

# GUMNUT GROVE



## Childcare Centre

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### Director's Report



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Belonging, Becoming  
and Being- All children  
experience learning that  
is engaging and builds  
success for life.

Welcome to our February edition of Gumnut Grove news, we have had a wonderful first 6 weeks back at Gumnut.

If you have not returned your updated immunisation records for 2018, can you please return them ASAP.

We have already celebrated a couple of events at Gumnut Grove for the year including Australia Day, Pancake day where the children in the 3-5 room made our yummy pancakes for the day, Valentines day and Chinese New Year. For Chinese New Year you will see some beautiful Chinese new year creations hanging in the room and we celebrated the event last Friday with yummy spring rolls, dim sims, fried rice and marinated chicken for lunch and the children in the 3-5 room were so excited to have a fortune cookie each and get their messages inside the cookies.

This term on Tuesdays we have Gecko Sports happening at Gumnut Grove, this is a wonderful Gross motor movement program that the children are absolutely loving. Geoff and Bonnie spend about 30-40 minutes with the 3-5 year olds and 20-30 minutes with the 0-3 year olds and run a great program which promotes various movement skills the program is different every week. Gecko sports will change to a different day next term so by the end of the year majority of children will have had the opportunity to participate in this Gross motor program.

By now most families have signed up for Educa, I would just like to remind families of a few things. Firstly please note that all children every time they attend Gumnut will get tagged into the daily sheet, please remember that not every child everyday will appear in the day sheet, but both rooms do have checklists and assure you that your child will appear at least a couple of times each month, the idea of our daily sheets is so that

Families can see what we have been up to daily, and even though their may not be a photo specifically of your child you can see what has been happening for the day.

We are now putting the details for our incursions and excursions on Educa and asking families to sign a permission note in the room. If your child attends on the given day the incursion/ excursion is on educa-tors will ask you to sign.

Everyday your child attends they will be tagged in the classes, we do not send email notifications as fam-ilies know that when their child is at Gumnut they will be tagged in the story of the day. Please make sure you hop on either daily or frequently so as you can see what your child has been doing, also if you are checking Educa regularly you will see if any observations or reflections have been done on your child. These are only done monthly as we have over 90 children who attend our service over a week and these are in depth and take more time for educators to complete. Please remember there is also a copy in your child's journal if you would rather read that, which are stored in the rooms.

On Educa you will notice we put our menu for the following week so as you can see what your child/ ren will be eating.

Any further questions please do not hesitate to ask either myself or an educator in your child's room.

We are currently doing a Cadbury chocolate fundraiser, we are asking every family to take a box of chocolates to sell, Gumnut Grove is a non profit centre so our fundraising goes back into the centre, we are currently fundraising for solar panels as I was lucky enough to get a grant late last year to cover half of the costs which will reduce our electricity costs at Gumnut Grove, we are also very close to purchasing a defibrillator at Gumnut Grove after our Art show late last year and a buggy for the 0-3 room to go on excursions. So please help support Gumnut work towards these goals.

Other fundraising ideas we are currently working on this year are a ladies movie night and a fete/ fair which we will be doing later in the year.

Kind Regards

Meghan



## Clare's Recipes

### Chicken Rissotto Pie

#### Ingredients

3 cups cooked Jasmin Rice ( about 1 cup uncooked)

1 Chicken breast

1/2 Tablespoon olive oil

1 Large Carrot

3 Spring Onions

1 1/3 Cups grated mozzarella Cheese

3 Eggs

**Method:-** Preheat oven to 200 degrees, slice chicken breast in half width ways so it will cook through, cook chicken breast until begins to brown. Remove from the pan and shred chicken using a fork and set aside. Grate carrot so you have about 1 cup. Finely slice spring onions and lightly beat the eggs. In a large bowl add cooked rice, chicken, carrot, spring onions, eggs and about 3/4's of the cheese and mix well. Spray muffin tins with cooking spray and then spoon mixture into the trays. Top with remaining cheese. Place in oven for 15 minutes until golden brown. (Makes 12)

### Fruit Slice

1 Cup SR Flour

1 Cup coconut

1 Cup Brown Sugar

1 Cup Sultanas

1 Cup Dried Apricots

2/3 Cup Milk

Combine all of the above ingredients and cook in a moderate oven till golden brown. Ice with lemon icing.