

GUMNUT GROVE



Childcare Centre

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Director's Report

Welcome to our March edition of Gumnut Grove news!!

Wow what a busy month we have had at Gumnut!!

It has been so lovely to see our children getting out and about in the Community, with the Children in the Butterfly room commencing the retirement monthly visits, and the Caterpillars commencing their walks around town and regular library visits for the Caterpillars and Butterfly children also joining them. This month the children also loved the reptile visit and Mr Bamboozle providing all the children with some great entertainment.

We were very lucky at Gumnut Grove to receive a grant late last year for updating our cupboards and storage, in which the works have been completed. We are loving our new cupboards, lockers and storage areas.

We will also be holding a Mother's Day morning tea again this year as last years was such a huge success. Our morning tea is on Wednesday 1st May from 10:30-11:30, a note was given out today and is \$5 per person includes morning tea, a gift and hugs. Please RSVP if you can attend, grand mothers or special significant women in your children's lives are also welcome!!

We are going to be holding our first fundraiser which will be a cake stall down the street on Saturday 11th May, more details to come. But we will require families to assist us with baking for this event. We are also holding a movie night on Thursday 6th June at Southern Cross Cinema so please try and keep that night free and arrange some friends to join us for a great night. The movie is called "The Hustle" which is a comedy film with Rebel Wilson and Anne Hathaway More details to come soon!!!

As mentioned in last month's newsletter Deb and Ange are taking long service leave, Deb will be back soon and Ange will commence hers, we have had our new casuals which those in the Butterfly Room are very familiar with both Mikayla and Grace have slotted into our team very well and will be familiar faces in the Caterpillar Room for the next month.



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Clare Recipe

Playdough Recipe

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

In the Butterfly Room we have been teaching the children a Wiradjuri word of the week so that we can all embrace the Aboriginal Culture. As part of this in conjunction with Young high school we will be having visits from the Wiradjuri year 8 Class and teachers coming to Gumnut hopefully on regular occasions to assist us with teaching the children about the Aboriginal Culture and language. We look forward to our visit from them which will be this Thursday before lunch. So far the Butterfly Children have learnt Good Morning, and various body parts we look forward to continually learning more words, songs and stories.

A note also went out today for our Easter Hat parade which will be held on Thursday 18th April at 2:30pm. Please make and bring a hat along, all families welcome to come watch and admire the beautiful hats!!

Kind regards

Meghan Pratt

The Childhood Schedule from 1 July 2018

Birth: Hepatitis B (usually offered in hospital)

2 months (can be given from 6 weeks of age):

Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B, polio, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)

Pneumococcal

Rotavirus

4 months:

Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B, polio, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)

Pneumococcal

Rotavirus

6 months:

Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, hepatitis B, polio, *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib)

Pneumococcal—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (QLD, NT, WA, SA) and medically at-risk

12 months:

Meningococcal ACWY

Measles, mumps, rubella

Pneumococcal

Hepatitis A—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (QLD, NT, WA, SA)

18 months:

Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)

Measles, mumps, rubella, chickenpox

Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough

Hepatitis A—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children (QLD, NT, WA, SA)

4 years:

Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio

Pneumococcal—medically at-risk

Influenza vaccine is funded for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 6 months to less than 5 years. Additional vaccines might be funded by some States and Territories.

Have questions?

Visit health.gov.au/immunisation

Make an appointment with your GP or other vaccination provider **Call 1800 671 811** for the National Immunisation Program Information Line

Please Note Gumnut requires all immunisations to be up to date at all times if your child has not had these immunisations your child is classified as unimmunised, and your child can't attend until they are up to date!!



Play dough Recipe

Ingredients:-

4 Cups Plain Flour

3/4 Cup Salt

1 Large dessertspoon cream of tartar

1/3 Cup oil

3 Cups boiling water

Colouring

Method:-

Mix flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil together, and then add water with colouring. Mix together in a bowl as it will be quite gluggy. Begin to knead in the bowl then turn out onto the bench and knead again.

Clare's Recipe

Coconaty Fruit Cookies

Ingredients:

2 eggs

1 Cup packed soft brown sugar

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup of oil

1 1/2 cups wholemeal plain flour

1/2 cup wheatgerm

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon bicarb soda

2 cups rolled oats

3/4 cup desiccated coconut

1 cup dried fruit (currants, cranberries, sultanas)

Method:-

Preheat oven to 170 degrees, line baking trays with baking paper.

Beat eggs, sugars and vanilla in a large mixing bowl using an electric mixer. Gradually add oil, beating until well combined. Thoroughly stir together flour, wheatgerm, baking powder and soda. Add to egg mixture, stirring till combined. Stir through oats, coconut and fruit.

Shape mixture into balls, and flatten on trays. Bake for 12-15 minutes until golden, remove from trays when cooled. Store in an air tight container.

Enjoy!!!!