

*Welcome to the  
Magpie Kinder Room*



# Planning for Learning



In the Magpie Room, we create an intentional and immersive learning environment.

The team purposefully and thoughtfully creates authentic learning experiences to ensure that each child's knowledge, ideas, culture, abilities, and interests are catered for.

Each child's learning and development are assessed as part of an ongoing planning, documenting, and evaluation cycle.

When planning, educators have specific goals related to your child's age, stage of development, and interests.

With this knowledge, educators respond to children's ideas and play to plan for intentional teaching moments in order to scaffold and extend each child's learning, reflective of the Early Years Learning and Developmental Framework (EYLF) and the five learning outcomes below:

- Community (Social)
- Identity (Emotional)
- Learning (Cognitive)
- Communication (Language)
- Wellbeing (Physical)



Each child will have their own digital portfolio which includes observations and learning stories that are reflective of their learning journey throughout their time at Gum Nut.

We welcome and value parent input, with a space provided for you to share feedback and forward planning ideas. Children's planning documentation is emailed to families at the end of each term.

Please speak to a Magpie educator if you have any suggestions :)

Remember that everyone learns and develops at different stages. Our planning enables children to learn and develop at their own pace.

# Daily Routine

**9:00**

Morning group time  
*\*Preparation for offsite program*

**9:30**

Progressive morning tea begins  
Indoor play/*\*Leave for offsite program*

**10:00**

Morning tea packed away  
Indoor/outdoor program

**11:30**

Progressive lunch begins  
Outdoor play & exploration

**1:00**

Encourage rest time  
(story/quiet game/stretching/soft music)  
Indoor/outdoor activities continued

**2:30**

Tidy up room  
Sunscreen/Wash hands  
Short group time to recap the day's happenings

**3:00**

Afternoon tea  
(picnic outside/on deck/at tables)

**3:30**

Outdoor play that progresses to  
family grouping later in the afternoon



- Mealtimes can be either progressive or done at one time as a family/group depending on where the children are in their play and how the day develops
- Please remember our routine is flexible – each day we take into account the weather, group dynamics, and the interests of children to deliver a routine that is best suited. We try to maintain a loose structure so children can predict and get to know what is expected of them in their environment.
- This routine is also a work in progress – as we work out the dynamics of each day's group, and what their interests are, times may change to suit the group.

***\*If going offsite***



# General Housekeeping

**Clothing** – Please ensure your child is dressed for fun and exploration in the environment. Please do not send your child in clothes you don't want them to get paint or dirt on. Please pack a SPARE pair of clothes (pants, t-shirt, underwear, socks) in case of messy play or toileting accidents. Please remember cool clothes for summer, and a jacket and beanie for winter (gumboots too if you have them).  
All clothing items should be clearly labeled.

**Footwear** – At Gum Nut, we love to climb and run – please ensure closed footwear or sandals that cover toes. It is our preference you do not send children in flip flops or Crocs – they can lose grip and are not appropriate for outdoor activity.

**Meals** – Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea are provided by Gum Nut. It is our preference that children do not bring food from home.

**Anaphylaxis/Allergies/Asthma** – All medication must be left at Gum Nut with an appropriate action plan from a doctor. Please see educators if this applies to you. Your child cannot and will not be accepted without the proper medications, plans, etc.

**Hats** – Please ensure your child has an appropriate sun hat – (wide brim or legionnaires)

**Sunscreen** – Please ensure you have applied sunscreen to your child prior to attending the centre. The Magpies will apply more sunscreen throughout the day with our centre's sunscreen (unless due to allergies, you can supply your own).

**Drink Bottles** – Must be clearly labelled and brought to Gum Nut on the days your child attends then taken home at the end of the day to be washed.

**Emails** – Please check this often and keep us informed of any email changes. This is our primary method of communication in the Magpie room.

**Toys** – We understand that children may want to bring a comfort toy or blanket to Gum Nut – once they are settled, we will always encourage them to put this away in their bags. Home toys are welcome but not encouraged, as there is a lot happening and we want to maximise your child's opportunity to be involved. Educators do not take responsibility for any lost or broken toys.

**Lost property** – Please check our lost property basket regularly. Unlabelled items in the tub will be donated to a charity bin at the end of each month.

**Art box** – Each child has a folder in the art box (located on the steps in the Magpie Room) all artwork is placed in this folder to be taken home.  
Please check regularly.