



Centre opening hours.

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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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.



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 parents/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.

WHATS HAPPENING

Term 3 Calendar

September

Biodiversity Month
Save the Koala Month

2nd Early Childhood Educators' Day
6th-12th National Child Protection Week
18th Term 3 Ends

October

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

Don't forget to bring a wide-brimmed Sun Hat and sunscreen (if necessary) starting this week. Reminder to apply sunscreen to your child so their ready for outdoor play. Remember – no hat means no outdoor play!



OUR KITCHEN

Pumpkin and Lentil Soup

Ingredients

- Pumpkin
- Dried Red Lentils
- Brown Onion
- Garlic
- Vegetable Stock

Method

1. Coarsely chop the onion and pumpkin.
2. In a large pot, sauté the onion and garlic until they become translucent.
3. Incorporate the pumpkin and continue to sauté.
4. Pour in 3-4 cups of vegetable stock and bring the mixture to a boil.
5. Add 1 kg of dried red lentils and mix well.
6. Reduce the heat and let it simmer. Once the pumpkin and lentils have softened, blend the mixture into a smooth soup.



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!





DRESS UP DAY

THURSDAY, 24/09/2026

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AND TEAM SPIRIT!

NO TEAM? NO PROBLEM—COME
DRESSED IN ANY SPORTS GEAR OR YOUR
BRIGHTEST OUTFIT.

PLUS: WE'LL ANNOUNCE THE SAVE
THE KOALA MONTH RAFFLE WINNER!



CELEBRATING

40

YEARS



HELP US ADOPT STAR

THE GURRBORRA!

This September, the Koala Room will hold its annual fundraiser to adopt koala joey, STAR, through the Australian Koala Foundation. Adopting Star supports koala conservation and teaches the children about wildlife protection, environmental care, and empathy.

We will be selling raffle tickets throughout the month of September to raise funds.

The winner will be announced on Thursday, September 24th, during Gum Nut's Footy Grand Finals Dress Up Day.

Here is how you can help:

Buy a Raffle Ticket:

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

You can purchase them from a Koala team member at the entrance of the big garden at the end of each day.

Make a Donation: If you would prefer to donate without participating in the raffle, a donation box is located at the sign-in area.

Get Involved: If you or a family member is a koala enthusiast or expert and would like to share your knowledge, or if you would enjoy reading a koala-themed book to the children, please let the room team know so we can organise a time.

Let's work together to make this fundraiser a success and give STAR the safe and happy future she deserves!

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

The UP Community Collection

First Saturday of every month

NEXT ONE: SEPTEMBER 5TH

1PM – 4PM

SPAN COMMUNITY HOUSE



EVERY MONTH WE WILL COLLECT:



PAPER BAGS



SHOPPING BAGS



GIFT BAGS



DRAWING PAPER



REUSABLE CUPS



READING GLASSES



CORKS



CHRISTMAS BAGS & PAPER

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:
THIS MONTH ONLY**

STATIONERY NEW & USED

PLEASE READ THE LIST CAREFULLY



THE UP COMMUNITY MONTHLY COLLECTIONS ARE HERE!

The UP Community are delighted to announce that, from September 2026, we'll be holding monthly collections at Span Community House.

Span Community House

64 Clyde Street, Thornbury VIC 3071

First Saturday of every month

1pm – 4pm

Each month, we'll be collecting a standard list of items, plus a special collection for that month only.

