



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.

CENTRE CALENDER

June

1st- 30th	Pride Month
3rd	Mabo Day
5th	World Environment Day
8th	World Oceans Day
10th	Monarch's Birthday (Centre closed)
10th- 14th	Healthy Eating Week
11th	International Day of Play
18th - 25th	Water Safety Week
21st	World Music Day
24th- 28th	Insect Week

July

1st - 31st	Plastic Free July
7th- 14th	NAIDOC Week: For our Elders
19th	National Pyjama Day - Wear your Pyjamas
26th	Schools Tree Day
28th	National Tree Day
29th	International Tiger Day
30th	International Day of Friendship
31st	World Ranger Day



Centre opening hours.

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM



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GUM NUT'S

Biggest Morning Tea

Dear Gum Nut Families,

We are thrilled to share the fantastic news that our first-ever Biggest Morning Tea was a resounding success! Thanks to your incredible generosity and enthusiastic participation, we exceeded our goal and raised an astounding \$3,021!


We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed, both those who attended and those who supported us from afar. Your donations and involvement have made a significant impact, supporting a great cause and demonstrating the strength of our community.

Community events like this are invaluable, not only for the great causes they support but also for the positive exposure and learning experiences they provide for our children. Seeing our community come together in such a meaningful way is inspiring. We believe in the value of community events and are committed to organising more in the future, including both charity and family-oriented activities.

Thank you once again for your support and for making this event such a memorable one. We look forward to continuing this journey with you and creating more opportunities to come together as a community.

Warm regards,

Gum Nut Team

 **Cancer Council**
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



 **Cancer Council**

WHATS HAPPENING AROUND THE CENTRE

GUM NUT'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA 23.05.24



National Reconciliation Week

Possum & Wombats



Our youngest Gum Nut children have been exploring Indigenous culture through music (Taba Naba & Inanay), art activities (dot painting, chalk drawing) and dreamtime stories (10 scared fish, How the birds got their colours).

KOALA ROOM

- Collaborative handprint art with this year's theme "Now more than ever"
- Painting and decorating boomerangs with Indigenous colours
- Aboriginal music sessions with tapping sticks
- Playdough with natural materials
- Learning about the Aboriginal flag



MAGPIE ROOM

Books
 "Somebody's Land"
 "Finding Our Heart"
 "Bush Tracks"

Local Language
 "Womenjeka - Welcome"
 "Barrawarn - Magpie"
 Aboriginal symbols

Songs
 Taba Naba
 Ina Nay

Art
 Exploring Indigenous colours and meaning.
 Painting with natural materials

KINDER ROOM

The kinder children celebrated by learning about our shared histories, cultures, and how we can contribute to reconciliation.

They explored Aboriginal history and culture through books, songs and their favourite dreamtime stories.

The Kinders have started a project, making a reconciliation tree using their handprints.

During explore & Learn they reflected the ways Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ways of knowing, being and belonging by crafting twig boats and playing indigenous games like Mer Kolap and Emu.

We also made a type of bush bread called Jonny Cakes.





Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare

Commitment to Reconciliation

We at Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare are proud to learn and play on the land of the Wurundjeri people. We acknowledge and pay respect to their Ancestors and Elders past, present and emerging. We believe that by embracing reconciliation in early childhood education, we honour indigenous knowledge, cultures, and languages while fostering inclusive learning environments that celebrate diversity.

This commitment is essential to address inequities, promote social connectedness and empower future generations to build a more compassionate society as we are creating and celebrating a community where everyone belongs, for generations to come.

Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare is committed to promoting reconciliation and fostering an environment of respect, understanding, and appreciation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, and perspectives.



We are a provider of Free
Kinder for 3 and 4-year-olds
www.vic.gov.au/kinder



Best Start
Best Life

Dear Families,

Free Kinder at Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare

The Victorian Government provides Free Kinder funding to support children to access a high-quality kindergarten program in the two years before they start school.

Free Kinder provides families in long day care with a saving of up to \$2,050 per child.

(More information about how much Free Kinder will save your family is in the 'Advice for families: Free Kinder in long day care [factsheet](#).)

Free Kinder eligibility:

Free Kinder is only available for children enrolled in either our Three-Year-Old Kindergarten program up to 15 hours per week (up to two days per week), or our Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program for 15 hours per week (two days per week).

Your child can only access a Victorian Government funded kindergarten place and receive Free Kinder savings in one service at a time.

Each year, we ask families to sign a form to confirm where their child is accessing their funded kindergarten program.

This is to make sure funding for your child goes to the right service.

If you are not sure if you have signed this form, please let us know.

Our fee offset cycle:

You don't need to claim Free Kinder. We receive Free Kinder funding on your behalf and will pass these savings on, so they reduce your out-of-pocket fees regularly across the year.

Please Note: These fees apply for the first 15 hours of Free Kinder, up to 42 weeks per year. For the other 10 weeks - full non-kinder fees will apply.

Fees:

Funded Kinder for 2 days p/w (7.5 hours per day/15 hours p/w - Kinder hours: 9am - 4:30pm) **FREE!!!**

Any care outside of these kinder hours will incur a flat fee of \$50.00 with an additional cost of \$15.00 for freshly cooked lunch & am/pm snacks.

Our Funded Kinder fee restructure is to reflect the Victorian Government Free Kinder Offset.

Previously, we used to reduce fees and apply Vic Gov Free Kinder Offset weekly (this is currently shown in "other subsidy" column on statement)

3rd, 4th or 5th day, will be charged at Daily rate of \$169.00; Full Time \$142.00 – (meals included / 7:30am - 6:00pm).

At our service, this new fee restructure of Vic Gov' Free Kinder Offset savings will be applied from 15/07/24.

