



Centre opening hours.

7:30 AM - 6:00 PM

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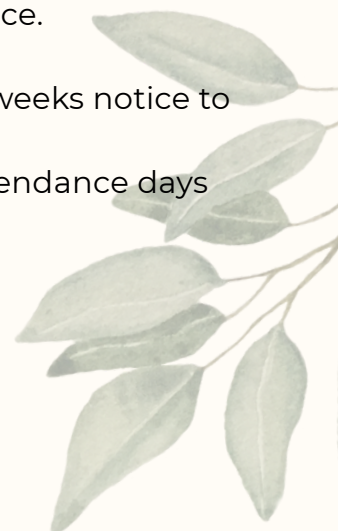


We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we learn and play, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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).



WHATS HAPPENING

Term 2 Calendar

April

20th Term 2 starts
22nd International Mother Earth Day
25th ANZAC Day

May

10th Mothers Day
11th - 17th National Families Week
15th Endangered Species Day
20th World Bee Day
27th National Sorry Day / Reconciliation week begins / National Simultaneous Storytime

June

1st Reconciliation Day
5th World Environment Day
8th World Oceans Day / King's Birthday Public Holiday (**Centre Closed**)
11th International Day of Play
15th-22nd Water Safety Week
22nd Term 2 Ends

OUR KITCHEN

ANZAC BISCUIT

Ingredients

- 1 cup plain flour, sifted
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 3/4 cup Coles Desiccated Coconut
- 150g unsalted butter, chopped
- 2 tbsp golden syrup or treacle
- 1 1/2 tbsp water
- 1/2 tsp Coles Bicarbonate Soda

Method

- Preheat oven to 170°C fan-forced. Place the flour, oats, sugar and coconut in a large bowl and stir to combine.
- In a small saucepan place the butter and golden syrup and stir over low heat until the butter has fully melted. Mix the bicarb soda with the water and add to the golden syrup mixture. It will bubble whilst you are stirring together so remove from the heat.
- Pour into the dry ingredients and mix together until fully combined.
- Roll tablespoonfuls of mixture into balls and place on baking trays lined with non stick baking paper, pressing down on the tops to flatten slightly.
- Bake for 12 minutes or until golden brown



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!

FOCUS ARTICLE

Early Childhood Language Program - 4 Year Old Kinder Program

At Gum Nut, we are proud to receive funding from the Department of Education to offer a rich and engaging Early Childhood Language Program as part of our 4-year-old kindergarten experience. Our dedicated kinder team delivers a Mandarin language program designed to introduce children to new sounds, symbols, and ways of communicating in a fun and meaningful way.

Through songs, stories, games, and everyday interactions, children are immersed in Mandarin in a way that feels natural and enjoyable. Rather than formal instruction, the focus is on building familiarity, confidence, and curiosity about language.

Why Mandarin?

Learning a second language in early childhood has many benefits. Research shows that young children are particularly receptive to language learning, making this an ideal time to introduce a new language. Through our Mandarin program, children can:

- Develop stronger listening and communication skills
- Build confidence in trying new and unfamiliar experiences
- Gain an appreciation for cultural diversity and global perspectives
- Strengthen early literacy skills, including awareness of symbols and patterns

Mandarin, as one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, also provides children with a valuable connection to a global community.

Supporting the EYLF

Our language program aligns with the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF), particularly:

Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity

Children feel confident exploring new ways of communicating and expressing themselves.

Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

Exposure to Mandarin fosters respect for cultural diversity and helps children understand that there are many ways of living, speaking, and learning.

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

Learning a new language encourages curiosity, problem-solving, and persistence.

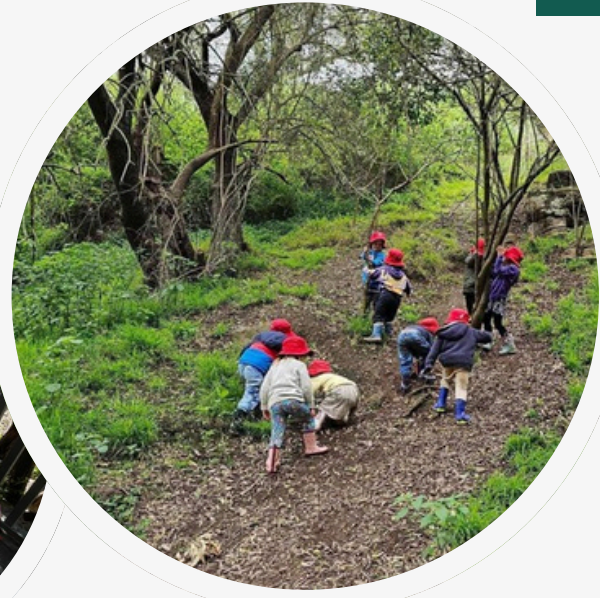
Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators

Children engage with multiple forms of communication, expanding their ability to express ideas and understand others.

