State and Territory Regulatory Authority. All the approved services are assessed against the seven quality areas of the National Quality Standards.

The vacation care program for July includes; excursions to Laser Tag, Metro Cinema and an incursion day with the Robotic Man. Other activities are Tas Rock Day, Disco Day, AFL Day and Cupcake Day. For bookings and enquires please phone the centre on 6425 3505.

**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.

***'Children's play is our work'***

***Andie & Staff.***

