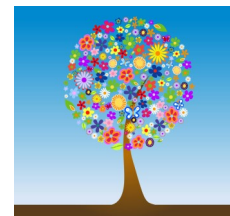




"Together we care, nurture and learn."

Ulverstone Child Care Centre

Newsletter- Spring 2021



Centre news Welcome Spring! We are all looking forward to the warmer weather commencing and the days drawing out. A big welcome to all of our new families that have commenced care over this term. At our recent Assessment and Rating visit in July we received an overall rating of 'Meeting' the National Quality Standards.

We will be commencing works to upgrade our kitchen area with new shelving, cupboards and vinyl flooring. The cupboards under the sinks in both the baby room and big room are also being replaced. We will be working around the fittings of these new upgrades.

We have received the drawings for the upgrade of our administration area from Heath Clayton from Design Intent. We will be discussing these with the Council before moving forward.

At our recent staff meeting we continued with our review of the Service Philosophy, working towards underpinning our motto of 'Together we Care Nurture and Learn'.

Enrolments for 2022....Our booking forms for all services for 2022, will be sent out at the beginning of October. Parents can fill this out and return to the office, if your child is not returning for 2022, please indicate the end date for their booking. Parents can add new enrolments for siblings commencing care.

The information for families of Kindergarten children is now available from your local school. If your child is commencing school in February 2022, pre-kinder sessions provide opportunities to support a positive transition to kindergarten.

Footy Colours day... We will be supporting a very important cause, 'Kids with Cancer' for Footy Colours day on Friday 24th September. Educators and children can wear their favourite footy colours for a gold coin donation on arrival.

Book Week..... What a fabulous week we had participating in book week. Thank you to all who participated and to the Students from the Secondary College for the book week display they made for the centre. Thankyou to all the students from the college that came over to read to our children. We have a attached photos on the last page of the newsletter.

Staffing...A big welcome two new staff members, Georgie Orlando and Ebony Yaxley. Georgie has been working mainly at our Long Day Care, across all age groups and occasions with Outside School Hours Care. Ebony is working at our East Ulverstone Outside School Hours Care and will be working casually at our the Centre.



Georgie



Ebony

Dates to Remember

- * **Friday
Sept
24th end
of term 3**
- * **Vacation
care

27th Sept-
8th Oct.**
- * **Term 4
Monday
Oct 11th**
- * **Visit to
USC Wed.
22nd
Sept for
Y.E room.**
- * **Booking
form for
2022
11th Oct.**
- * **End of
Term 4
Dec 16th**





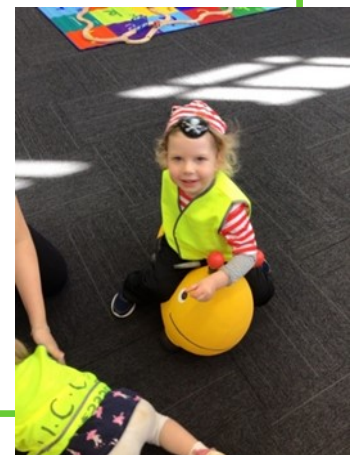
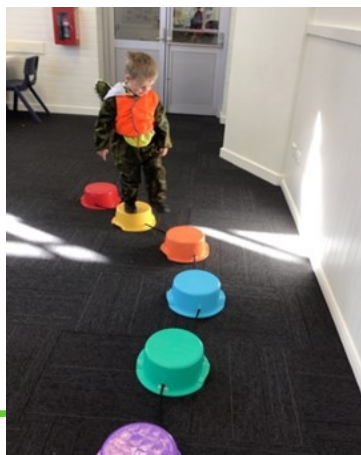
Excursions to Ulverstone Secondary College



On Tuesday, August 24th the Big Room went on an excursion to Ulverstone Secondary College to participate in a playgroup session organised by the community services class. There was so much to do, including dress ups, books, drawing, play dough, rice, trains, craft and physical equipment. To finish off we listened to a story. Thank you so much for having us, we had a great time!

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation.

