



We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we learn and play, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

## Calendar

### February

- 2nd World Wetlands Day
- 10th Luna New Year, Year of the Dragon
- 7th Information nights (All rooms) 6:30pm
- 8th Kinder Info Night 6:30pm
- 12th International Day of Women & Girls in Science
- 13th Apology Anniversary
- 17th Random Acts of Kindness Day

### March

- 10th Labour Day (Public Holiday - **Centre closed**)
- 12th Koori incursion storytime (Kinder programs)
- 17th-23rd Harmony Week
- 18th Global Recycling Day
- 21st Harmony Day
- 22nd World Water Day



Centre opening hours.  
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CENTRE

## REMINDERS:

- **Opening Hours:** The center opens at 7:30 AM. Please note that we are not licensed to care for any child dropped off before this time, and we ask parents to wait until 7:30 AM.
- **Parking in the Driveway:** If you are required to stay at Gum Nut for an extended period of time please find parking along the street to allow others to have access to the driveway for quick drop offs
- **Holiday discount:** Please ensure you notify the office two weeks in advance of any planned leave from the centre to receive fee discount.
- **Sick children:** It is crucial for the wellbeing of all children and staff that we maintain a healthy environment at Gum Nut. Therefore we request that if your child is feeling unwell or displaying any symptoms of illness, that you keep them at home until they have recovered. This includes symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose, vomiting, diarrhea or other contagious conditions. By keeping sick children at home, we can help prevent the spread of illness to others and ensure a safe and comfortable environment for everyone. If your child has undergone testing and is awaiting results, please keep them at home until the results are received and you have received clearance from a doctor.



A massive thank you to those that attended the recent centre information night, your participation and engagement are truly appreciated.

We hope you found the evening informative and the details shared help you feel confident and excited about the upcoming year. Your involvement and support means so much to us, and we look forward to working together to create a successful and enriching experience for your child.

If you have any follow-up questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!





# F A C E B O O K

Please use the links to join your child's room private Facebook group

These groups are used for collaboration with families, sharing information about upcoming events and program.



Gum Nut  
Community



Possum  
Room



Wombat  
Room



Koala  
Room



Magpie  
Room



Kinder  
Room



## eSafety Policy

At Gum Nut Preschool & Childcare, we recognise the importance of technology in education. We are committed to ensuring that all children are safeguarded from potential risks associated with digital technology.

### *Social Media:*

- All Centre Facebook groups are private and monitored.
- Any official use of social media for Gum Nut will be managed by designated staff and used for communication about programs with parents/careers only. No additional family members.
- Personal information about children or staff will not be shared online without consent.
- Each room will have a private and monitored Facebook group to share information about the program.

# Meet our educators

## Possum Room



Katie



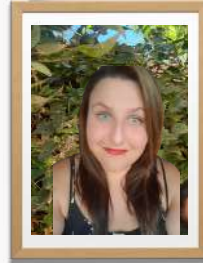
De-Anne



Shamika



Jeet



Laura

## Wombat Room



Rose



Arizona



Hannah



Elisha

## Koala Room



Rasika



Niaz



Narmada



Athirah



Dilumini

## Magpie Room



Vivian



Siena



Michelle



Alex



Tanika

## Kinder Room



Hannah



Anthea



Mariella



Karen



# Family Input



At Gum Nut we believe in working together and recognise the value of family input. It allows us to foster a sense of belonging for both parents and child. When this collaboration happens, it strengthens the child's identity and enhances their learning.

The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) states, “Educators’ practices and the relationships they form with children and families have a significant effect on children’s involvements and success in learning. Children thrive when families and educators work together in partnership to support young children’s learning.”

All of our programs invite parents to participate; you could share an interest or skill, teach a new song, play an instrument or share a cooking activity.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please keep the following information up to date:


- Address, phone number, email.
- Dietary requirements, medication and action plan for your child.
- Immunisation history

**CHAPEL LIFE & CARENET**  
**FOOD RELIEF IN ALPHINGTON**  
**MONDAYS 9.30-10.30AM**  
(FORTNIGHTLY)  
**GUMNUT PRESCHOOL -1 COMO ST, ALPHINGTON**

WHAT IS THE MOBILE PANTRY?  
THE MOBILE PANTRY BRINGS WITH IT FOOD, TOILETRIES, NAPPIES & CLEANING PRODUCTS FOR FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS.

THERE IS NO QUALIFICATION PROCESS - CARENET IS OPEN TO ALL.  
WE ALL NEED HELP AT TIMES. CARENET IS HERE TO HELP, SPREADING LOVE & KINDNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

**CLL** IN ALPHINGTON, FORTNIGHTLY MONDAYS



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