



# Ulverstone Child Care Centre Newsletter– Spring 2019

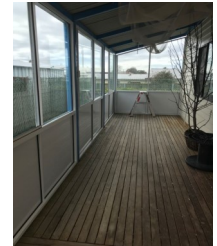


*"Together we care, nurture and learn."*

## Centre News ....

Spring is in the air, and with the days beginning to warm up we will be following the U.V daily with hats and sunscreen. Please ensure that your child has a sunhat packed, coloured bucket hats are available at the office for purchase. The centre supplies a generic 50+ sunscreen, parents will need to bring in sensitive sunscreen or particular brands. We are currently awaiting a quote for a new shade cover over the Big Room sandpit area.

This week the clear blinds on both the Toddler Room and Young Endeavours outdoor veranda's are being replaced with new windows. The Young Endeavours will also have new panelling around the veranda installed below the windows. We will be utilising the outdoor space in the Big Room whilst these works take place. Thankyou to Rodney and the team at T & G Glass.



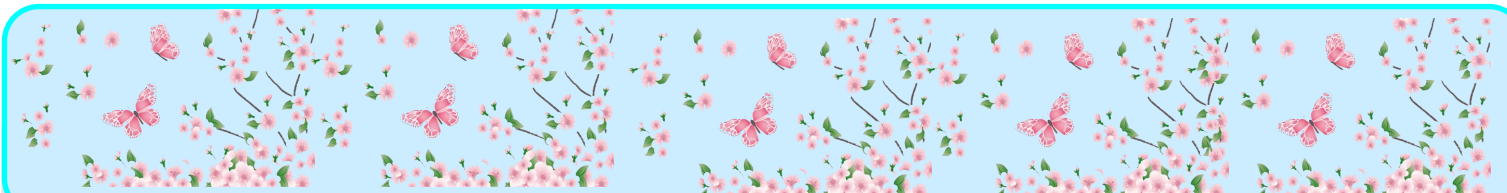
A big welcome to all our new families that have joined us over the last 2 months. It is lovely to see children settling into their new rooms and the children that have been transitioning to the next age group so excited to visit other rooms. We appreciate parents with casual bookings sending through their rosters in advance, there are days that we have limited vacancies available, we will do our best to try to meet everyone's needs.

We recently had notification of our Assessment and Rating visit from the Department of Education. After sending off our Quality Improvement Plan we have been advised that our visit has been postponed. Our Quality Improvement Plan is available to view at the front office.

On Friday September 27th we will be participating in footy colours day. Children can wear their favourite footy colours or guernsey's and by gold coin donation, funds raised will support kids living with cancer to continue their learning during treatment and recovery.

Our booking forms for 2020 will go out to families at the beginning of November, this is to confirm bookings or change days for the coming year.

**Cultural Performance** Children of all ages enjoyed our visit from Sam Derchie on Tuesday September 10th. Sam shared with us some of his African musical instruments which the children enjoyed creating music with alongside their peers. Sam explained that the instruments were made out of different types of animal skins and fruit.





**Community Links....** During 4th term we will be accompanying children to pre-kinder visits on Mondays at Ulverstone Primary School and Fridays at East Ulverstone Primary School. This is for children starting kindergarten in 2020. If you would like your child to participate in the pre-kinder sessions with the centre please see the office.

The Ulverstone Repertory Society Inc. Youth Theatre will present Doctor Dolittle Jr in the Ulverstone Leven Theatre. On Thursday October 17th at 9.30am we will be taking the young Endeavours to enjoy this delightful production, with fantastic costumes and cheerful singing from a cast of young local students from across our region. The duration of the show is approximately 1 hour 15 minutes.



**Students ....** A big thankyou to the following students who have had Work Placements and Work Experience over term 3, Destiny Mitchell, Tas Tafe, Deearna McCulloch –King, Hellyer College and Melody Penrith, Leighlands Christian School. We wish you all the best for your continued studies.

We are currently planning a whole centre excursion to Fairway Park (dinosaur park) for October with the students from the Community Services year 11-12 class at Ulverstone Secondary College. More information to follow.

### **Book week..... August 19th-23rd 'Reading is My Secret Power'**

Children and Educators enjoyed book week celebrations, embracing the opportunity to dress-up. We had visits from both the Community Services year 11-12 students and the Childs Play year 9-10 students from Ulverstone Secondary College. The students read stories to the children and organised a book week parade and a craft activity for the children to make book marks. We finished the week with the Toddler and Big Room attending the Ulverstone Library for Rock'n'Rhyme.



**PJ Day Campaign.....**participating in P.J Day to help raise funds for Asthma Research and Education, we raised a total of \$105.00. Donations will assist and support many of the 2.7 million Australians with asthma, their families and communities.





## Big Room News ....

A Lot has been happening this term in the Big Room. The children enjoyed dressing up for Book Week and wearing their sleep wear for Pyjama Day as a fundraiser for Asthma. Some of the children participated in a walk to the Aboriginal Centre, No.34, for their celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Week. They engaged in a variety of cultural based activities, streamers, snakes, face painting, playdough and colouring-In.



As a spring activity the children have made daffodils from recycled containers, to have on display at the Central Coast Garden Club Daffodil and Flower Fair.



