



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
- 13th** Information night (All rooms 6:30pm - 7pm)
- 17th** Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 28th** Clean Up Australia Day

March

- 10th** Labour Day (Public Holiday)
- 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

WELCOME 2025

To our returning families, it's wonderful to have you back with us. We are excited for another year of learning, laughter and community.

To those that have joined us this year, a big welcome! We're so glad you're here and can't wait to embark on this educational journey alongside your child. We are committed to providing a safe, fun and nurturing environment and look forward to building a strong partnership with your family.



GUM NUT PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

INFORMATION NIGHT 2025

13th of February 2025
Wednesday
6:30pm-7:00pm

Come meet the Teachers & Educators and learn about our 2025 programs

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:

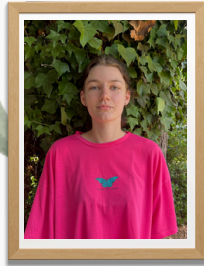
- All Centre Facebook groups are private and monitored.
- Any official use of social media for Gum Nut will be managed by designated staff and used for communication about programs with parents/careers only. No additional family members.
- Personal information about children or staff will not be shared 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



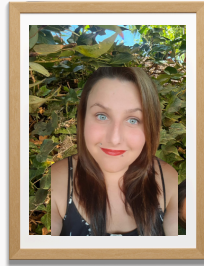
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Shamika

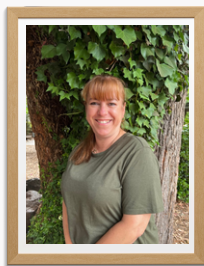


Jeet



Laura

Wombat Room



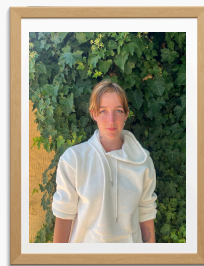
Rose



Arizona



Hannah

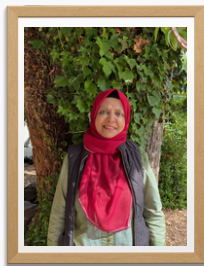


Elisha

Koala Room



Rasika



Niaz



Narmada

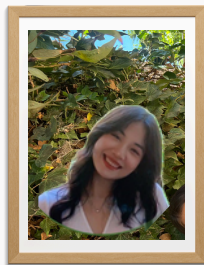


Athirah



Dilumini

Magpie Room



Vivian



Michelle

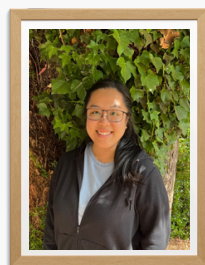


Alex



Tanika

Kinder Room



Hannah



Mariella



Karen



Our Philosophy

Written to the child

At Gum Nut, we respect the Wurrundjeri people, the traditional owners of this land. We learn about their culture as we play and grow together.

We know that you are curious and learn best when you're having fun! Our goal is to create a safe, happy space where everyone feels like they belong. Our educators are here to learn and play alongside you, helping you explore new things.

You'll make friends, build strong relationships, and feel confident in who you are. Your feelings and ideas are important, and we encourage you to express yourself. You'll have opportunities to make choices, explore your body safely, and try new things without fear of making mistakes.

We love being outdoors! You'll have the chance to explore our gardens, play in a huge sandpit, and slide down our big yellow slide. There are lots of spaces to let your imagination run wild and turn them into whatever you dream!

Our activities are based on your interests and strengths, focusing on the journey of learning rather than just the end result. We value outdoor adventures and connecting with nature, and we can't wait to share our knowledge about the world and how everyone can help keep it healthy. We'll be growing our own vegetables and herbs, and you'll get to help pick what we grow to enjoy in our garden and to add to the meals prepared by our cook!

We want to teach you how to care for our natural environment and understand the importance of looking after our planet. You'll participate in recycling, reusing and repurposing, and we'll have exciting trips and visitors to enhance your learning.

We welcome your families to be involved and celebrate the uniqueness of each family. Our educators create a warm and friendly environment, acting as positive role models and advocates for early learning.

Lastly, we cherish our connection to the local community and it all starts right here at Gum Nut! We'll have fun walks to local parks and gardens, and we'll invite the community to join us for exciting events. This teaches us how to care for each other and our world, helping you learn more and fostering a sense of belonging.

We are excited to learn and grow together!



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.



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.



IN ALPHINGTON, FORTNIGHTLY MONDAYS



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