



*Gum Nut Preschool*  
and Child Care

Monthly news sheet - August



## Calendar

### September

Save the Koala Month  
Biodiversity Month

<b>1-7th</b>	National Child Protection Week
<b>3th</b>	Early Childhood Educators Day
<b>7th</b>	Father's Day
<b>8th</b>	International Literacy Day
<b>11th</b>	RUOK Day
<b>14th</b>	National Bilby Day
<b>19th</b>	Term 3 Ends
<b>25th</b>	Footy Colours Day - Dress Up
<b>26th</b>	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday (Centre Closed)

We respectfully acknowledge  
the Traditional Owners  
of the land where we learn  
and play, the Wurundjeri  
people of the Kulin Nation.  
We pay respect to their  
Elders past, present and  
emerging.



Centre opening hours.  
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CENTRE

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## **Reminder:**

**Starting September 1st, children must wear hats and sunscreen during outdoor play.**

**Please ensure you pack your child's  
\*\* labeled hat \*\***

**Additionally, remember to apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at Gum Nut. This will ensure they are prepared and protected for morning outdoor activities.**

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## **Farewell to Hannah – A Cherished Member of Our Gum Nut Family**

**After 14 wonderful years at Gum Nut, we are sad to share that Hannah will be leaving the centre. Throughout her time with us, Hannah has been an invaluable part of our Wombat team.**

**Her contributions have helped shape the caring environment we are so proud of today, and she will be deeply missed by staff, families, and children.**

**We invite you to join us in thanking her for her incredible service and wishing her all the best in her next chapter.**

**Thank you, Hannah.**







# FOOTY COLOURS DAY

**25TH  
SEPTEMBER**

AFL Grand Finals Dress Up Day is coming up on  
Thursday, 25th September 2025!

All children are welcome to wear their favourite  
footy team colours. If you don't have a team, no  
problem—come dressed in any sports gear or your  
brightest, most colourful outfit!



# book an adventure...



# BOOK WEEK

AUGUST 18 - 22





20  
25

**FAIRFIELD** PRIMARY SCHOOL

**ARTFORALL**

**ALL WEEKEND**  
**29TH-31ST AUGUST**

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# Let's Adopt

September is Save the Koala month! Anually we fundraise to adopt a joey from The Australian Koala Foundation. This year our koala children have chosen Kazoo.

We'll be selling raffle tickets to raise funds, with the winner to be announced on Thursday, 25th September, during Gum Nut's Footy Grand Finals Dress Up Day.

Why Are We Doing This? Adopting Kazoo supports the conservation of koalas and helps teach children about wildlife protection and empathy. It's a great way for children to engage with and learn about the importance of caring for our environment.

How You Can Help:

**Buy a Raffle Ticket:** Tickets will be sold from 1<sup>st</sup> of September and are 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, and you can purchase them from a Koala team member at the entrance of the big garden at the end of each day.

**Make a Donation:** If you'd prefer to donate without participating in the raffle, a donation box is located at the sign-in table.





## SEPTEMBER POP-UP

20th – 23rd

11am to 3pm

Alphington Community Centre

2 Kelvin Rd, Alphington

### YES PLEASE

- pens
- pencils
- textas
- highlighters
- board markers
- rulers
- glue sticks
- erasers
- sharpeners
- new exercise books
- sketch books
- blank scrapbooks
- pencil cases
- bulldog clips
- paperclips
- scissors
- sticky notes
- staplers & staples
- plastic pockets
- drawing paper
- craft materials
- sticky tape
- sticky tape dispensers
- clipboards

### NO THANK YOU

- notebooks
- used exercise books
- binders
- folders
- filing dividers



### ALSO COLLECTING ...

- Project Pair Up (mismatched containers and lids)
- Shopping Bags (including supermarket paper bags)
- Keep Cups
- Christmas Gift Bags, ribbon & good condition wrapping paper





# Family Input

At Gum Nut we believe in working together and recognise the value of family input. It allows us to foster a sense of belonging for both parents and child. When this collaboration happens, it strengthens the child's identity and enhances their learning.

The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) states, "Educators' practices and the relationships they form with children and families have a significant effect on children's involvements and success in learning. Children thrive when families and educators work together in partnership to support young children's learning."

All of our programs invite parents to participate; you could share an interest or skill, teach a new song, play an instrument or share a cooking activity.

## Care Net Mobile Food Relief WINTER SCHEDULE

### June

15th

29th

### July

20th

(not operating during  
school holidays)

### August

3rd

17th

31st

## NEW DAY, NEW LOCATION

Sundays 9.30-10.30am  
27 Alfred Cres, Nth Fitzroy



CARENET

CHAPEL || LIFE

During the winter season, our team will be offsite. We sincerely thank everyone for your support, and we look forward to returning in the spring. Furthermore, we warmly invite any families in need of food assistance to reach out to us.