

# Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 5th March 2018

## 2018 Term Dates



<b>Term 1:</b>	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	to	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>Seaside Fair:</b>	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March		
<b>AGM</b>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March @ 3:15pm		
<b>Easter Break (Closed):</b>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	to	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
<b>Term 2:</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	to	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
<b>Term 3:</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	to	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Term 4:</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	to	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December

Please note these dates are subject to change.

## Bermagui Preschool AGM

We need your help!!!! We have only had a few people interested in joining our Board of Directors for 2018. As Bermagui Preschool is a community based Pre School we cannot operate without a voluntary Board of Directors, so we really need your support. If you are interested, or know someone in the community who may be interested in becoming a board member, further information is attached. A Board of Directors Induction Folder containing lots of information is available in the office or please see Narelle. Meetings are usually twice a term for 1 hour at a time that is mutually convenient. Being a Board Member and a part of the Pre School is a very interesting and rewarding responsibility and a great way to be active in your child's Early Education.

## Bermagui Sculptures

The children are creating beautiful sculptures which will proudly be on display in the Bermagui Community Hall. The children from our Bidhu Room will be visiting the hall and the headland to view these and other amazing sculptures on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. These activities will give children the opportunity to be inspired by local artists, join in a major community activity and extend their knowledge, skills and creativity. Preschool staff have completed a risk assessment for this excursion, however, we recommend parents visit the excursion venue before giving permission. Narelle Myers, Kerry McGlashen and Vanessa Ballard currently hold a first aid certificate. If you have any questions about the excursion please do not hesitate to talk to staff. Please see the attached Excursion Permission Note.

## Bermagui Seaside Fair

You and your child are invited to participate in the street parade on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, meeting opposite South Coast Caravan Parks - Bermagui (Zane Grey Caravan Park) at 9:45am. Children are asked to dress up in line with this year's "Seaside" theme. Don't forget your sun protection!!!

## Pre School T-Shirts

We will be placing our Bermagui Preschool T-shirt Order soon if we make it to the minimum order number of 10 t-shirts. Please let the staff know if you are interested so we can see if we have the numbers ASAP. Children learn through their senses and active hands on experiences, which are quite often tactile, messy and of course lots of fun!!! A Preschool T-Shirt is a great idea so good clothes from home don't get dirty or stained.

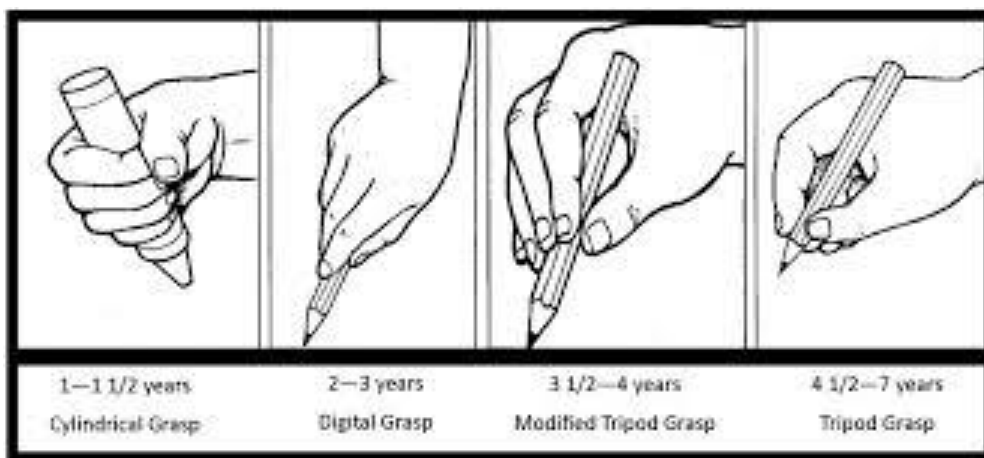
## Thank You

- Thank you to Lavinia's dad, Paul, for putting together some outdoor furniture, very much appreciated!