Link to Philosophy: Community





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On Thursday September 9th the Babies and Toddlers walked to the Ulverstone Secondary College for a play group 'Miles of Smiles' that the Children's Service class has created. They had a range of experiences set up for the children to enjoy, and the children were keen to explore all areas as they interacted with the students and educators. The students came over to the centre to help our children walk to and from the college, giving the children a sense of road safety awareness and walking within a group. Link to Philosophy: Community

Outcome 2.1 Children develop a sense of belonging to groups and communities and an understanding of the reciprocal rights and responsibilities necessary for active community participation Outcome 2.1.1 Children begin to recognise that they have a right to belong to many communities.





Sunsmart We will be checking the U.V daily as the weather becomes warmer, in line with our sun smart policy. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat and if needed sensitive sunscreen. The centre provides a 50+ generic sunscreen.



Big Room News



Children in the Big Room have been participating in various gross motor physical play experiences. During group time they enjoyed exploring their movement skills to a Kids Yoga routine based on a story about 'Moana' and the ocean. Other activities included rope jumping, ball throwing through a hoop in the tree and bean bag throwing into hoops



Over the last couple of months the children have been developing their fine motor skills using tongs to select and pick up their own fruit. There has been a great improvement in their ability to manipulate the tongs.

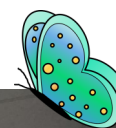




Toddler Room news...



During the past couple of months in the Toddler Room we have been exploring our literacy skills and making meaning through art. We have been reading The Hungry Caterpillar book and listening to an online animated reading of The Hungry Caterpillar. This was followed on with creating some beautiful, colourful butterflies using water droppers and paper towel. We also created a tin caterpillar which we could place various foods into its mouth as the story was read to us. This helped us to develop our fine motor skills and listening skills. We have also learnt about the butterfly life cycle





The Young Endeavours have continued with learning about the seasons of the year. At group time each child was asked what spring time meant to them? The children responded with, “flowers grow”, “its sunny”, “animals like snakes come out of hibernation”, and “we have to start wearing our hats.”

Scaffolding from the children’s thoughts about spring, the children have started to participate in planting vegetables in our garden, cellophane art, still life drawing of our neighbour Peg’s flowers and unique butterfly creations, which included the fine and gross motor skill of threading.



Policy review: the following policies have been review and are available in the foyer of the centre.

Child Protection, Behaviour Guidance OSHC, Cleaning Policy, Enrolment, Orientation and Induction, Grievances and Disputes, Hygiene Policy, Infectious Diseases, Managing a Medical Condition Procedure, Medical Communication Plan, Medical Conditions, Medical Risk Minimisation Plan, Medication Policy, Parents Welcome, Payment of Fees and Provision of a Statement, Privacy and Confidentiality, Record Keeping and Retention, Safe Transportation, Staff Induction Checklist, Staff Policy, Student/Volunteer Induction Policy, Student/Volunteer Policy, Sun Protection, Supervision.



Baby Room.....

This month the babies have had opportunities to participate in a variety of natural and colourful resources which included textured wood shavings, silky camellia petals and colourful shredded paper. Paint was also offered and applied with a variety of mashers, sponges and shaving brushes. These experiences engage their senses in a variety of ways including; touch, sight and taste.

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

Outcome 5: Children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media



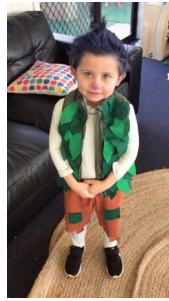
Covid update:

- 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.

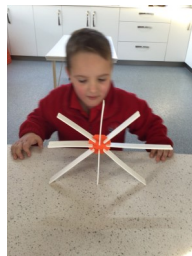
We appreciate your co-operation.



Book Week Celebrations



What a week we had celebrating 'book week' 2021, with this year's theme of 'old worlds, new worlds and other worlds'. Thankyou for the enthusiasm shown by our educators, children and families with some very imaginative costumes. As part of our celebrations of literature, the students from Ulverstone Secondary College visited our centre, we thank them for the display they made for book week and for reading books to the children in all age groups.



Before School Care....During Term 3 at Before School Care the children have extended on their own learning by exploring the various activities on offer. Favourites have included creative arts, dramatic play and sensory experiences. With the warmer mornings approaching, I have no doubt the opportunity for outdoor play will be well received and look forward to a great Term 4.



Andie & Staff UCCC