



*Gum Nut Preschool*  
and Child Care

Monthly news sheet - February



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 CALENDER

### February

- 2nd World Wetlands Day
- 10th Luna New Year, Year of the Dragon
- 7th Information nights (All rooms) 6:30pm
- 8th Kinder Info Night 6:30pm
- 12th International Day of Women & Girls in Science
- 13th Apology Anniversary
- 17th Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 21st World Harmony Day

### March

- 1st Australian Women's History Month
- 1st World Compliment Day
- 4th-8th National Sea Week
- 3rd World Wildlife Day
- 7th School's Clean-up Day
- 8th International Women's Day
- 18th - 24th Harmony Week
- 20th National Day of Action against Bullying & Violence
- 25th - 29th Cultural Diversity Week
- 21st Harmony Day

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



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# 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.**

## TESTIMONIALS

We have recently updated our website and would love to share your families experiences / time at Gum Nut Preschool and Childcare.

If you would like to contribute, please email your feedback through to our office:  
[office@gumnutpreschool.com.au](mailto:office@gumnutpreschool.com.au)

Thank you in advance.

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# FUNDED KINDER 2025

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about our amazing Kinder programs and how we can support your child's early education journey!



## Explore & Learn

**SATURDAY 20TH APRIL**  
**TIME: 9:30am**

Join the Kinder team on an Explore & Learn session at Alphington Wetlands.

Meet at Gum Nut and let the teachers lead the way!

## Information Night

**THURSDAY 24TH APRIL**  
**TIME: 7pm**

Come meet the team and see the Kinder Environment.

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# Are you looking for a great Kindergarten program for 2025?



## Benefits of Explore & Learn

Our Explore & Learn program offers many benefits for children. It fosters a deeper connection with nature, encourages physical activity and exploration, promotes problem-solving skills, enhances creativity and imagination, builds resilience and nurtures an appreciation of the environment.

At Explore & Learn the focus is on child-led learning, allowing children to follow their interest, explore the environment, and engage in activities that promote curiosity, creativity and problem-solving, our teachers have the skills to turn every moment into a learning opportunity.

This program was developed in 2017 and plays a significant part of our 4 year old Kinder program.

Explore & Learn takes place in Alphington Wetlands & Park, Darebin parklands and Sparks Reserve.

Gum Nut offers funded 3 and 4 year-old kinder programs!

The first year of kindergarten is a one-year program for 3-year-old children, delivered by a qualified early childhood teacher in the year before they are eligible to attend their second year of kindergarten (4 years old).

To be eligible for the 3 year old kinder program children need to turn 3 by the 30th of April 2025.

If your child is turning 4 by 30th of April 2025 they will be eligible to participate in the Kinder program (year before school).

If you already attend Gum Nut you will be given a first offer for our programs.





## Centre private Facebook groups:

Please join your child's room private Facebook group, this is where educators share information about the program and for you to connect with other families.

Possum Room



Wombat Room



Koala Room



Magpie Room



Kinder Room



Community



# Welcome to the team

## ALEX

Hello families,

My name is Alex, and I am so excited to be working alongside the Kinder team for 2024. I will be working part time (Tue, Wed & Thu) from 8:30-3pm. I have my Diploma of Early Childhood Education and am in the final stages of completing my Bachelor of Primary Education. I have 6 years of experience working in early childhood and have been working as a casual relief teacher in primary schools for the last 18 months. I look forward to meeting you all.



## LAURA

Hi, my name is Laura.

I used to be a part of the Gum Nut team 13 years ago, I've decided to come back to this amazing environment because i really do love working with children. I can wait to get to know your little ones and create fun adventures with them.

Please don't be shy to introduce yourselves!

I'll be working with the Wombats Wed - Fri :).



## Possum Team



**Courtney**



**Rose**



**Arizona**



**DeAnne**

## Wombat Team



**Rose**



**Hannah**



**Katie**



**Laura**

## Koala Team



**Rasika**



**Athira**



**Niaz**



**Narmada**



**Dilumini**

## Magpie Kinder Team



**Meisa**



**Michelle**



**Mariella**



**Karen**

## Kinder Team



**Hannah**



**Helen**



**Victor**



**Alex**

# General housekeeping

## HOLIDAYS

Going on a holiday, or just need a little break:

Please provide Two clear weeks' notice by email to the office of your planned leave.

We will reduce your fees to holiday rate. Note: Child/ren must be absent for full week of attendance – Monday to Friday.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please keep the following information up to date:

- Address, phone number, email.
- Dietary requirements, medication and action plan for your child.
- Immunisation history

## EMAILS

Just a friendly reminder that room emails are used for planning purposes only.

For everything else please email the office directly via

[office@gumnutpreschool.com.au](mailto:office@gumnutpreschool.com.au)

## GOOGLE REVIEW

We hope your experience with us has been positive and enriching. Would you mind taking a few moments to share your thoughts on Google?

Your feedback helps us improve and lets others know about the quality of care we provide.

We appreciate your feedback!

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**CHAPEL LIFE & CARENET**  
**FOOD RELIEF IN ALPHINGTON**  
**MONDAYS 9.30-10.30AM**  
(FORTNIGHTLY)  
**1 COMO ST, ALPHINGTON**

**WHAT IS THE MOBILE PANTRY?  
THE MOBILE PANTRY BRINGS WITH IT FOOD, TOILETRIES, NAPPIES & CLEANING PRODUCTS  
FOR FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS.**

**THERE IS NO QUALIFICATION PROCESS - CARENET IS OPEN TO ALL.  
WE ALL NEED HELP AT TIMES. THE IMPACTS OF THE RISING COST OF LIVING ON FAMILIES  
AND INDIVIDUALS HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT. CARENET IS HERE TO HELP, SPREADING LOVE &  
KINDNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE ARE THANKFUL TO THE GUMNUT COMMUNITY FOR  
GIVING US A SPACE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.  
FOR MORE INFO VISIT [WWW.CHAPELLIFE.COM.AU](http://WWW.CHAPELLIFE.COM.AU)**



**RESUMING MONDAY JANUARY 22**

