



Gum Nut Preschool
and Child Care

Monthly news sheet - October



Calendar

October

- 5th** World Teachers Day / Daylight Savings starts
- 6th** Term 4 Begins
- 7th** Australian Wildlife Week
- 15th** National Nutrition Week
- 20th 26th** National Water Week - ***Water Heroes: Save Every Drop***
- 22nd** Childrens Week
- 26th** National Grandparents' Day
- 27th-31st** School Readiness Week (Kinder Room)

November

- 4th** Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday, Centre Closed)
- 8th - 15th** Food Safety Week
- 9th- 14th** Orangutan Awareness Week
- 11th** Remembrance Day
- 11th-16th** Recycling Week
- 13th** World Kindness Day

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.
Mon - Fri
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CENTRE



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

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

We sincerely appreciate your valuable feedback in regards to the center planning. This input is crucial for us as we strive to improve our service and meet the needs of our families. We have carefully reviewed the suggestions and will be implementing some changes to enhance our programs. However, please note that these adjustments will not take effect until the new year, as we want to ensure a smooth transition and adequate preparation. We are committed to keeping you updated on the progress and look forward to a successful implementation.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.





The Gum Nut Kinders have taken part in this year's Aussie Bird Count! 🌿

Over our two days offsite at Bush Kinder this week (20 & 23 October 2025), the children became real-life birdwatchers, spotting 19 different species and counting 120 birds in total across both days (over approximately 100 minutes of birdwatching)! How amazing!

Through this experience, the Kinders have developed a newfound appreciation for our feathered friends and the wonderful biodiversity that surrounds us. ❤️

My Statistics

Checklists submitted	5
Species sighted	19
Birds sighted	120

Bird Species Seen

 Australian Magpie <i>Cracticus tibicen</i> Birds sighted: 5	 Australian White Ibis <i>Threskiornis molucca</i> Birds sighted: 3
 Black Duck-Mallard hybrid Birds sighted: 6	 Crested Pigeon <i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i> Birds sighted: 9
 Dusky Moorhen <i>Gallinula tenebrosa</i> Birds sighted: 10	 Eastern Rosella <i>Platycercus eximius</i> Birds sighted: 4
 Galah <i>Eolophus roseicapillus</i> Birds sighted: 7	 House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i> Birds sighted: 3
 Laughing Kookaburra <i>Dacelo novaeguineae</i> Birds sighted: 2	 Little Raven <i>Corvus mellori</i> Birds sighted: 3

 Magpie-lark <i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i> Birds sighted: 5	 Noisy Miner <i>Manorina melanocephala</i> Birds sighted: 9
 Pacific Black Duck <i>Anas superciliosa</i> Birds sighted: 24	 Pied Currawong <i>Strepera graculina</i> Birds sighted: 1
 Rainbow Lorikeet <i>Trichoglossus moluccanus</i> Birds sighted: 5	 Rock Dove <i>Columba livia</i> Birds sighted: 8
 Spotted Dove <i>Streptopelia chinensis</i> Birds sighted: 6	 Sulphur-crested Cockatoo <i>Cacatua galerita</i> Birds sighted: 5
 Superb Fairy-wren <i>Malurus cyaneus</i> Birds sighted: 5	

Exciting Incursion for Kinder Programs: The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company Brings Literature to Life!

We are thrilled to share a special incursion experience presented to our Kinder groups, by The Flying Bookworm Theatre Company! This unique experience is designed to spark imagination, engagement, and a deeper love of literature through live theatrical performances.

About the Shows

Each performance is carefully crafted to enhance your child's understanding and enjoyment of classic stories. Through vibrant acting, interactive participation, and lively discussions, students don't just hear the story, they experience it! This dynamic approach helps children connect more meaningfully with the text than through reading alone.

The Ugly Duckling

Follow the journey of a sweet little duckling trying to find friends. Despite being different, the duckling teaches us that being yourself is the most wonderful thing you can be. This timeless fairy tale celebrates kindness, acceptance, and self-confidence, perfect themes for our young learners.

Market Square

The Gingerbread Man Run, run as fast as you can! Get ready for fun, it's the Gingerbread Man! The little old man and the little old lady just want a snack! But the Gingerbread man wants to go on an adventure instead. Hopefully they don't run into any sneaky fox's along the way.

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We can't wait to see our Kinder childrens' imaginations come alive with this magical incursion!





GUM NUT PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

Carols in the park

Festive Activities

Christmas Carols

Face Painting

Games

Christmas Raffle

Special Visitor at 7 PM

Bring Your Own Picnic, Beverages,
and Singing Voices

Extended family and friends welcomed

5TH DECEMBER 2025

6 PM - 8 PM

ALPHINGTON PARK - 20 VIEW ST, ALPHINGTON



Keep it loose

Put recyclables in the bin loose, even if the bag is recyclable!

Otherwise they won't be sorted correctly and could end up in landfill.



Choose to reuse

Buy products made from recycled and recyclable materials.

After all, what's the point of recycling if you're not going to use the material again?



Buy it back

Buy products made from recycled and recyclable materials.

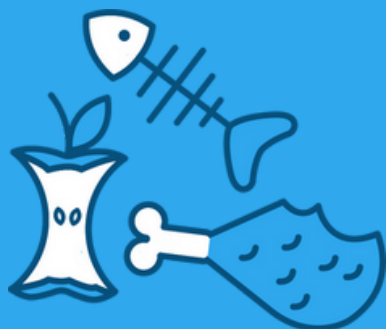
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Drop it off

Not everything belongs in your home bin.

Find drop-off locations near you to recycle tricky items.



Compost

Food scraps should never go in your recycling bin.

But they can be composted at home or through local council services.



In doubt? Leave it out

If you're not sure whether an item belongs in the recycling bin, leave it out.

"Wishcycling" like this can lead to more waste than good!