## Pre Writing and Literacy

In a culture that has placed increasing demands on children to achieve, we have found many young children are encouraged to write and are given writing tools before they are ready to use them. To reflect best practice in Early Childhood education, at Bermagui Pre School we provide children with opportunities to develop, practice and refine their pre-writing and literacy skills in an age appropriate, play based way. This includes providing plenty of opportunities to develop fine motor skills through playing games with pegs, threading, cutting with scissors, using playdough and other tools, painting and drawing. This kind of play helps develop the hand skills that are required in order to move onto successful writing.

When each child is ready we encourage children to use a grasp that is suitable to their level of development and ability when using drawing and writing tools. As with all skills, this will be at different ages for each individual child.



We have attached a copy of the NSW Foundation Font Writing Sheet, that children use in NSW public schools. Please remember to keep any pre writing activities fun!!! If a child is forced to write before they are ready they may actually develop a negative attitude that may make it difficult for them to enjoy writing when they get to school and in later life. Further information about pre writing and literacy is displayed at Pre School and in our day book.

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## Board of Directors

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Volunteers and Members of our Community -

☐ The AGM will be held at Bermagui Preschool on Wednesday 28th March 2018, 3.15pm at Bermagui Preschool, directly after Preschool. All welcome, including children, family members, neighbours etc., as we will be having an afternoon tea immediately after.

☐ You can be involved by putting up your hand to be elected for one of the 7 positions on the Board or by voting for who you wish to be on the Board or simply by coming along to enjoy afternoon tea!!!

☐ The AGM will run for approximately 15 minutes and will be followed by the afternoon tea. The Pre School will provide yummy cakes, slices, tea and coffee, with families invited to bring along something yummy to share. Please remember we are a nut free Pre School. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new families, socialize and just have fun!!!

☐ The AGM will include a brief presentation of reports, followed by all positions of the 2018 Board of Directors being declared vacant. Nominations will be called for the 7 positions for the 2018 Board of Directors. These positions are all equal, with no position having power or more responsibility over others, i.e. there will be no titles such as president, secretary or treasurer.

☐ Nominations will be through a show of hands, so if you would like to be considered as one of the 7 directors, please put up your hand when nominations are called for at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to be considered for election, please complete the attached nomination slip. If more than 7 people are nominated, then all those who are entitled to vote (i.e. all parents/ caregivers who have paid Preschool fees) will be given a ballot paper to record the people they wish to see elected. The 7 people receiving the highest number of votes will become the new Board.

☐ Once elected, the Board members will meet approximately once a month (meeting usually run for about 1 hour) to make decisions related to the "macro" management of the preschool, such as strategic planning, overall directions etc. The date for the first Board Meeting will be set by the newly appointed Board of Directors. Once the Board has been elected, the Annual Meeting will be closed, and the afternoon tea will commence.

Please come along and support your Preschool on Wednesday 28th March 2018, 3.15pm. We need your support and we need your input into the selection of the Board of Directors. It's for our wonderful kids and Preschool!!!

If you have any queries or wish to discuss what is involved in being a Board Member please see Narelle, thank you. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

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Please detach and return to Pre School by Friday 23rd March

My family will be attending the AGM and Preschool afternoon tea on Wednesday 28th March 2018, 3:15pm at Bermagui Preschool

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring the following food to share: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (insert name), would like to nominate for a position on the Bermagui Pre School Board of Directors.

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### Bermagui Seaside Fair (Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- My child & I will be participating in the street parade  
(Assemble at 9:45am for a 10am start)
- Sorry, we will not be participating in the street parade

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### Bermagui Sculptures Excursion

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Sculptures on the Edge Excursion at Dickinson Reserve Headland and Bermagui Community Hall on Wednesday 7th March 2018 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

My emergency contact number on the day of the excursions is \_\_\_\_\_

Anything else we should be aware of \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/carer \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I will be able to help with supervision on the excursion Yes / No - circle