



Ulverstone Child Care Centre

Newsletter- March 2021

"Together we care, nurture and learn."



Centre news What a busy start we have had to 2021! Welcome to all of our new families and children that have commenced enrolments with us over the past couple of months. We also welcome back children and families returning after the Christmas and school holiday breaks.

Our vacancies at the centre have filled very quickly, along with our OSHC services, with a waiting list on some days. We have been fortunate to purchase a new IMAX bus which has helped with transporting our children to our before and after school care programs. We appreciate parents working from rosters being organised with bookings, and also parents that have children unwell with coughs and colds being vigilant in stopping the spread of infection.

With Easter quickly approaching, we will be holding our annual Easter raffle with books being distributed this week. Our raffle prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 31st March.

We have some exciting projects to be finished before the end of the financial year. We are eagerly awaiting new blinds and a fresh coat of paint in the Young Endeavours. We have also ordered new external doors throughout the centre and new signage for our gates, entries and fence lines.

Xplor/Office 365

Over the coming month we are planning on migrating from our current accounts package, Qikkids, to Office which is part of the Xplor suite. We currently use the Xplor program Playground for educators and Home for parents, for our child observations. By moving to the Office package we will be able to streamline our services into the one package. The benefits of Office will include the ability to utilise administration and parent notifications, parent online booking requests, digital attendance records, streamlined child enrolments into both Office and Playground as these programs migrate together, and quicker and more streamlined Child Care Subsidy submissions.

We will also be looking at using more features of the Playground app to include toileting/nappy change, sunscreen application and meal information as well as medical notifications.

If you are experiencing any issues, or are yet to activate your Xplor account, please contact Lois for support. We encourage all our families to jump on board to engage in the online learning portfolios of your child's journey whilst at Ulverstone Child Care Centre.

Community events

The Ulverstone Secondary College community service students are helping to organising a 'whole centre' Easter excursion to ANZAC park on March 23rd. Each room will have excursion documentation for parents to view and sign. We will depart from the centre after morning tea, and on arrival at the park activities will be planned (by the students) for the children to participate in.

We welcome Leighland Christian School student Samantha Plapp. Samantha is on a work placement and is joining us on a Monday.

Dates to

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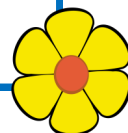
- * **Harmony Day**
March 24th
- * **Whole Centre Excursion**
Tuesday 30th March
- * **Pupil Free Day**
Thursday 1st April
- * **Closed**
Friday 2nd April Easter
- * **Sunday 4th April**
End of daylight Savings
- * **Closed**
Monday 5th April
- * **Closed**
Tuesday 6th April
- * **Vac Care program**
Wed 7th - Tue 20th April
- * **Wed 21st April**
Term 2 commences
- * **Anzac Day**
April 25th





Baby News....A big welcome to our new families and welcome back to our existing families, we are looking forward to what looks like a busy year ahead.

The new year has begun with lots of new families joining our room, the educators have been engaging with families, sharing relevant and meaningful information to ensure the children transition smoothly into our environment. We welcome Amanda into the Baby Room, Amanda has a wealth of experience across all age groups previously working in the Young Endeavour and at Penguin OSHC. Amanda has been busy learning the routines as well as helping us to settle and welcome all our new babies. The children have been exploring water play, painting and the outdoor environment, adding climbing equipment to help strengthen their gross motor skills.



Thank you to the Dobson family for their kind donation of 'HMS HOLLY', after farewelling Holly from our long day care to commence Kinder.

The Toddler children have had endless fun and thoroughly enjoy, steering and climbing in and out of the boat.





Covid update:

- In accordance with the Council's Pandemic Plan we are continuing with **'Stop, Drop and Go'** when delivering and collecting children.
- Please use the hand sanitiser on entry and prior to touching the iPad or any surfaces
- Proceed to your room gate/s, and please wait here for an educator to greet you, you will make your separation/collection at this point.
- Parents needing to enter rooms, we ask that you hand sanitise and stay only for the time required.

We appreciate your co-operation.



Before School Care

Together with our existing Before School team we would like to welcome Ava, Declan, Holly, Nate, Jordan, Sarah and Zoe and their families.

Our aim is to provide a safe, secure and relaxed experience for all children transitioning from Before School Care to their school environment. During the start of the school year, time has been spent building relationships by supporting each other's well being, conversations taking place involving each other's likes/dislikes along with familiarising each other with our bus routine.

