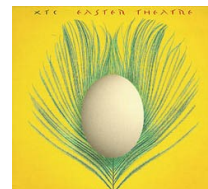




Ulverstone Child Care Centre

Newsletter- Autumn 2022

"Together we care, nurture and learn."



Centre news What a busy start we have had to 2022! 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 appreciate parents working from rosters being organised with bookings. Also we thank parents that have children unwell with coughs and colds for being vigilant, testing children when necessary and following advice from Public Health in relation to COVID-19. We are consistently receiving updates in relation to COVID-19 and appreciate everyone working with us to provide a safe environment.

We have had some new cupboards installed in our baby room and big room and a much needed upgrade of our Kitchen. We are now awaiting the new vinyl flooring and painting to complete the upgrade. A new shed is also under construction in the big room outdoor area, to house our bikes and outdoor play equipment.

With Easter quickly approaching, we will be holding our annual Easter raffle with books being distributed next week. Our raffle prizes will be drawn on Wednesday April 13th.

Staffing.....

We welcome to our staffing, year 12 trainee's, Breanna Gale, McKenzie Keating and Piper Hoey. Our new staff have been working over the holiday period and are now rostered one day per week at our long day care and have also been filling in for our OSHC services.



Welcome to the new staff joining us recently, Maddison Cook, Bianca Dobson and Ana Bermudez. These educators have studied certificate III and have all had experience working in our sector.



Dates to

Remember

- * **Harmony Day**
March 24th
- * **Public Holiday**
March 14th
- * **Closed**
Friday 15th April
Easter
- * **Sunday 4th April**
End of daylight Savings
- * **Closed**
Monday 5th April
- * **Closed**
Tuesday 6th April
- * **Vac Care program**
Wed 20th April-
- * **Monday April 27th**
Term 2 commences
- * **Anzac Day**
Monday April 25th





Covid update:

- In accordance with the Council's Pandemic Plan we are continuing with **"Stop, Drop and Go"** when delivering and collecting children.
- Mask wearing requirements at the Child Care Centre remain at this stage.
- Please use the hand sanitizer 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.



Educational Program

We will be reviewing our educational program and how we plan our programs from child observations. During this review we will also look at our online educational platform, currently Xplor Playground and Home for parents. This platform isn't providing us with all the online benefits we had hoped for and family engagement. Whilst we appreciate this will involve a change for parents, we will be looking at other providers to see if we can find an alternate package to support our needs and wants.

Some of the benefits we are looking at include:

- Record and communicate learning as it happens by sharing photos, video, audio, observations and routines within a secure online environment. Receive instant feedback and plan new ways to extend children's unique interests and abilities.
- Communication made easy—Share notices, events, reminders, policies and messages. Have conversations with individuals and get immediate responses.
- Enhance quality practice—Encourage reflective intentional teaching, personalise learning, and work with mentors or specialists.
- Nurture life-long learning—Accessible ePortfolio records that travel with children from birth. Support a continuous, cohesive learning journey for each child.

We thank our families for supporting us through the upcoming process and we endeavour to make any change as streamlined as possible. We will support our families with setting up new accounts for the online learning platform.





Baby News...



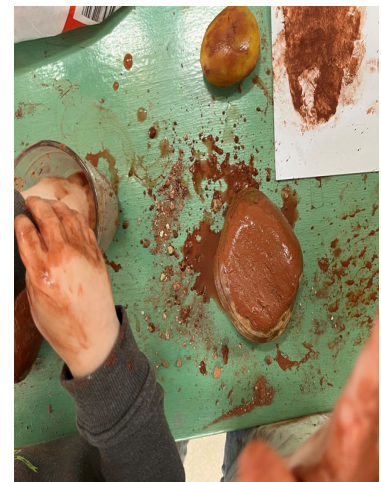
It's been a busy start to the year, greeting our new families and welcoming back our existing ones. Educators have worked on fostering and enhancing relationships, helping children feel safe, secure and supported they grow in confidence and settle in to our environment with more ease. Open communications allows both families and educators to assist with each individual child's needs for support when transitioning into the care environment. We wish to thank all our families for their understanding and collaboration as we build partnerships which foster positive foundations for quality care.



Community Links:

As we start to resume community visits, we have been invited to attend No:34 Aboriginal Health Service during March to participate in 'ochre painting'. We will be organising groups of children to visit and excursion documentation will be made available to parents before the dates organised.

We are also going to re-commence our playgroup visits with Ulverstone Secondary College in liaison with Hannah Mee the co-ordinator of year 11 and 12 Community Services.



Big Room News

Welcome back to our wonderful Big Room families for 2022 and an extra big hello to our new families starting with us. What a busy start to the year we've had. Our Big Room friends have enjoyed getting creative as we explored a number of colourful, sensory activities.

We also welcomed into our room some tiny tadpoles. The children have enjoyed learning about



lifecycles whilst observing the changes in them each day. The children have been keen to help take care of our frog friends, showing respect and care as we added rocks and lily pads to their water environment. Having our tadpoles has provoked lots of great discussion amongst the children, this has inspired our colourful frog colouring which will go towards our "belong, being, becoming display."



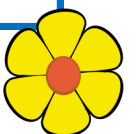
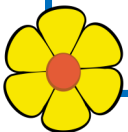
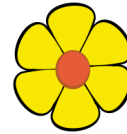
Policies to be reviewed for Jan/Feb/March Acceptance and Refusal Authorisation , CCS Notification , CCS Personnel, Clothing, Delivery and Collection of Children, Environmental and Sustainability —UCCC, Governance and Management, Interactions with Children & Families, Responsible Person, Telephone & Communication. Transport Pick up/Drop off Checklist, Vehicle Bus Transport Procedure, Water Safety, Workplace Health and Safety. OSHC Policies—Nutrition and Food Safety, Administration, Managing Younger Children in Care, Opening and Closing Procedures, Staffing, Technology, Risk Assessment and Authority for Transporting Children (BSC, ASC).





Young Endeavours news...

Continuing on with our long term focus 'sustainability', the Young Endeavours have spent time over the last few weeks engaging in a vast variety of experiences revolving around this topic. Some of these activities have included, harvesting potatoes and tomatoes from our garden, planting and nurturing their own grass heads, building a bus from recycled materials and learning about the life cycle of a bee. Scaffolding from the children's ongoing interest in these activities we also incorporated art activities using up harvested potatoes from the Young Endeavour garden, which proved very popular.





Toddler Room News.....

Over the past few weeks the Toddler Room children have enjoyed exploring the ocean through an art activity and sensory water play. Children were able to create their own ocean landscape through painting and collage. Children have also enjoyed exploring sea creatures in a large tub of coloured water. Showing curiosity towards the different animals that live in the ocean, pointing to different animals asking, "what's this?" Educators discussed the ocean and the names of different sea creatures with children through these activities, encouraging children to explore and connect to their world.



We congratulate our staff member Victoria and family on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy Noah

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter

Andie & Staff

