



**CENTRE CALENDER** 

#### **February**

**2nd** World Wetlands Day

10th Luna New Year, Year of the Dragon7th 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

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

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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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.

#### **TESTIMONALS**

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

Thank you in advance.

www.gumnutpreschool.com.au





## 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.

1 Como Street, Alphington office@gumnutpreschool.com.au www.gumnutpreschool.com.au





## 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 participle 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.

Koala Room

Possum Room



Kinder Room



Wombat Room



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Community



Magpie Room



## 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, we decided to come back to this amazing environment

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





Rose





Arizona

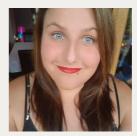
DeAnne

#### 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.

### **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

#### **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

#### **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!



**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 AR ETHANKFUL TO THE GUMNUT COMMUNITY FOR

GIVING US A SPACE TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT WWW.CHAPELLIFE.COM.AU

**RESUMING MONDAY JANUARY 22**