



Together we care, nurture and learn

Ulverstone Child Care Centre

Newsletter- October 2020



Centre news ... We are quickly approaching 4th term and would like to welcome all of our new families that have commenced care over the last term. We have limited vacancies at all services and appreciate families being organised with bookings when working rotating rosters.

We will be sending out our booking forms for 2021 at the beginning of November and will have information regarding our Christmas events as we head into December.

Introducing the Central Coast Council Director of Community Services

Paul West has been appointed as the Central Coast Council Director of Community Services . We welcome Paul to the role and look forward to working alongside him.

New dryer and outdoor alcove being changedthe centre has purchased a new industrial dryer after the mishap with our previous dryer. The Council maintenance leader will look at the alcove off the kitchen and decide on the best location to place the dryer which will be wired in and ducted.

Xplorthe service is now using an online platform for all child portfolios and documentations. The platform is called Playground by Xplor and parents will have received an email link to join and set up the app so that they can be actively engaged with their child's learning. If you haven't received the invitation email (from Xplor) please let the educators or office know so that we can resend the link.

Baby room news....The children in the Baby Room have delighted in investigating and exploring a variety of spring flowers. This experience allowed them to engage their senses while feeling the texture and smelling their delicate perfume. Blossoms were tasted, while busy fingers dissected daffodils, camellias and forget-me-nots. This form of play fosters and enhances fine-motor skills, hand-eye coordination and a sense of the world around us.





Staffing... We would like to introduce Micaela to our team. Micaela will be undertaking the role of centre cook on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays with Shirley continuing to support us in the kitchen with her cooking role on Thursdays and Fridays.



Before School CareFollowing on from their After School Care interest, the children at Before School Care requested to make their own game of four square. Working collaboratively and taking consideration of the space required, it was decided to construct it on the outdoor deck. Teamwork, patience and persistence was evident as they used masking tape to construct the four squares and four numbers required before the game could begin. During the following weeks they were observed using a similar process to develop a bowling alley. By providing the children the opportunity to resource their own learning builds skills such as resilience, confidence and creativity, all beneficial skills, required for the world we live in. With the limited time spent at Before School Care simple activities such as play dough and continuous games of Uno are also popular.





Big Room news.....The children in the Big Room have been exploring their fine motor skills through a variety of experiences. Colour sorting with tweezers has been enjoyed as children learnt to manipulate the tweezers to pick up and let go of coloured beads. The children have explored using scissors as they cut fresh flowers and pasta. This has involved learning to hold the scissors in one hand and the object to cut in the other, children have taken on this challenge with enthusiasm and have shown great satisfaction in their achievements.

The children have recently been involved in a creative arts project based on their interest in water droplets. They explored spray bottle painting, drawing, and creating with clay as they expressed their ideas and made meaning. This was a project Abbey undertook for her university studies as she spent a week with us in the Big Room which was enjoyed by all.



Toddler Room News ... The children in the Toddler Room have explored movement to music, they used props such as dancing ribbons and scarves to express themselves. This extended their social skills as they cooperatively danced together and alongside each other to their favourite songs, learning the actions and following the directions in the songs.

Children have also shown lots of interest in inquiry based experiences. They investigated volcanoes in the sand pit, watching the “bubbles,” as the reaction occurred. Another activity which was popular was exploring the coloured spaghetti with tongs. This was a sensory investigation, whilst also utilising their fine motor skills and using problem solving skills to grasp the tongs and manipulate.

We will be continuing to follow the children's interests in this area with investigation and discovery.



Covid Update..... We will have a small number of students visiting the service to undertake student placements during 4th term.

During drop off and collection we will be continuing with the current model of “stop, drop and go”. We take this time to remind parents to remain outside each room and the educator/s will greet you at the gate for drop off or collection of your child/ren.



Young Endeavour Room News...

Over the month of August the Young Endeavours have enjoyed 'Music Month'. Incorporating fine and gross motor skills the children participated in group activities such as yoga, musical parachute, dancing outside to their favourite tunes, musical chairs and learning how to play a variety of instruments.



Reminder : With the U.V rising daily please ensure that your child/ren have a bucket style hat that covers their ears and forehead. The centre provides a broad spectrum 50+ sunscreen, if your child requires sensitive sunscreen, we ask that you bring this in with your child's name.

When UV is 3 or above be SunSmart



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Seek



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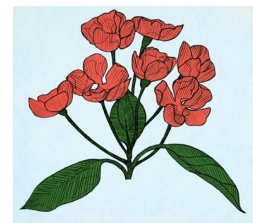
OSHC.....For bookings or enquiries please phone the Centre on 6425 3505

After school care–

A big welcome to all of the new families that have commenced care at Forth, Penguin and East Ulverstone OSHC services over the past few months. During term 3 all OSHC services have been working with children to identify techniques to assist with self regulation. Strategies that have been discussed include quite/chill out time, choosing another activity of interest and breathing/relaxation methods. A further extension on self regulation techniques has been planned on zen day during vacation care.

Vacation care–

A busy start to the vacation care program with the majority of days booked out in advance. The OSHC services are now half way into their first week and I have witnessed some wonderful creations on tin can craft day. There are many exciting days on offer in the second week including challenge day, party day, create a cookie day and 'c' day.



Dates to Remember

- **Monday November 2nd—**
Recreation Day
Public Holiday
- **Friday November 27th—**
Devonport Show
Day Holiday
(region specific)

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Staff Profile Hello to those reading, my name is Ali Stone, and I work at Ulverstone Child Care Centre. I commenced work here at the start of March this year and since have been working across all the age groups at the centre. I have worked in the childcare industry for 7 years now after I completed my Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, finishing the certificate in 2018. I stumbled into this career path at first as I was hopeless at math in school, however this lead me into my passion for caring for young children. I love listening to the children's stories they tell, providing fun experiences for them and watching them grow and develop in their milestones and learning. I thoroughly enjoy working at Ulverstone Child Care Centre, with plenty of friendly faces and a great management team.



When I'm not at work I'm doing anything outdoors. I love camping, motorbike riding, kayaking, mountain climbing, push bike riding and sometimes fishing, if I catch any fish! I'm originally from Smithton where I lived with my family and worked at a child care centre down there. I now live in Penguin with my partner Hayden where I intend to stay and live my whole life as I love the North West Coast!

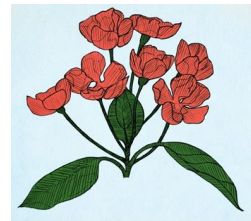
Policies reviewed : The service has recently introduced the following policies in line with new regulations around transportation of children: Safe Transportation Policy, Vehicle/Bus Transport Procedure, Transport pick up and drop off checklist, Transportation authorisation and risk assessment.

We have also reviewed the Sleep and Rest Policy, Responsible Person Policy, Medical Communication Plan, Medical Conditions Policy.

10 years service.....

We congratulate Rachael who has recently received her certificate for 10 years service with the Central Coast Council.

Well done Rachael!



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