



Ulverstone Child Care Centre

Newsletter- Winter 2022

"Together we care, nurture and learn."



Centre news Winter has well and truly arrived! The months are going by very quickly as we approach the end of the financial year. Our services have all been a hive of activity, as we continue to welcome new families and children. We have very limited vacancies moving into term 3 and we are actively working on our staff recruitment to support our services.

We have recently advertised and are looking for educators for our outside school hours and long day care programs. If you have a passion for working with children 0-12 years and are interested in applying please contact the office on 6425 3505.

Sadly, Sue Rodman has retired from her position as an educator at our centre. This has been a difficult decision for Sue and we will all miss her hard working, generous spirit. Sue has been with us for the last 15 years, and will continue visiting the centre, continuing on in her role as the centre gardener.

We have recently farewelled Jess Palmer from our staffing and thank her for the contributions to our services both in long day care and outside school hours care over the last 9 years. Jess completed her Bachelor of Education at the end of last year and was due to return from Maternity leave at the end of April. Jess was offered a teaching position at the beginning of this term and we wish her well in her new career. Well done Jess!

Congratulations to Rachael Sculthorpe on gaining her Bachelor of Education Early Childhood Teaching. Rachael is working as the Educational Leader across the outside school hours care programs and in conjunction with Lois in the long day care. Well done Rachael!

Change to Childrens learning platform

Early Works is our new learning platform which has replaced Xplor Home. My Family Lounge is still available to families, this app allows adding of new contacts, cancellations, and inquiries for permanent bookings, unfortunately this cannot be used for casual bookings. For casual booking please contact the office. Log on to update/check your enrolments if you haven't completed this yet.

Early Works is now live for long day care families, and educators have been updating daily communication information which you may have been noticing. Educators have also been beginning to add photos, observations and curriculums to this platform.

We thank all the families who have activated their accounts and remind those who haven't to please let us know if we can assist in any way. We are excited to move forward with Early Works and feel this will provide our educators and families with the tools they need

A letter will be emailed to all families at the end of June with a proposed fee increase. Our fees are traditionally increased annually. Overdue accounts to be cleared by the end of the financial year.



A reminder to pack warm clothing for outdoor play during the colder months, beanies, coats and gumboots.

Dates to

Remember



- **Monday 13th June closed Public Holiday**
- **Friday July 8 end of term 2**
- **Vac care Monday July 11- Friday July 22**
- **Pupil free day Monday July 25th**
- **Term 3 commences Tuesday July 26th**





Baby News.... The children have been using their senses to explore autumn experiences. We have had activities on offer such as leaves in a tub and exploring paints with a variety of brushes. Some children loved exploring the paints whilst others preferred touching the leaves and even tasting them.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring ducks in different environments. At first, they explored them in water when the weather was warmer and then they played hide and seek with them in the leaves. Through this interest we have extended on animals in the room and set up a natural investigation area.



Covid update: In accordance with the Council's Pandemic Plan we will continue over the winter months 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 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.





Big Room News.....

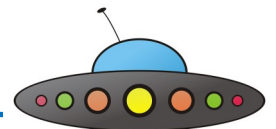
Recently in the Big Room we have been exploring our natural world through various experiences. These experiences have included playing in the autumn leaves and creating collages with the leaves. We have used play dough with natural materials and we have planted mushrooms from a child initiated discussion after they had noticed mushrooms growing in the Big Room yard.

We have also had a room focus on colour recognition and exploring colours in a range of different ways. We have explored colours through art experiences, colour sorting, music and movement, books and a transition song.



Just a reminder for families as we come into winter to bring coats, beanies and appropriate footwear for your child so we can continue to enjoy time spent in the outdoors



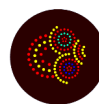
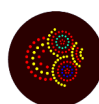


Toddler room news.....

We have had a very busy time in the Toddler Room creating a welcome piece for our front entry. Our theme has been Belonging, Being, Becoming to our 'Space.' Together we have decorated stars, and rocket ships and have painted individual space ships. The children's individual photos have been added to the display for an individual sense of 'belonging'.

Also, the children have had the opportunity to explore nature, painting with pampas grass and using various rollers. This experience has been very popular. And lastly, for our painting and creative experiences we have began our NAIDOC celebration paintings using spray bottles and painting our feet to create footprints. We have had lots of sensory experiences set up including rice play, pasta play and play dough. Dinosaurs have been popular inside set up in our nook, previous to this the toddlers have engaged in play with farm animals, barns and tractors used for role play.

Thankyou to Ulverstone Secondary College students for putting together and assembling the wooden natural play space, a welcome addition to our room.





Young Endeavours news...

Over the last month we have been incorporating quiet time by providing the children with warm welcoming environments for them to spend time relaxing, listening to music or completing puzzles. Each day we asked the children for their input and ideas about how we can vary the area and the items in it. The beanbags have so far been one of the favourite items in the quiet area.

The Young Endeavour children have also started discussing diversity within our community and families. The children listened to this years simultaneous story, 'Family Tree' written by Josh Pike. This has scaffolded to different role play scenes, the learning of sign language and the beginning of our family wall display, where we would love the inclusion of our families by bringing in a photo of their family to place on our display.





Policies reviewed for April, May, June..... Anti-Bias, Inclusion and Diversity, Behaviour Guidance (UCCC), Educational Program, Emergency Situations (incl. evacuation and lockdown procedures), Environmentally Responsible OSHC, Excursion/Incursion, Head Lice, Nutrition and Food Safety (UCCC), Single Staff Emergency, Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness, Child Safe Environment, Continuous Quality Improvement, First Aid, Immunisation, Supervision incl supervision plans, Hygiene, Infectious Diseases, Medical Conditions.

Community Connections

Today the Young Endeavour children walked to Ulverstone Secondary College to participate in the play group organised by the Community Services students.

Young Endeavours were invited to join the play group set up by the Ulverstone Secondary College. The students set up a farm animal theme, including a wash station for animals, a veterinarian clinic, reading corner and rock painting. The children were excited to discuss the areas that they played in and were very intrigued by the opportunity to wear masks and gloves in the vet clinic.

The Toddler room will be attending the playgroup on Tuesday morning the 28th June.



Enjoy the long weekend Andie & Staff

