



Gum Nut Preschool
and Child Care

Monthly news sheet - April



Calendar

April

17th	Gum Nut Easter Bonnet Parade
18th	Good Friday (Centre Closed)
21st	Easter Monday (Centre Closed)
22nd	Term 2 Starts
25th	Anzac Day (Centre Closed)

May

4th	International Firefighters day
11th	Mothers Day
11th-18th	Road Safety Week
20th	World Bee Day
21st	National Simultaneous Storytime - "The Truck Cat" by Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell
26th	National Sorry Day
27th	Reconciliation Week

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

- **Opening hours:** The center opens at 7:30 AM. Please note that we are not licenced to care for any child dropped off before this time, and we ask parents to wait until 7:30 AM.
- **Parking in the driveway:** If you are required to stay at Gum Nut for an extended period of time please find parking along the street to allow others to have access to the driveway for quick drop offs
- **Holiday discount:** Please ensure you notify the office two weeks in advance of any planned leave from the centre to recive the fee discount.
- **Updating personal details:** We would like to remind you to ensure that your contact details are up to date. Having the most current information on file will help us stay in touch with you in case of important updates, events, or emergencies. If any of your details have changed recently, please update them.
Please take a moment to check the following information:
 - Address
 - Email address
 - Phone numbers
 - Emergency contacts
- **Policy Updates in Progress:** We would like to inform all families that we are currently in the process of reviewing and updating some of our centre policies. This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the highest standards of care, safety, and communication. Updated policies will reflect current best practices and align with relevant regulations. Once finalised, the revised policies will be shared with all families for your information.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!



Happy Easter!

Easter Fun!

We've had a wonderful time celebrating Easter at Gum Nut, and the children have been busy participating in a variety of fun and festive activities! From creative crafts to themed games, the Easter spirit has truly been alive throughout the past few weeks.

One of the highlights has been our Easter Bonnet creations! The children used recycled materials to design and decorate their own unique bonnets, showing off their imagination and care for the environment. It was fantastic to see their creativity shine through!

To wrap up the celebrations, we held a joyful Easter Bonnet Parade with the whole centre involved. It was a lovely opportunity for all the rooms to come together, share smiles, and admire each other's colourful creations.

We hope you had a happy and safe Easter!





Gum Nut's favourite recipe

Vegan Chocolate Cake



Ingredients

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- 1 ½ cups of self raising flour
- 1 ¼ cups of caster sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- ⅓ cup olive oil
- 1 tablespoon of balsamic vinegar
- 3 teaspoons of vanilla essence
- 1 ½ cups of water

Method

- Preheat oven to 170 degrees
- Grease a 20cm cake tin, and lightly dust with cocoa powder
- Sift dry ingredients into a bowl and stir
- Make a well in the middle and add wet ingredients
- Gently stir to smooth batter
- Bake for 50 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean
- Cool for 10 minutes

Enjoy!

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.

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April | 9.30-10.30am

April 14th

April 28th



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