

Gum Nut

Preschool and Childcare



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We respectfully acknowledge
the Traditional Owners
of this land:

The Wurundjeri, Boonwurrung,
Taungurung, Djadjawurrung
and the Wathaurung people
who make up the Kulin Nation.



All parents, carers will be
required to wear a face covering
to enter the centre.

All staff to wear face covering
on arrival.

All other procedures re: Drop
off/Pick up, cleaning etc, will be
the same.

Stay safe & help keep others
safe.



Spring is here!!!

Friendly reminder to apply sunscreen on your child/ren prior to arriving at Gum Nut.

Children must attend with a Sun Smart hat for outdoor play– legionnaires or broad
brimmed hats (Rim: 6-10cm), NO Baseball caps.



Funded Kinder hats are to remain at Gum Nut.

Thank you 😊



COVID-19 - Stage 4:

All children can return from
28/09/2020: without a permit.

Photos!!!

Group photos from next week.

All rooms will have a group photo taken each day.

If the weather is not collaborating photos will not be
taken until following week on that day.

Gum Nut - Centre Events for Term 4:

At this stage, we are planning to proceed with Carols in Alphington
Park and our Funded Kinder Graduation, provided the government
reduce restrictions by December.

If not, we will work on an alternative arrangement to celebrate
together and the particularly important kinder graduation. 😊

House Keeping updates & reminders /prompts 😊

We hope paragraph on room transitions in the last news sheet was of value for impending transitions. You are always welcome and invited to provide feedback and suggestions, we do thrive on receiving information from our families.

Dear families,

Lunch: Snack boxes:

We have a few children who bring their own lunch/snack boxes, that is perfectly fine with the centre, though we do ask for some foods not to be packed: please.

As a centre we educate about healthy eating and sometimes food: please pack healthy food, we reserve sometimes food for birthdays and celebrations e.g. easter.

Foods not to pack: as we have children attending with allergies, anaphylaxis:, plus for healthy diet: Nuts of any sort, egg, sesame seeds, chocolate, lollies, sweet biscuits, fruit juices and cordial, we encourage water for healthy teeth and hydration, NO crisps/chips.

Family Information: Updates:

It is important we have all current information from & about families for:



Immunisation: residential address, email, phone contacts, emergency contacts: action plans, dietary requirements: ensure you provide an insulated bag for epi pens.

Children cannot attend without epi pens, asthma - Ventolin and they must be in date, as well as any other medication a child might require. Thank you Safety First.

Holiday, leaving - cancellation notification:

When you can travel or need a break 😊 Please provide 2 clear weeks' notice by email to the office of your planned leave, we will then reduce your fees to holiday rate, must be absent for full week of attendance – Monday to Friday.

Leaving the centre 😞 our policy is: written two-week notification period email is best

Reducing days, our policy is: written two-week notification period: email is best.

Staff update:

After 6 years at Gum Nut, Kim has resigned from her position, of recent times Kim has been an assistant in the Wombat room. We thank Kim for her time at Gum Nut and wish her all the best for her next adventures.



HOW GOOD IT IS TO HAVE MOST OF OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BACK AT GUM NUT.

It is wonderful to hear the happy screams, conversations,
the privilege of witnessing reconnections.

P.S Many staff & children will sleep well. 😊

Toilet Training: Is your child ready to commence toilet training?

First signs, they let you know “nappy” or “wet”, watch others go to toilet, try to remove own nappy, show interest in toilet: at Gum Nut we follow children’s prompts, children may start then stop.

With the warmer months now starting this is a great time to encourage toilet training, leave nappy off, place potties around, foot stool - & small toilet seat to sit on your toilet and ask regularly, “toilet”. Allow children to see you use the toilet: *Make it fun, do not force, dress in easy remove clothing, watch for signs child is needing to go to the toilet. Praise and do not expect miracles, it takes time. We are here to support & help.

