

Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare

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Fortnightly: News Sheet: Week Ending 18-8-2017

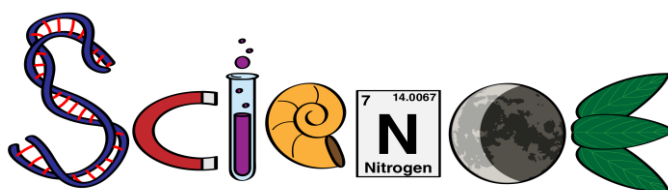
We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners – of this land:

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

Welcome Jacinta: Kinder Teacher.

Hi everyone, my name is Jacinta and I am one of the new teachers in the kindergarten room. I have just recently graduated with my Bachelor of Education, and am very excited to become part of the Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare team. I will be working alongside Zara, Sheree and Rose in the kinder room on Monday to Thursdays. I am very passionate about developing an anti-bias and inclusive kindergarten program that is ultimately lead by the children's interests. I understand and appreciate that each child comes to kinder with unique needs, cultures, interests and attitudes towards learning. My goal is to take these aspects into consideration in order to meet each child's individual needs. I look forward to meeting parents/carers in the upcoming weeks.

On a sad note: We recently said farewell to Cara, Cara has been engaged with our Possums the youngest group in our centre. It is sad to lose someone with Cara's care, however we have ensured Cara is aware the door is always open to a welcome return.



Science Week: all rooms have participated in various experiments. And experiences.

Possums: Colour mixing.

Wombat: Eruption experiment with Bi carb & Vinegar, Flower & food colouring experiment.

Koala: Eruption experiment with Bi carb, Vinegar & food colouring mini explosion, Goop, Magnetics, Palaeontologists, digging huge dinosaur bones from the sandpit.

Magpie: Music with different levels of water in jars, balancing coins on lemons, Rain cloud experiment, Oil & water, Gravity.

Kinder: Hygiene experiment using bread. Comparing = river, lake and tap water. Composting – worm farm incursion.

Further information & details next week.

Kinder Incursion – Leanne’s landscaping

The kinder children have been busy learning about composting and worm farms. To extend their knowledge we had Leanne from Leanne’s landscaping and design visit us. She read a book called “Mechanics of organics” and then held a short discussion about composting. The children then broke into two groups, the first group created their own worm farms. Each child received a container that they added soil and a few squirts of water to because worms thrive in damp conditions. Then came the exciting part the children got to introduce the worms to their new home. While one group was busy creating their worm farms the other group decorated a carry bag to take their worm farm home. The groups then changed over. Once everyone had finished their worm farm and bag, we had another discussion about what we feed the worms. Leanne reminded the children that if the worms don’t get feed, they will eat their blanket (some newspaper to keep them warm). The children had so much fun making their worm farms all were very excited to share with their parents.

Funded Kinder: Parent Teacher Interviews

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● Monday 21st ● Tuesday 22nd ● Wednesday 23rd

Parent teacher booking form is located next to kinder sign in book.

August Calender

12th – 20th National Science Week

National Orangutan Day: 19/8/2017. We will acknowledge on the 18th: Wear orange & a **gold coin** for the **Rangers of Tangkahan**: protectors of wildlife, would be wonderful.

21st – 23rd Parent Teacher Interviews (Funded Kinder)

19th – 25th Children’s Book Week.

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.



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.



GUM NUT COMMUNITY GROUP

Are you aware our parent/community group has a facebook page?

Gum Nut Community Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/214308912079584/>

This page must be respected, as a closed & private group: please do not share or disclose any posts.

The community facebook page will now be our primary connection for discussions and shared ideas, if you have not joined please do become part of this community connection.