



WELCOME TO THE POSSUM ROOM



Possum Planning:

In the Possum room, we create intentional and engaging learning environments.

We purposely and thoughtfully set up learning experiences under these key learning areas;

- Dramatic play
 - Sensory
 - Construction
 - Art/collage
 - Reading area
- Nature/Sustainability/Outdoor
- Importantly: at this age we are following each individual's routine from home and encourage their developing motor skills and support their emotional development.

When planning, educators set specific goals related your child's age and stage of development. With this knowledge, educators plan intentional teaching moments to scaffold your child's learning.

At the end of each term, an individual observation planning record will be emailed to you with your child's individual goals under one or more of the following areas:

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

Under the area/s, educators will document what they have observed, the goal they want your child to achieve, the intent and strategies the educators will put in place to assist your child to achieve this goal and a reflection of how your child is progressing with the goal.

Remember everyone learns and develops at different stages, your child might not achieve their goal in the first term and that is ok. Our planning enables children to learn and develop at their own pace.

If there is anything you would like your child to learn or focus on, please feel free to speak to educators in the room.

GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING



Clothing: Please ensure your child is dressed for fun and exploration when at Gum Nut. We recommend you do not send your child in clothes you don't want them to get paint or dirt on. Please pack SPARE clothes (pants, t-shirt, socks) in case of messy play or nappy accidents. Remember cool clothes for summer and a jacket & beanie for winter. All clothing items should be ***clearly labelled***. (***Appropriate shoes for outdoor play***)

Nappies: Please ensure your child has a minimum of 6 nappies on the days your child attends Gum Nut & If you could please leave them in your child's bag or place them on the shelf labelled.

Meals: Breakfast, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided by Gum Nut. It is our preference children are eating lunch from Gum Nut only, unless for a particular dietary reason you have to supply your own food.

Anaphylaxis/Allergies/Asthma: All medication must be left at Gum Nut with appropriate action plan from a doctor/specialist. 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) ***clearly labelled***. Please note you can leave a hat here in the hat pockets located in the hallway. **No Hat - No Outdoor Play**

Sunscreen: Please ensure you have applied sunscreen on your child prior to attending the centre. The Possums educators will apply more sunscreen on your child, throughout the day with our centre's sunscreen, unless due to allergies you can supply your own.

Water & Milk 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 and returned. (If they are being brought in premade, or breast milk they need to be in an insulated bag.)

Please bring formula daily, in separate dispenser or already made up. Canned formula is not usable after 4 weeks upon opening, it is preferred you follow our procedure. When your child is drinking cow's/alternative milk from the centre, please be advised because of health and cross contamination, we would like it if you could provide your own sipper cup.

If you are bringing breast milk, please label it and place it in the fridge on arrival each day.

Emails: Please check this often and keep us informed of email changes. Possum email address is for planning purposes only, any other information (e.g. change of days, illnesses etc **must** be emailed to Office)

Possum Routine



Our routine is very flexible, as it is based around each child's individual routines and rituals.

7:30am - 8:30am Family Grouping commences in the Wombat Room (refer to the centre plan for family grouping experiences and activities)

7:30am - 8:00am Breakfast is served

8:30 - 9:00am Possums transitioned – Indoor/outdoor activities

9:00 - 9:30am Morning tea (Fresh fruit and yoghurt)

Bottles (children have their bottles at their individual times)

9:30 - 10am Prepare children for morning sleep, indoor/outdoor program

10 - 11am Outdoor play (weather permitting). Nappy changes.

11 - 11:30am Transition to lunch time (Menu displayed in room)

11:30 - 1:30: Prepare children for sleep time. Continue lunch, as children wake from morning sleep and continue indoor program activities

1:30 - 2:30pm Bottles, nappy changes, indoor/outdoor play

2:30 - 3:00pm Prepare children for afternoon sleep

Continue indoor/outdoor program activities

3:00 - 4:00pm Afternoon tea (varying: sandwiches/crackers/scones/fresh fruit etc)

Prepare children for outdoor play (unless already outdoors)

4:00pm - 4:45pm Outdoor play (possum garden or wombat decking) or indoor wet weather program

4:45 - 6:00 pm Transition to Wombat Room/garden (Family Grouping)

6:00pm Centre Closed.