A Play-Based Approach

Our kinder team ensures that Mandarin is embedded within a play-based learning environment. Whether children are singing a greeting song, counting in Mandarin during group time, or exploring cultural traditions, they are learning in ways that are engaging, developmentally appropriate, and meaningful.





FUNDED KINDER INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR 2027

BUSH KINDER OPEN DAYS

Monday the 18 of May - from 10:30am
Thursday the 21st of May - from 10:30am

INFORMATION NIGHT 3 & 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMS

Tuesday the 19th of May - 6:30 pm

We invite you to join us for an informative session about our kinder programs and to observe how they operate during a bush kinder session.

Please RSVP to Office@gumnutpreschool.com.au.



OUR TEAM



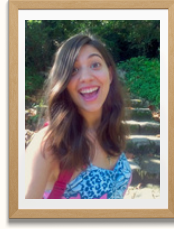
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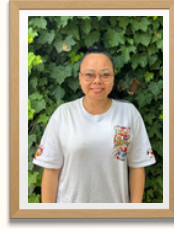
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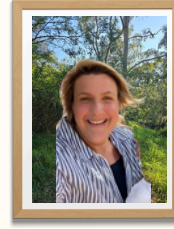
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Cali



Ranu

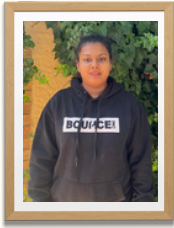


Laura

Wombat Room



Rose



Shamika



Orneeta



Jeet

Koala Room



Rasika



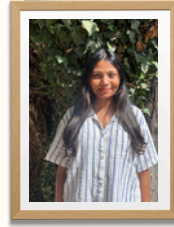
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Narmada

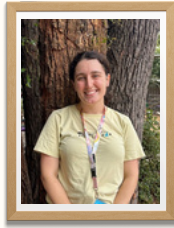


Athirah



Dilumini

Magpie Room



Siena



Michelle



DeAnne

Kinder Room



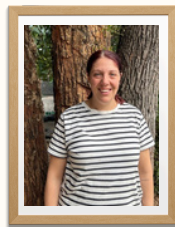
Hannah



Mariella

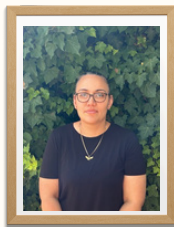


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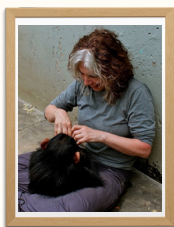


Celeste

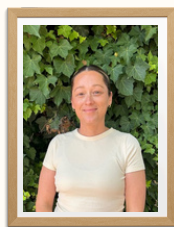
Office



Tiffany



Maxine



Jess

Our Community



THANK YOU

Gum Nut Preschool & Childcare

In recognition of your commitment and generous support of WWF-Australia.

Thanks to your generosity, together we will restore and regenerate the areas of Sky, Country and Saltwater as we work towards Regenerating Nature by 2030.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dermot O'Gorman'.

Dermot O'Gorman, CEO WWF-Australia

13th January 2026





St Bernadette's
PRIMARY SCHOOL IVANHOE

Term 2

Prep Explorer Days

Limited Places!

Don't miss out- Book Now!

Join us for a fun morning discovering everything Prep offers at St Bernadette's. With singing, dancing, stories, craft, sport and STEM, every young learner will find something to love. Your little explorer will leave inspired and excited for their Prep journey.

- ✓ Ready, Set, Prep!
(Sport) Thursday 7th May 9:30-10:30am
- ✓ Prep Show Time
(Performing Arts) Friday 15th May 9:30-10:30am
- ✓ Read, Make, Create
(Literacy/Craft) Monday 18th May 9:30-10:10am
- ✓ Prep Lab (STEM) Thursday 28th May 9:30-10:30am



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