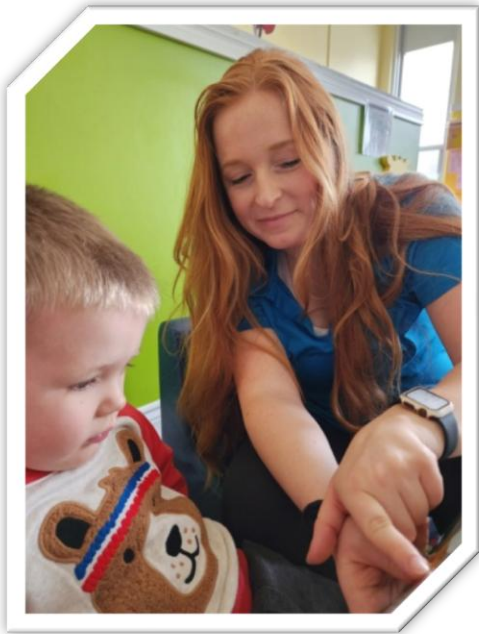




## Queen of Hearts, Owen Sound North



### **Melissa Way – Teacher White Rabbits**

Originally from Shelburne, Melissa came to Owen Sound after completing her schooling and obtaining her ECE certification. Loving child care, she worked as an Educational Assistant before joining Queen of Hearts in November 2022. Melissa started in the Mad Hatters room in the Owen Sound location, and transitioned into the Mad Hatters room in the Owen Sound North in February 2023.

#### **A message from Ms Melissa**

*I am happy to have joined the Queen of Hearts team. I am looking forward to providing care for the children of Queen of Hearts.*



### **Alesha Doran –Teacher White Rabbits and Teacher Support**

Alesha studied at Trent University and achieved a BA in Women's Studies before moving back to Owen Sound and joining the Salvation Army where she completed her ECE before moving to join the Queen of Hearts team in April 2015. With her wealth of experience and being a much loved teacher, Alesha leads a White Rabbit Classroom in Queen of Hearts, Owen Sound North but also supports the Balmy Beach and Owen Sound team when needed.

#### **A message from Ms Alesha**

*Working at Queen of Hearts I learn something new from the children every day and I love to watch them grow and develop throughout their time with us. I particularly enjoy our outside learning and how it's incorporated into the children's day*



### **Allesha Osborne –Teacher Mad Hatters**

Allesha joined the team in May 2021 and enrolled in the Queen of Hearts ECE Apprenticeship through Georgian College in September 2021. Her love for children has guided her towards a teaching career and she is a much adored teacher in the Mad Hatter Classroom. A calming influence on the day to day activities of the little ones and an enthusiastic learner as well as teacher, Allesha is a pleasure to have in the team.

#### **A message from Ms Allesha**

*I'm glad to have joined the Queen of Hearts in May 2021. I'm still relatively new but I enjoy coming to work and seeing the children learning new things. I love seeing their big smiles and growing every day. I'm glad I chose this field.*



### **Ashley Vanderlingen –Teacher Mad Hatters**

Ashley joined Queen of Hearts in May 2022. Originally from Burlington, she moved to the Owen Sound area in 2021. Ashley has worked within the childcare industry for over a decade, with experience in both childcare facilities and as a nanny. Always knowing she wanted to work with children, Ashley is excited to have the chance to make a positive difference in children's lives, and watch them grow up and learn.

#### **A message from Ms Ashley**

*Although I am new to the team, I already feel so at home here. Every day these children remind me of why I do what I do, and I am so thankful.*



### **Kim Hawthorne – French Specialist**

Kim started with Queen of Hearts in April, 2021. She is currently completing the Early Childhood Education program online through St. Lawrence College in Kingston. Kim completed two years of the Concurrent Education Program through Nipissing University including French language courses. Kim is a graduate of the Ontario French Immersion program, completing placements in French Immersion classrooms at a French language childcare center. She has over twenty years' experience working with children.

#### **A Message from Ms. Kim**

*I absolutely love watching the children grow and succeed. It is such a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow as a teacher alongside them. I am really looking forward to expanding the French language curriculum at Queen of Hearts. I look forward to sharing my knowledge, creativity, imagination and passion for education with the children and their families.*

You will also see our Program Manager and Operations Director at Queen of Hearts, Owen Sound North on a daily basis until September 2023 when there will be a permanent Nursery Manager in place. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Kailey or Heather should you have any concerns.