The UP Community

STATIONERY

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTION



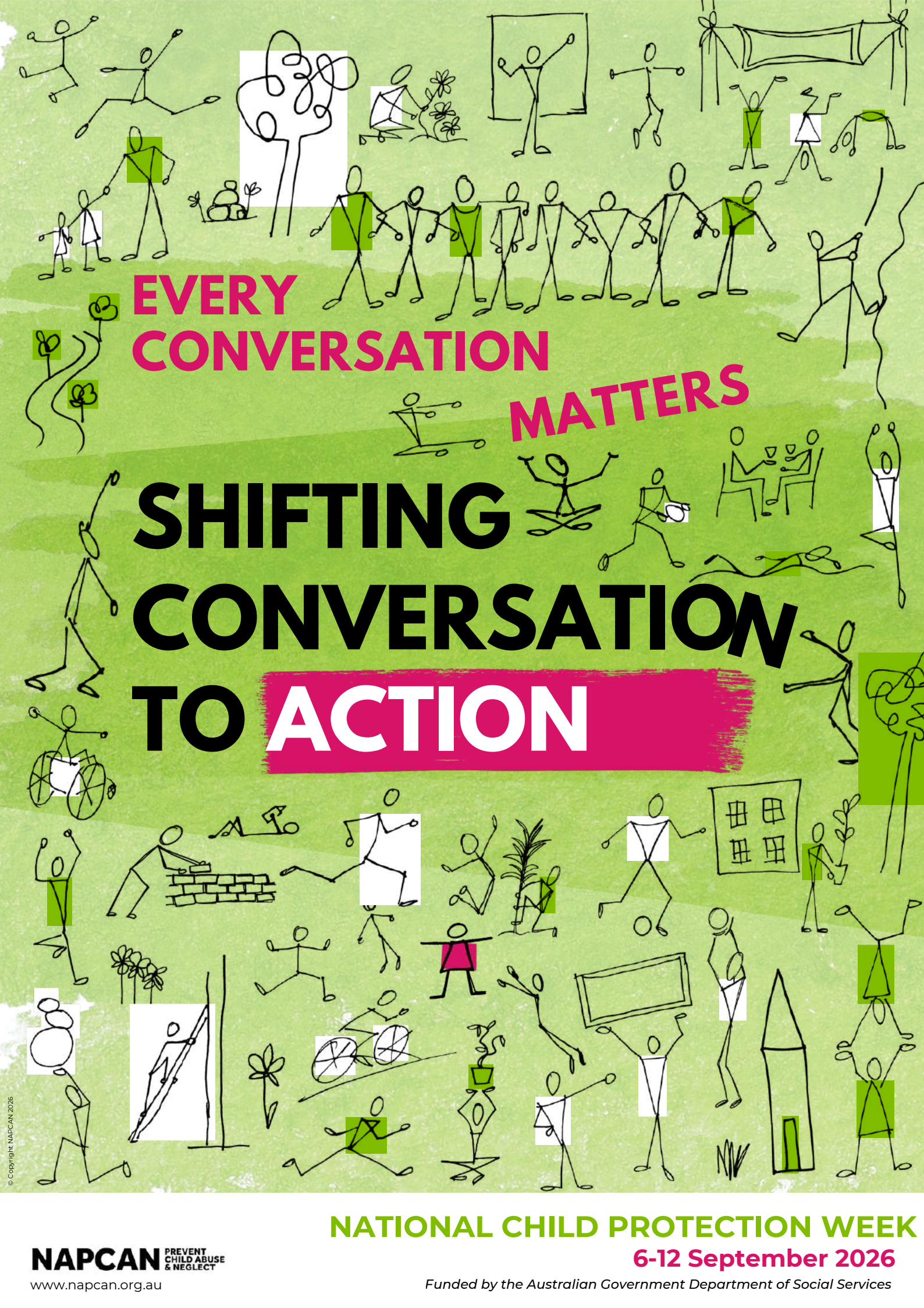
Yes please! New and Used

No thank you

- Folders of ANY kind
- Files of ANY kind
- Document wallets of ANY kind
- Used exercise books, notepads, notebooks of ANY kind

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| • Pens | • Tape | • Calculators |
| • Pencils | • Sticky tape dispensers | • Sticky notes |
| • Crayons | • Staplers & staples | • Drawing paper for kindergartens |
| • Highlighters | • Hole punches | • Coloured paper |
| • Markers / Textas | • Glue sticks | • Copy paper |
| • Rulers | • Pencil cases | • Sketch books |
| • Erasers | • Bulldog clips | • Visual diaries |
| • Sharpeners | • Paper clips | • Blank scrap books |
| • Scissors | | |





**EVERY
CONVERSATION
MATTERS**

**SHIFTING
CONVERSATION
TO ACTION**

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

6-12 September 2026

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& NEGLECT

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