## Toddler Room News....

In the Toddler Room the children have begun creating daffodil artwork for the Central Coast Garden Club Daffodil and Flower Fair. Children have also enjoyed exploring our freshly picked daffodils through smell, sight and touch.



We have created a room display which shows different parts of the world. We are asking our families where their children were born, so we can add to our display as we learn about our world. The children have been exploring dramatic play outdoors in the tent and with the dolls and prams. This has been a great opportunity for the children to build relationships with their peers as they interact with each other and develop their social skills. The children have investigated their inquiry and problem solving skills through rice and water play. This has allowed the children to explore the concepts of tipping, pouring and scooping.





**Young Endeavour Room News...** Over the past couple of months the Young Endeavour children have been focusing on sustainability. Through discussions at group time and being involved with daily activities, children's knowledge around sustainable practises, as well as its importance, has grown immensely. Children have been involved with activities including recycling used paper, taking the scraps out to the compost bin, collecting worm wee to put onto the garden and tipping the bucket of water used to rinse dishes onto the plants.



The Young Endeavour children have also been focusing on the book 'The Potato People' by Pamela Allen. The book has been read to the children during group times and we have extended the story through providing the opportunity for the children to make their own potato people which will eventually be planted into the garden beds.



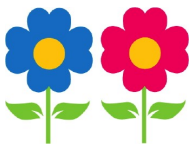
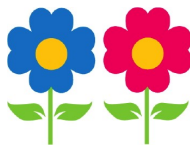
**Baby Room News...** Over the past months the children in the Baby Room have been very creative. A variety of art experiences have allowed the children to be creative, engage a range of senses and to extend on their learning and make meaning.

Each child became a Mini Picasso as they explored and created colourful, meaningful art for Fathers Day. Educators have also provided the children with a range of materials and resources to foster and build on the children's enjoyment of music.

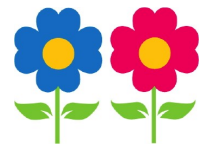


## Before School Care..... Recycling Boxes

After many donations from families of several boxes, a box work station was developed. Children expressed their imagination by creating as their recycling skills were put to the test. When building, children practice their numeracy skills by measuring and estimating, their communication skills by building relationships with their peers along with demonstrating perseverance to achieve their desired outcome.



Thankyou to everyone that supported the Entertainment Fundraiser. Our centre raised a record \$378.00 this year. With our points earned from the Woolworths Earn and Learn program we will be purchasing new home corner furniture for the Big Room.



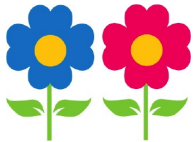
**Staff profile .....** Hi, my name is Jess Jones and I have worked for Ulverstone Child Care Centre for 7 years. I currently hold my Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care and I have almost completed my Bachelor of Education. I currently live in Devonport with my partner, Matt and our dog, Bear. We are also set to welcome our first child together this coming February. I often work at the main centre, but I generally work in Outside Schools Hours Care, most recently at Penguin OSHC, although, I do float between all three services. I love working at UCCC, I enjoy working with all the educators, caring for children, their families and watching them grow and develop. In my down time, when I am not studying, I enjoy camping and Four-Wheel driving with friends, spending time with my family, as well as watching movies. 😊





## Policies reviewed June/July

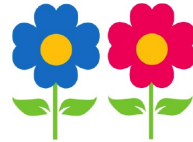
The following policies have been reviewed and are available to read in the foyer at the centre.  
 Child Protection Policy, Cleaning Policy, Delivery and Collection of Children, Enrolment Form,  
 Evacuation Policy, Enrolment, Orientation and Induction, Head Lice, Illness, Medication Policy,  
 Information for Families, Parental Authorisation, Payment of Fess and Provision of a Statement, Staff  
 Handbook, Sun Smart Policy, Student Folder.



## Celebrating 40 years!

Originally opening as 'Humpty Dumpty' the centre closed in 1979.  
 The centre re-opened as the Ulverstone Child Care Centre in 1980,  
 under the banner of Central Coast Council.

We will be celebrating 40 years of operating at the beginning of next year and  
 will be interested in gathering any information, photo's etc from  
 over our journey. Watch this space.....



## OSHC & Vacation Care

Term 3 is coming to an end and OSHC is busy preparing for the next vacation care  
 program. We have a variety of exciting activities on offer, including Wheels day,  
 Aerodynamic day, P day and Second chance day. Planned excursions and  
 incursions include a trip to Tasmazia to explore the mazes, Tasmania Zoo in  
 Launceston, a Scavenger Hunt and Safety Day.

If you would like to book your child/ren into the vacation care program, please  
 call Brooke on 6425 3505 to secure a space.

**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.

## Dates to Remember

- \* School Holidays  
Monday 30th  
Sept.– Friday  
11th Oct.
- \* Mozi's Monster  
Music Monday  
October 28th
- \* Closed Monday  
4th November-  
Public Holiday
- \* Family  
Christmas Party  
Friday 6th  
December.

## Our OSHC Services

East Ulverstone  
 Outside School  
 Hours Care  
 Forth Before and  
 Outside School  
 Hours Care  
 Penguin Outside  
 School Hours  
 Care  
 Before School Care  
 Ulverstone Child  
 Care Centre



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**Andie & Staff**