Opportunities to explore the environment are readily available. Taking advantage of the warmer mornings including outdoor play continue to be an enthusiastic experience. If your child/children have any additional requirements with transition e.g returning home readers, library book exchange, banking, lunch orders etc please let us know. Together this will enable Before School Care 2021 to be a positive experience and trust it will be filled with confidence, fun and laughter. 😊 Tania



OUTCOME1: Children feel safe secure and supported
'Encouraging relationships between families, the community and the child will help ensure the child's overall growth'

URIE BRONTENBRENNER"



Big Room News...

We would like to welcome all of the new children and families who have joined the Big Room this year. The children are developing a sense of belonging, becoming familiar with the room routines and building relationships with the educators. They like to see their butterfly photos up on the 'Belonging' wall. Many different activities have been enjoyed by the children as they explore and investigate including creative arts, scissor cutting, train play and water in the sandpit. Our group music times are great fun as the children participate and learn a variety of dances and songs.



Hello my name is Monique Wells. I have lived in Tasmania my whole life and I currently reside in Penguin with my husband and my 4 year old son.

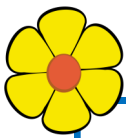
I have completed my Certificate III in Early Years Education and Care and have recently enrolled to start my Diploma.

I currently work with all age groups throughout the Centre and am a regular staff at Eat Ulverstone Outside School Hours Care.

I absolutely love my position at the UCCC as an educator, being able to play a role in some of the most important years through development and learning. Seeing children smile and flourish brings me happiness.

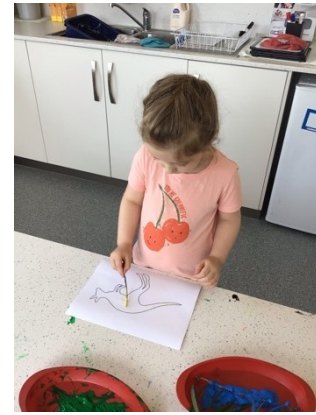
I am an animal lover, I have nine pets. Six of those are birds, one cat and two dogs. I enjoy being out in nature, walking tracks and viewing waterfalls with my family.





Young Endeavours news....

Welcome back to all of our children and families, together with the children that have joined our room over the last two months. It is lovely to see how they have all settled into our room. The Young Endeavour children thoroughly enjoyed a variety of Australia Day activities. Each child participated in decorating their own Australian animal using natural resources from our yard, as well as gumboot throwing and water activities.



Over the last month we have spent time one on one with each child, discussing how important it is to feel safe and secure within our room environment. The children all happily decorated a super hero in representation of everyone being unique and special.



A long term activity the Young Endeavours have been participating in, is our Harmony Day wall. Each week leading up to Harmony Day the children have chosen a colour of the rainbow to make our very own wall display. The wall display represents celebrating cultural diversity, tolerance and inclusiveness.



Policies reviewed for Jan/Feb.. Lois has been busy updating and re-formatting our centre policies. Reviewed policies are: Telephone and Communication, Environmental and Sustainability, Sleep and Rest, Risk Assessment & Authorisation for Transporting Children (Before School Care), Vehicle/Bus Transport Procedure, Code of Conduct, Evacuation Procedure, Acceptance and Refusal Authorisation, Safe Transportation. These policies are available to view at the foyer of the centre. We are currently working on a policy pack to email to our new families once our policies are reviewed and re-formatted.





Toddler Room News.....



Over the last two months the Toddler Room children have enjoyed many sensory activities including water play, play dough, painting and rice play. Children have also enjoyed celebrating Australia Day through painting their own Australian flag and decorating their own fish to display for our belonging, being and becoming wall. As we welcome many new children into the Toddler Room, we have been focusing on building positive, trusting relationships and supporting children through our routine.



We congratulate Amanda, who has recently received her certificate for 10 years service with the Central Coast Council.
Well done Amanda.

Wishing everyone a very safe and Happy Easter
Andie & Staff



Attached on the following page is information about the National Quality Framework. There is an online survey for parents and families if you wish to participate.



Families, communities, educators,
education and care services



Have Your Say

We're seeking your feedback to inform Government decision making on the regulation of quality education and care in Australia.

The 2019 NQF Review aims to ensure that the National Quality Framework remains current and continues to lift the quality of practice.



● TAKE THE ONLINE SURVEY



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