



Gum Nut Preschool and Child Care

Monthly news sheet - November



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

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

GARDEN REVAMP

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve our environment, we are excited to share that we are planning to revamp several areas of our garden. Our goal is to create a more inviting and sustainable outdoor space for the children to enjoy, while also promoting environmental awareness.

We are hoping to incorporate recycled materials in the project to not only reduce waste but also teach the children about the importance of reusing and upcycling. If you have any old garden furniture, wood, stepping stones, planters, or other materials that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate your donations.

Thank you in advance for your support, and we look forward to making this space even better!



GROUP PHOTOS

A reminder that the cut off date to order group photos is this Friday the 29th of November.

Please ensure you have your forms in and payments have been finalised.

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.

ATTENTION: KINDER FUNDING

Dear kinder families, the \$2000 kinder funding has reached its limit as of Monday 2nd december, your fees will be increased back to the daily rate of \$169.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Ambulance visit

Recently, one of our amazing parents shared their occupation with the children at Gum Nut.

Melanie, a paramedic visited to show us what it's like to be a first responder in an emergency. It was an exciting day that taught the children a lot about health and safety, and even gave them a chance to explore the Ambulance the children were all thrilled to get a closer look at the vehicle. The paramedics explained the different parts of the ambulance, from the stretchers and medical equipment to the high-tech systems that help them communicate during emergencies.

The paramedics also gave us tips on how to stay healthy and avoid accidents. They shared a story about helping friends when there hurt and even brought in some extra uniforms for the children to dress up! They reminded us to never hesitate to call 000 if there's an emergency.

While learning about the equipment used in emergency care, fostering curiosity and awareness about health-related topics. This experience can also help reduce any fear or anxiety children might have about medical emergencies, as they gain a better understanding of how professionals help in urgent situations.

The children also had the opportunity to ask questions and engage with the ambulance crew which provided a hands-on learning experience that enhances their social, emotional, and cognitive development.





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

Raffle Tickets

We are excited to announce our upcoming Christmas raffle, which will benefit Orangutan Haven, an incredible organisation dedicated to the conservation, education, and sustainable development of orangutans and their habitats.

At Gum Nut, we are passionate about teaching children the importance of caring for the environment and supporting animals in need. Over the years, we've proudly supported Orangutan Haven and its mission, and this year, we aim to raise much-needed funds to continue their vital work.

[Orangutan Haven | Conservation, Education, Sustainable Development, and Recreation](#)

Raffle will be drawn at our end of year celebration at Alphington Park
There's two amazing prizes to be won!



1 Ticket for \$2 Or 3 Tickets for \$5

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.



Whats happening in the community

CARE NET MOBILE FOOD RELIEF



Mondays (fortnightly)

| 9.30-10.30am

1 Como St, Alphington

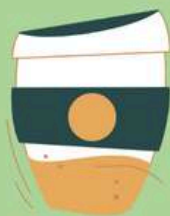


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SURVEY TIME!

TELL US HOW
FAIRFIELD
CAN BECOME
VICTORIA'S
GREENEST
VILLAGE



Village Greening is excited to launch their first community survey, and they want to hear from YOU! Their vision is to create a greener, more sustainable Fairfield, but they can't do it without your input.

We'd love to know what you already do in the village to shop sustainably and any ideas you have to make Fairfield even greener.

Take a few minutes to fill out the survey and let your voice be heard.

Survey link here:

<https://forms.gle/4JAN4CiZLAPykPj8>