

Host your own Eucalyptus morning tea

Bring the Australian bush into your classroom or staffroom with these simple morning tea ideas.

Printable koala masks included, see page 3 & 4.



Drink *Eucalyptus* (or *Lemon Myrtle*) tea sweetened with honey.

Food ideas:

- * Honey cakes (see recipe)
- * Honey joys
- * Turkish honey treats
e.g. Baklava
- * Dukkah (with visible seeds), olive oil and bread
- * Seed slice



Honey cakes recipe

Makes about 24 cup cakes or enough for the class.

Ingredients

- 250g unsalted butter (softened)
- 2 tsp vanilla essence
- 1 cup honey
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups self-raising flour
- 1 cup milk

Procedure

- 1 Turn the oven to 180°C.
- 2 Line patty pans with 24-28 paper cases.
- 3 Beat the butter, vanilla and honey until mixture is creamy.
- 4 Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well between each addition.
- 5 Fold in the flour and milk with a spoon or spatula.
- 6 Divide the mixture between the paper cases.
- 7 Bake in the oven for 20 minutes.



Honey cakes



Do not make *Eucalyptus* tea from fresh leaves, only use commercially available teabags and follow instructions on the packet.



Decorate with branches, leaves, flowers and gumnuts from eucalypts and images of animals found on, or around, eucalypts, such as European honey bees.

Do honeys made from different eucalypt flowers taste different?

Make your morning tea educational



Decorate your morning tea with a range of *Eucalyptus* species and use the *Among the gum trees* identification cards to help to identify them.

Some native stingless bees make honey known as sugarbag.



Whether you are teaching PrimaryConnections' *Among the gum trees* unit, reading the *Among the gum trees* Information text or simply want to promote some scientific discussion, here are some tips to make your morning tea more educational.

Colouring conversations

While your class colour in their Koala masks, ask questions such as:

- ✿ How do eucalypts help koalas to survive?
- ✿ What other mammals eat eucalypt leaves? (For example, Greater gliders, Ringtail possums)
- ✿ Why do you think only a few mammals eat eucalypt leaves?
- ✿ Are koalas a friend or a foe to eucalypts?



For the most fruitful discussions, host a class morning tea after the Explain phase of the *Among the gum trees* unit or after reading the *Among the gum trees* Information text.





