



PARENT NEWSLETTER

December, 2019

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and safe Festive Season for 2019/2020

Adventure Patch Family Day Care has been keeping busy over the second half of this year with plenty of opportunities for Educators and children to be involved with the service. We have held 2 pop up playgrounds, one in the Derwent Valley and one in the Huon Valley with Adventure Patch to provide some new and exciting ways to play, use imagination and challenge children's skills. These were open to the public as well as our Educators and both were very well attended.



Another exciting opportunity we have been able to offer Educators who do not travel with children has been using the Adventure Patch Bus. Lisa has been our driver and picked up Educators and their children to give them the opportunity to attend some of our Bush Playgroups, park visits, and pop up playgrounds and of course our recent Bush Christmas Party.

We have welcomed a number of educators to our service in the latter part of the year. This now means we are able to provide Family Day Care to families in a much wider area of Hobart including Hobart City, Northern Suburbs, parts of the Eastern Shore as well as Kingston, Blackmans Bay, Channel, Huon and Derwent Valleys.

You may have heard some of our advertising on 7HOFM over the past few months, we have run an advertising campaign to ensure our change of name is known and explaining the type of service we offer. It was quite a fun process to go through and always exciting to hear our name broadcast on the radio.

Farewell

It is also with a heavy heart that I write this introduction to my last newsletter. After over 16 years with Family Day Care it is time for me to say Goodbye. Quite amazing to think when I started with Family Day Care all those years ago my youngest was only 2 years old, he is now almost 19 and towers over me!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all my colleagues in the Coordination Unit for their unwavering support, especially over the last few years where we have had so many changes. I would like to extend my thanks to all the Educators I have had the pleasure of working with, I feel privileged to have been able to support such a professional and passionate group of people. And to the children and families who I have met over my time - it is the children who are at the centre of what we do and why we want to do Family Day Care so well. Thank you all.

Fi, Director



What an amazing time we had at the Children's Christmas Party. 80 children, 18 educators and several families all busy making Christmas craft, damper and playing in sand dough. And of course what Christmas isn't complete with a visit from Santa and his Elf.



A Message from the CEO

I would like to express sincere appreciation to Fi for her contribution and commitment to Adventure Patch Family Day Care, as well as her broader role as a leader in the Family Day Care Sector in Tasmania. We are privileged to have had Fi working with us and we wish her every success in the career advancement avenues she is pursuing.

Our focus over the coming weeks will be to ensure that the Coordination Unit continues to provide exceptional support to the Adventure Patch Family Day Care community.

On behalf of the Adventure Patch board of management and staff I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

King regards,

Lynne Moran, CEO

From the field:

There has been so many wonderful experiences and opportunities for children across all our fabulous FDC homes. Seeing the interactions with the club members at Manor Gardens has been very special and we look forward to building these relationships into 2020.

Educators reflecting on their environments and practices and providing more opportunities for children to learn, understand, participate and respect our land through sustainable practices and experiences has been a delight! Growing and eating produce from their own gardens, using recycled materials within play environments and for craft, engaging and caring for a wide range of different animals and getting out and about and sharing community initiatives are just a few of the valuable experience our educators have shared with their children over the past few months.



We also farewell Colette from the Co-ordination Unit. Colette will be continuing with the service in her Family Day Care Educator role. Colette has been a valued member of the CU bringing experience, advice, support and knowledge across the service. She will be missed in the office and out in the field.



To those children and families leaving our service, we say farewell and best wishes. Whether to attend school or for other reasons, we wish you and your children much joy and happiness in your new adventures!

For present families and those families entering our service; embarking on new journeys, we say 'Welcome.' We hope your time within our scheme and the memories we help create are happy and positive ones.

We would also like to thank all our Educators for their hard work this year and for being a part of and making a difference in children's lives. Your dedication and commitment continues to inspire the staff in the office. Thank you!

From all of us here we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Fi, Lisa, Janice & Colette

Office Closure

Please note the scheme office will be shut from 1.30 pm on Tuesday 24th December and re-open on Thursday 2nd January at 8.30am.

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Dear Adventure Patch Families,

2020 will mark a significant year in the life of Adventure Patch. We will be celebrating our 40th Birthday and we want you to be a part of the celebrations.

We would love it if you could save the following dates in your diary – further information will be available in the coming weeks:

Tuesday 4th February 2020 – Adventure Patch Children's Birthday Party.

A fun day of activities for all Adventure Patch children is planned—further details will be available from your service in January 2020.

Saturday 22nd February 2020 – An Evening of Adventure on our Birthday.

We will gather at Long Gallery, Salamanca Arts Centre to celebrate in true Adventure Patch style.

This is a ticketed event with tickets available to purchase from January 2020.