



Gum Nut Preschool and Child Care Centre

Monthly news sheet - January



Welcome back!

A very big welcome to the new families that have joined our community.

We are thrilled to embark on a year filled with learning, laughter and growth. Our dedicated team is committed to providing a nurturing and engaging environment where curiosity thrives, friendships blossom, and every child's unique potential is celebrated.

Here's to a year of endless possibilities and memorable moments!

CENTRE CALENDER

January

26th - Australia Day (Centre closed)
30th - Term 1 starts.

February

2nd - World Wetlands Day
10th - Luna New Year, Year of the Dragon
Date TBC - Information nights (All rooms)

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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Transitions

Children have started to transition to new rooms.

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)



Stay & Play

We understand that some children will need some extra support during their transitions, we have implemented a Stay & Play as an orientation process for your child's new room.

These sessions allow you to engage in the program and support your child to feel safe and secure in their new environment .



SunSmart

As we embrace the sunny days of 2024, we want to remind you to practice sun safety for your children.

Please ensure they come to Gum Nut with applied sunscreen, wear protective clothing and bring a hat for outdoor activities.

Sunscreen is also re-applied throughout the day.

Let's work together to keep our little ones safe this summer.



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



Possum Team



Courtney



Rose



Arizona



DeAnne



Pai

Wombat Team



Rose



Hannah



Katie



Dilumini

Koala Team



Rasika



Athira



Niaz



Narmada



Dilumini

Magpie Kinder Team



Meisa



Michelle



Mariella

Kinder Team



Hannah



Helen



Victor



Karen

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

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We encourage parents to get involved in their child's learning journey. This collaborative approach fosters a strong partnership between parents and teachers/educators.

Ways you can get involved:
Read a story Gardening Share your profession / skill or interest.

Music

Please discuss the best time with your child's room educators.

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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**