

# Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare

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## Fortnightly: News Sheet: Week Ending 09/02/2018.

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners – of this land:

The Wurundjeri, Boonerwung, Taungurong, Djajawurrung and the Wathaurung people who make up the Kulin Nation.



## Welcome... to Gum Nut 2018.

Gum Nut children are settling into their rooms and programs, new Gum Nut children are developing a sense of belonging, from orientation to commencement.

This is an important time for our service to support children & families, it can be very stressful and confusing for children when starting at the centre and developing an understanding mum or dad are coming back. Children need the time to build relationships & trust with their educators as do families. Communication & respect for feelings is the key to assist this process, please pass on lots of information about your child to help them settle.

Photos & bio of each educator will be displayed in rooms & entrances: these will be to assist families in identifying your child's educator and provide you with their level of experience and education.

Speaking of educators, happily Deanna has returned to Gum Nut. Deanna used to run the Magpie room with Tiffany several years ago. Deanna has been out & about fulfilling a passion of the sporting variety, she has joined our Kinder Team as an assistant and plying her many new skills she has with our children.

## 2018 Funded Kinder Information Night:

On Monday the 5th of February many of our new kinder families attended our 2018 information night. There were plenty of great discussions about the educational value of our 'explore and learn' program, and the importance of play in learning. It was lovely to meet so many of you and put faces to names. We have received lots of positive feedback and we're excited to begin this fun-filled kindergarten journey with you! For those who were not able to attend, please note that we have sent out information booklets with everything that was covered via email. If you have any questions about the kindergarten programme, please feel free to come and chat to our team.

Or

Book a mutually suitable time with one or more teachers, note this can be organised anytime throughout the year.

## Pearl

On behalf of Gum Nut, we would like to thank those who generously donated towards the Australian Koala Foundation (non-profit organisation) late last year.

The AKF's mission is mapping all Koala habitats in Australia and making sure that a Koala Protection Act safeguards any habitat that is identified as endangered – this will ensure all Koala habitats to be protected for future generations.

With our donations, we adopted a Koala called Pearl who is at the Ballarat Wildlife Park. So, if you want to visit Pearl you can, we plan to make this an annual event to support the wonderful work Australian Koala Foundation do, this is yet another organisation that relies completely on donations.



**No Tree. No Me.**

## Information Night

Possum, Wombat, Koala & Magpie Families

**Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February**

**6:15pm ~ 7:15pm**

A suggested night for you to organise time to come and meet your child's educators and hear how your child & group is planned for with intent of teaching.

Questions & Parental Input Welcomed.

Nibbles Provided.



## Calendar Events – February

13<sup>th</sup> - National Apology Day

23<sup>rd</sup> - Possum, Wombat, Koala & Magpie Information Night

## Parent/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 be our connection for discussions and shared ideas.

If you have not joined, please come & be part of this community connection.

## Soccer Connect

Last Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, the Kinders went on their first excursion to Alphington Park Oval and did a 45min session with Soccer Connect. This is one of our centre families and they ran 2 fantastic programs with our Magpies & Kinders last year.

See below for flyer.



**SOCCER CONNECT** is a fun soccer skills program that introduces the sport of soccer whilst getting mum and dad involved



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\* Parent participation encouraged, not required

Connecting Children and  
Parents through Soccer



### BOYS AND GIRLS

**DATES:** Sundays 11 Feb – 18 March 2018  
6 weeks

**AGE & TIMES:** 3-4 year olds, 9 – 9:50 am  
5-6 year olds, 10 – 10:50 am

**LOCATION:** Ivanhoe East Primary School  
(enter via Robinhood Rd.)

**COST:** \$89 per child

Limited Spaces, early bookings essential

## Gum Nut Car Parking

Diagram of Staff & Parent Car Parking below.

