



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

October

- 1st-4th** Australian Wildlife week
- 5th** World Teachers Day
- 7th** Start of Term 4
- 14th-18th** Kinder room School Readiness Week
- National Nutrition Week
- 20th-25th** Childrens Week

November

- 5th** Melbourne Cup public holiday (Centre closed)
- 10th - 16th** National Recycling Week
- 11th** Remembrance Day
- 11th - 15th** Orangutan Caring Week
- 13th** World Kindness Day

December

- 4th** Kinder Room Botanical Garden Excursion
- 6th** Gum Nut End of Year Celebration
- 19th** Kinder Room Graduation (Save the date)
- 20th** End of Term 4
- 25th** Christmas Day (Centre closed)
- 26th** Boxing Day (Centre closed)
- 31st** New Years Eve

Centre opening hours.

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CENTRE

STAFF UPDATE

Courtney has decided to move on, with her last day being October 21, 2024. We will miss her warmth and dedication in the Possum Room, and we wish her all the best in her future adventures!

We are excited to welcome two new educators, Tanika & Elisha! Tanika has joined the Magpie Team, Elisha has joined the Possum Room. We can't wait for everyone to meet them and see the wonderful contributions they will make to our programs.

Please join us in wishing Courtney farewell and giving a warm welcome to Tanika & Elisha!



SICK CHILDREN

It is crucial for the wellbeing of all children and staff that we maintain a healthy environment at Gum Nut. Therefore we ask that if your child is feeling unwell or displaying any symptoms of illness, please 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.

FAMILIES LEAVING

As we are rapidly heading towards the end of the year, we know we will be farwelling our 4-year old Kinder children. We request that if your child will not be attending Gum Nut in 2025, that you let us know as soon as possible.

We currently have a waitlist and would like the opportunity to offer any available spots to our current / new families.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

SCHOOL READINESS WEEK 14TH - 18TH OCT

As part of the focus on School Readiness, the Kinder children have been participating in a range of experiences to support their transition to primary school.



A key highlight of School Readiness Week was the visits to Alphington Primary School. During the visits, the Kinder children toured the school grounds, engaged in various activities in the prep classrooms and library, and interacted with prep students. They also brought their lunchboxes for the entire week and learned to eat from them during recess, lunch, and afternoon tea. The Kinder children particularly enjoyed having their recess snacks alongside the preps.



To further enhance the school readiness experience, a primary school dramatic play corner was set up in the Kinder Room, allowing the Kinder children to dress up and role-play as students and teachers. During Yarning Circle times, the children were encouraged to share their feelings about the upcoming transition and discuss strategies to support their emotional and social readiness.



These experiences focus on fostering confidence and enthusiasm as the Kinder children prepare for primary school. During School Readiness Week, emphasis is placed on independence, resilience, and social-emotional skills, ensuring that all children feel supported and ready for this important transition.



The Kinder Team.

Children's Week

Friday 18 – Sunday 27 October
2024



Children have the right to a clean and safe environment. The Children's Week National Theme for 2024 is based on UNCRC Article 24: Children have the right to good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that they will stay healthy. Richer countries should help poorer countries achieve this.



At Gum Nut, we celebrated Children's Week with a series of fun and engaging activities.

Our festivities kicked off with a Messy Play Day, where children enjoyed creative activities that encouraged exploration and sensory play. We also hosted a Dress Up Day, allowing children to express their imaginations by coming in costumes of their favourite characters.

The excitement continued with a Dance and Bubble Party, where children danced and played with bubbles, creating a lively atmosphere.

Water Play sessions provided a refreshing way for the kids to cool off while enjoying activities and the much loved waterslide!.

Koala & Wombats hosted a Teddy Bear Picnic, where children brought their favorite stuffed animals and enjoyed snacks together in a cozy setting.

Overall, Children's Week at Gum Nut was a wonderful celebration!



SAVE THE DATE!

GUM NUT PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Carols in Alphington park

FRIDAY 6TH OF DEC 2024

6pm - 8pm

CAROLS
FACE PAINTING
GAMES
RAFFLES

Special helpers at 7pm

BYO Picnic, beverages &
singing voices

Extended family & friends
welcomed.

ALPHINGTON PARK:
20 VIEW STREET, 3078

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.

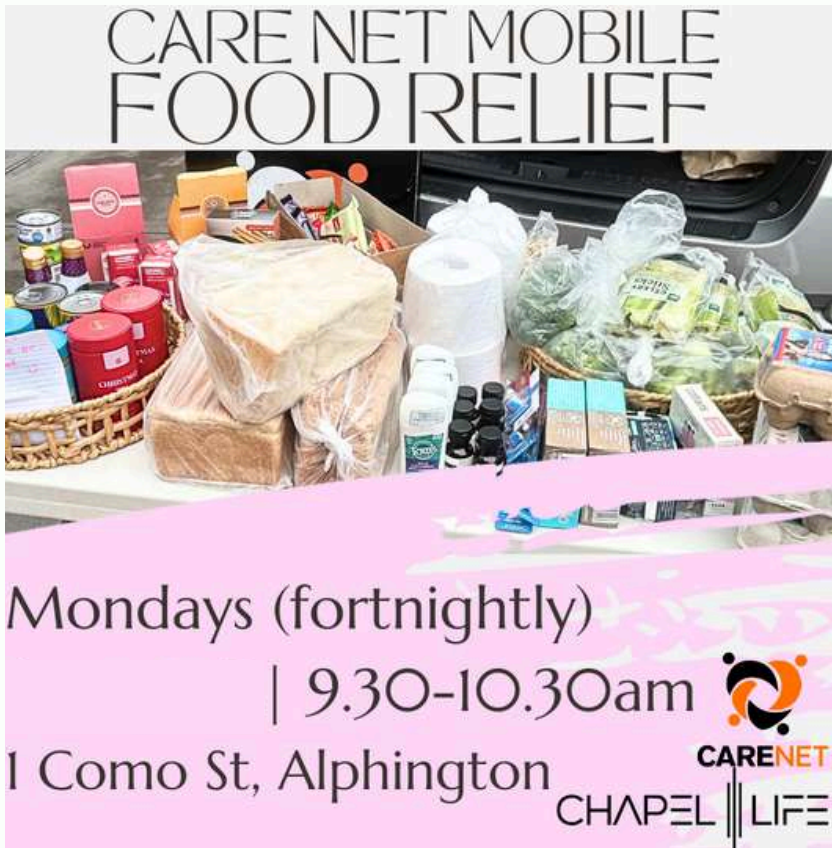
Koala Room Music with Jack & Bianca

The koala children had a special visit from Jack (Gordon's Dad) he brought in his guitar and treated the children to a fun and engaging music session.

He played a variety of songs, and the children loved singing along and dancing to the music. It was a wonderful experience that brought lots of joy and excitement to the group.



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

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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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