If you have any questions you can talk to Gum Nut Admin or send us an email at: office@gumnutpreschool.com.au

Kind regards,

Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare.

Please Note: Families experiencing financial hardship due to unforeseen event or circumstances are encouraged to seek assistance from Gum Nut administration or Centrelink. You may also be able to access temporary relief from childcare fees via Federal Government assistance.

ATTENTION: IMPORTANT FEE INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Fee increases - effective from the 15/07/24

Dear Families,

Every year Gum Nut Preschool & Childcare review centre fees. The review is based on staff wage increases and the ever-increasing centre operational costs. **Our fees will increase from the week beginning the 15/07/24.**

Teachers, educators and staff wages are currently being reviewed, increases commence from the first week of July, we pay above award wages for the incredible work all do and reward our staff to maintain consistency of care and staff retention.

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New Fee Structure: from 15/07/24

Permanent

Weekly	\$710
Daily	\$169
Daily (1 day attendance p/w)	\$180
Half Day	\$111
Hourly	\$23.30
Notified Weekly	\$432.40
Notified Daily	\$90
Notified Half Day	\$59.30
Notified Hourly	\$11.98

Casual

Weekly	\$855
Daily	\$201
Half Day	\$136
Hourly	\$29.70

Rates for 2nd, 3rd child in care

Weekly	\$691
Daily	\$165.30
Half Day	\$108.10
Hourly	\$22.20

Rates for 4th child in care

Weekly	\$682.60
Daily	\$157.94

***Half Day & Hourly only available if attending 1 full day.**

Funded Kinder 3 & 4 year old

15 hours Funded Kinder per week (2 x 7.5 hour days p/w) **FREE!!!**

Any hours over the 2 days of Funded Kinder which is 7.5 hours each day - will be charged a flat rate of \$50.00

Our Funded Kinder fee restructure is to reflect the Victorian Government Free Kinder Offset.

Additional days enrolled, other than the two Funded Kinder days, will be charged at Daily rate (\$169). Full Time (\$142)

***Children must attend at least 15 hours of Funded kinder.**

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.

TESTIMONIALS

We have recently updated our website and would love to share your families experiences / time at Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare.

If you would like to contribute, please email your feedback through to our office:
office@gumnutpreschool.com.au

Thank you in advance.

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Starting primary school?

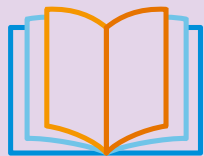
Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers.

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep.

To enrol in a Victorian government primary school, follow these steps the year before your child starts school.

Before filling out an application

Read about when and how to enrol on our website



Make sure your child is the right age to start school



Find your local school and other nearby government schools at findmyschool.vic.gov.au



Contact primary schools to book a tour, visit or for further information



Applying for Foundation enrolment

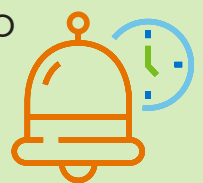
Get an application form from the primary school



Gather the required documents



Submit everything to the primary school by the due date (last Friday in July)



Wait for the school to contact you (first 2 weeks of August)



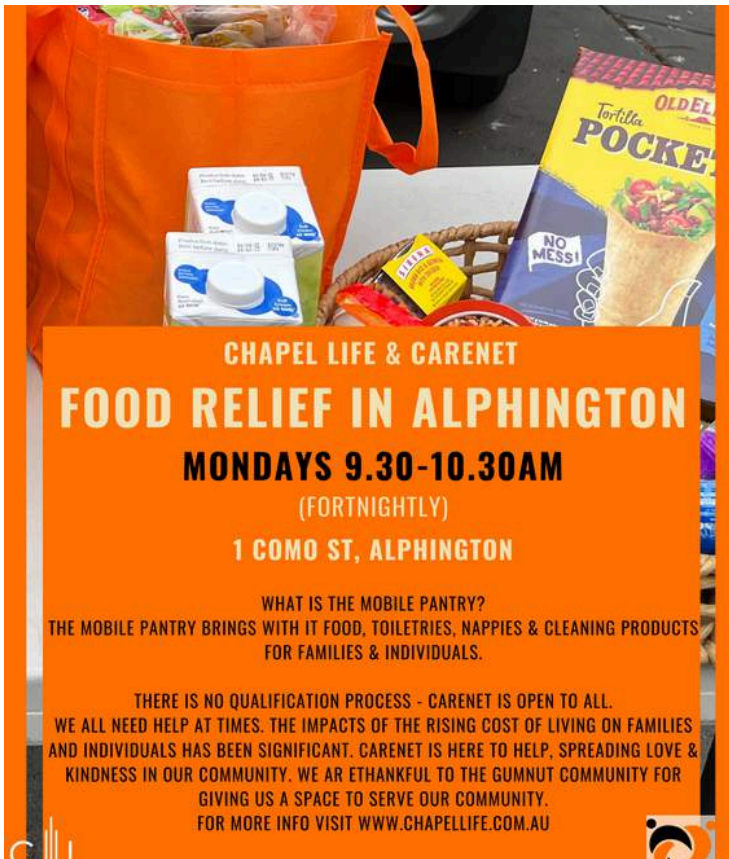
You can find out more, and access translated resources, at:

Enrolling in Foundation (Prep) | Victorian Government



Department of Education

General housekeeping



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

EMAILS

Just a friendly reminder that room emails are used for planning purposes only.

For everything else please email the office directly via

office@gumnutpreschool.com.au

GOOGLE REVIEW

We hope your experience with us has been positive and enriching. Would you mind taking a few moments to share your thoughts on Google?

Your feedback helps us improve and lets others know about the quality of care we provide.

We appreciate your feedback!

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