newsletter

November 2026



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

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Reminders

- **Parent Mobile Phones**: Please be reminded that we request that all mobile phones are put away when entering the gate and that no photos are to be taken inside.

- **Centre Information Folders**: All centre information is now placed in folders at the main entrances for your reference. These will be kept at the sign-in table and at the information area near the office.
  These folders include relevant information on the centre, including opening hours, contact details of the regulatory authority, policies and procedures, etc.

- **Signing in and Out:** It is a legal requirement that parens/guardians sign their children in and out each day. If you do not have a pin please notify the office.

- **Holiday Notification:** We require two full weeks notice to discount your fee for your holiday period.
  Child must be away for the full week of attendance days (Monday-Friday).

- **Swapping Days**: Please note at Gum Nut we do not swap childrens days due to overall centre numbers and educator ratios, we will try our best to accommodate casual days where possible.

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.



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WHATS HAPPENING

Term 3 Calendar

October

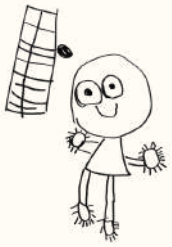
4th	World Space Week
5th	Term 4 Starts
19th	Aussie Bird Count
24th-1/11	Childrens Week

November

3rd	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (Centre closed)
5th	Outdoor Classroom Day
8th	Diwali
9th - 13th	National Recycling Week

December

11th	Carols in Alphington Park - 6:15pm
16th	Gum Nut Kinder Graduation
18th	Term 4 ends
25th	Christmas Day (Public Holiday)
26th	Boxing Day (Public Holiday)



OUR KITCHEN

Simple Tomato Spaghetti

Ingredients:



- **2 tbsp butter**
- **½ tbsp oil**
- **1 small onion, finely chopped**
- **1 large carrot, finely chopped**
- **2 stalks of celery, finely chopped**
- **1-2 cloves of garlic, crushed**
- **1 can cannellini beans**
- **2 tins (800g) chopped tomatoes**
- **½ tsp dried oregano**
- **Quarter Pumpkin**

Instructions:

1. Add the butter and oil to a pan and melt. Add in the onion and cook on medium heat for 2-3 minutes until it starts to soften. Add the carrots, celery, pumpkin, cannellini beans, and garlic and fry for another couple of minutes, stirring regularly.
2. Pour in the chopped tomatoes, dried oregano, and mix well. (You can blend at this point if preferred.)
3. Cook on a high simmer for 10-12 minutes before serving with cooked spaghetti.

Serve and enjoy!

Does your family have a favorite recipe, dish, or weekly staple you could share with us? It may even be included in our next newsletter!

SCHOOL READINESS







Our kindergarten children have been busy participating in a range of school readiness experiences as they prepare for their exciting transition to Prep!



They had the opportunity to visit Alphington Primary School and traveled by train to Ivanhoe Primary School.

During these visits, they were able to explore various areas of the school and gain insight into what their upcoming year may entail.

At Gum Nut, the children have engaged in activities such as packing their own belongings, participating in role play within the Kinder room, and even bringing their own packed lunches.

Children have been encouraged to take responsibility for their belongings, follow multi-step instructions, participate in group discussions, and develop their early literacy and numeracy skills.

School readiness is about so much more than knowing letters and numbers. It's about fostering a love of learning, building positive friendships, managing emotions, and feeling confident to take on new challenges.

Christmas Closure

Gum Nut Preschool & Childcare will be closed on the below dates.

Friday 25th of December - Christmas Day

Monday 28th of December - in lieu of Boxing Day

Friday 1st of January - New Year's Day

If your family intends to take a holiday during this time, please inform us so we can appropriately plan for our educators' and teachers' annual leave.

Reminder: A two-week notice is necessary to qualify for the holiday discount.

GUM NUT PRESCHOOL & CHILDCARE

Carols in the park

Festive Activities
Christmas Carols
Face Painting
Games
Christmas Raffle

Bring Your Own Picnic, Beverages,
and Singing Voices

Extended family and friends welcomed

11TH DECEMBER 2026

6 PM - 8 PM

ALPHINGTON PARK - 20 VIEW ST, ALPHINGTON

THE MAGPIE ROOM'S

10 CENT CAN DRIVE



Join the Magpies in collecting eligible 10 cent cans and bottles to help raise money.

The Magpies have been learning about reusing, recycling and donating.

We welcome you to support their learning by placing appropriate cans and bottles in the collection box.

Teacher Siena will take the containers to the deposit scheme, and the Magpies will decide together which cause or organisation to donate the money to.

Thank you for your support!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

We love having families involved in our programs! Parent participation helps create meaningful experiences for the children and strengthens our centre community. There are many ways you can get involved, including:

- Reading stories with the children
- Helping with cooking experiences
- Assisting with arts and crafts
- Sharing a special skill, hobby, or cultural experience
- Joining us for other learning activities throughout the year



If you would like to volunteer and participate in our programs, you will now need to obtain a Volunteer Working with Children Check (WWCC). This check is free for volunteers and helps us meet our commitment to providing a safe environment for all children.

Please note that a Volunteer WWCC is not required if you are attending centre functions, celebrations, or family events where you are participating with your child as a parent or family member.

If you're interested in volunteering, we'd love to hear from you! Please speak with one of our educators, and we'll be happy to guide you through the simple process of applying for a Volunteer Working with Children Check.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping us create enriching experiences for our children!

APPLY FOR A VOLUNTEER WWCC HERE