

# Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare

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## Fortnightly: News Sheet: Week Ending 1-9-2017

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners – of this land:

The Wurunderji, Boonerruna, Taungurong, Djajawurrung and the Wathaurung people who make up the Kulin Nation.

### Around the Centre:



**FRIDAY: 1/9/2017:** SPRING will be here: this means **SUN SMART HATS** must be provided for your child to participate in outdoor play.

**GUM NUT STREET LIBRARY:** *Located under shelter, near centre entrance.*

Have you been accessing the Gum Nut library? Please make use of it, children's books & adult novels, cook books etc.....we observed lot of activity on first few days, this appears to have slowed down a little.



### **Funded Kinder's Fathers & Special Friends Day gathering:**

Monday 4/9/2017:

5.00pm to 6.00pm at the centre.

Sausage sizzle, dips & games. Please inform kinder teachers of attendance.

### **Farewell Kate:**

Kate has been our cook second time around for the past 8 months: sadly Kate needs to take a break and a holiday. We thank you Kate for keeping our Gum Nut children well nourished & wish her all the very best. Not good-bye you will always be a Gum Nutter.

### **Welcome Des: (Abdesslam).**

Des is our new cook, Des has extensive catering experience and is a qualified chef/cook, he has been a head chef, restaurant owner over many years.

Des after so many years of night work & split shifts was eager for a change to work during the day, this we are happy about, his dishes have been well received and enjoyed by the children & a few staff!!!!

### **Additional Kinder Teacher:**

Naomi (Bachelor of Early Childhood Education) University of Melbourne, will be joining our Kinder team on the 18/9/2017, Naomi has extensive teaching experience and will be teaching 5 days per week.

## **Upcoming Centre Events:**

September is **SAVE the KOALA** month:

Our beautiful koala is fighting to survive in many parts of our vast country, the month of September is a wonderful opportunity to enhance awareness of their plight and raise funds for organisations working to save our koalas.

### **Funded Kinder Term 3: Showcase: Thursday 14/9/2017**

***Show start time 6.30 pm.***

***Venue: Magpie Room, Gum Nut Preschool & Childcare.***

***Come and support your child's performance!***

### **R U OK 14/9/2017**

### **Centre Sausage sizzle Friday 22/9/2017: 4.30pm to 6.00pm.**

Come along for a centre get together: few games, chat with other families.

**Footy Finals Day:** Wear your team colours: AFL or other code??!!! Thursday 28/9/2017:

Handball, kicking comps, party pies, sausage rolls....Go Roos 2018.. oops.

## **Centre Closed Friday 29/9/2017. AFL Holiday.**

### **Panadol / Nurofen: at Gum Nut:**

If you have given your child a pain relief such as panadol or nurofen prior to your child attending Gum Nut, please inform staff & the reason for administering this medication to your child.

As a service if a child is ill the best place for them is at home for a quiet and speedy recovery, it also prevents the sharing of possible germs.

We do not keep panadol or nurofen at the centre for this reason, please check medication policy that was recently emailed.

**HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to SHEREE & PAIGE both recently completed their Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. WooHoo !!**

**Reminder: NO BALLOONS AT GUM NUT: & Please do not use balloons**

“For some, we might think it’s just one balloon. To a critically endangered species like: sea turtles, it could be their last meal. By choosing to eliminate items like balloons from our lives, we can have an enormously positive impact on the world around us. Now that's something to celebrate”. We **DO NOT USE** balloons at Gum Nut Preschool & Childcare, bubbles are an excellent alternative. Many species die an agonising death after swallowing balloons. Respect, care and awareness.



It's easy to see why sea turtles get confused when it comes to jellyfish & balloons.

### Parent Involvement - 2017:

#### **Second Thursday of each month:**

#### **PARENT: FAMILY: FRIEND participation –**

Come in read a story, art, craft, building, science: share your skills, knowledge, passion.

Children & centre really enjoy your participation.

*Book your time & date with educators in your child’s room:*

**14/9/17      10am – 11am**

**12/10/17    10am – 11am**

**9/11/17      10am – 11am**

If you cannot attend on dates/times provided, please negotiate another date/time with the educators in your child’s room.

Just come in for a lil’ fun.

