



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

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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.



Welcome to 2026!

We would like to warmly welcome all our new children and families to the centre, as well as extend a big welcome back to our returning children and families. We are so excited to be ready for an eventful year ahead, filled with learning, play, growth, and special moments. Our team is looking forward to building strong connections with our children and families and working together to create a happy, safe, and engaging environment for everyone.

Reminders

- Sunscreen: Please ensure your child has sunscreen applied and a hat at drop off times to ensure they are ready for outdoor play.
- Parent Mobile Phones: Please be reminded that we request that all mobile phones are away when entering the gate and that no photos are to be taken inside. We understand that first days are exciting, however please take childrens photos outside of the gate.
- Kinder Families: Please be reminded that children can not go up the stairs without adult supervision.



Term 1 Calendar

January

- 26th Australia Day Public Holiday
- 27th Term 1 Starts

February

- 2nd World Wetlands Day
- 9th Childrens Mental Health Week
- 17th Kinder Info Night (6:30-7:30)
- 27th School Clean Up Day

March

- 1st Clean Up Australia Day
- 2nd Sea Week
- 3rd World Wildlife Day
- 9th Labour Day Public Holiday
- 18th Global Recycling Day
- 21st Harmony Day
- 22nd World Water Day
- 28th Earth Hour

April

- 2nd Term 1 Ends

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.

Transitions

Sometimes this change can be scary for young children, some children will be excited for the change, but others may find it challenging. This transition means changes to routines, new educators but also new opportunities to play and grow!

Our team do their best to support children during this period to ensure a smooth transition. Children begin with short visits into their new environment with current educators, this allows them to participate in the program and helps them to become familiar with new educators and the space.

A few things you can do to support your child.

- Talk to your child about moving to the next room, this can help them get used to the idea.
(name the new room)
- Introduce yourself to new educators.
- Talk about things your child may do in the room (new toys, friends and experiences)



OUR TEAM



Possum Room



Katie



Elisha



Cali



Ranu



Laura

Wombat Room



Rose



Shamika



Orneeta



Jeet

Koala Room



Rasika



Niaz



Narmada



Athirah



Dilumini

Magpie Room



Siena



Michelle



DeAnne

Kinder Room



Hannah



Mariella



Eva



Celeste

Office



Tiffany



Maxine



Jess



Never Leave Children Alone in a Car



Leaving children alone in a car is very dangerous, especially on warm or hot days. It can cause serious harm or even death. In Victoria, it's illegal, with penalties including fines or up to six months in jail.

Why is it dangerous?

CARS HEAT UP QUICKLY:

On mild days, the temperature inside a parked car can rise 20 to 30 degrees higher than outside in just minutes. For example, if it's 30°C outside, the inside of a car can reach 60°C very quickly.

CHILDREN OVERHEAT FASTER:

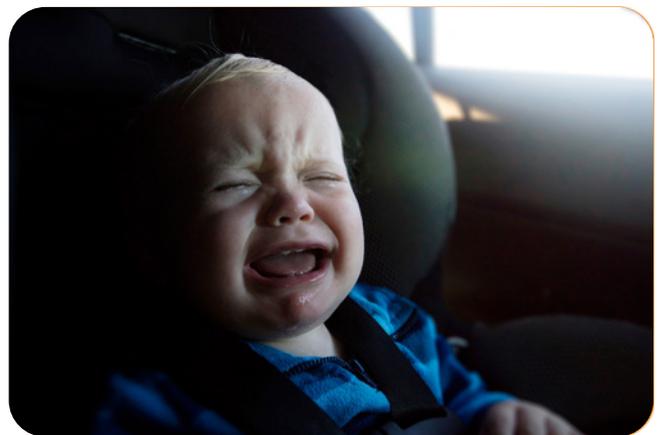
A child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult's. This can lead to heat stroke, brain damage, organ failure, or severe dehydration in a very short time.

SIZE DOESN'T MATTER:

Big cars heat up just as fast as small ones.

LEAVING WINDOWS OPEN DOES NOT HELP MUCH:

Leaving windows open slightly lowers the temperature by only about 5°C, which isn't enough to make it safe.



Keep children safe:
Never leave them alone in a car, not even for a short time.
The risks are serious and happen quickly—don't take the chance.

For more information > childroadsafety.org.au

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