

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter March 1st 2021



2021 Term Dates

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| Bermagui Preschool AGM (see below): | Thursday 25th March 2021, 9:15am |
| End of Term 1: | Thursday 1 st April 2021 |
| Good Friday: | Friday 2 nd April 2021 (Preschool CLOSED) |
| Easter Monday: | Monday 5 th April 2021 (Preschool CLOSED) |
| Autumn Vacation Care: | Tuesday 6 th April 2021 to Friday 16 th April 2021 |
| Start of Term 2: | Monday 19 th April 2021 |
| Queen's Birthday Public Holiday: | Monday 14 th June 2021 (Preschool CLOSED) |
| End of Term 2: | Friday 25 th June 2021 |

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

What's On At Preschool...

Term 1 is flying by with lots of exciting and educational happenings here at Bermagui Preschool. We have had a visit from Tiny Zoo, a radio interview with Paul West from ABC South East Radio and of course the Moodji Garden is booming and blooming. In the classroom beautiful friendships are developing amongst the children with lots of cooperative play, sharing and caring. The children are being creative in the art studio, dramatic play areas and construction centres. We are also enjoying adventures outside in the cubby house, sandpit and amphitheatre... our daily dance parties are a huge hit, with the children particularly enjoying the "Floor is Lava" song. Here is a link if you would like to sing and dance at home... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wbNAiN8FTfc>

Hubhello/ Educate: Sharing Information with Families

We use a digital documenting and programming system called "Educate", to enable each family to see and contribute to our Preschool Program. Each family should have received an email with their login details. Educate is linked to our HubHello Program so that families can also access their child's enrolment details. Please note that some children enrolled in our Preschool Program may see a blank enrolment form. Please ignore this as your enrolment form has been completed in our Preschool System, the Long Day Care enrolment is just for documenting. Please see Narelle or Kirsty if you have any questions about Educate or HubHello.

Digital Signing In and Out:

A reminder to families, please don't use someone else's phone number and passcode to sign in and out. If someone is regularly picking up and dropping off your child, we will need to add them to our system as an authorised person and create their own log ins.

Bermagui Preschool AGM

We need your help!!!! We have only had a few people interested in joining our Board of Directors for 2021. As Bermagui Preschool is a community based Preschool we cannot operate without a voluntary Board of Directors, so we really need your support. Meetings are usually twice a term on a Thursday morning at 9:15am for 1 hour. 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. Being a Board Member and a part of the Preschool is a very interesting and rewarding responsibility and a great way to be active in your child's early education.

Preschool Photos

Tara will be visiting the Preschool during the week Monday 26th- Friday 30th April (2nd Week of Term 2) to again do our Preschool Photos. The forms and payment options will be sent to families soon. If you would like a sibling photo with siblings who do not attend Preschool this can also be arranged for 8:30am, but please see staff closer to the date to organise this. Stay tuned for further information.

Staff Changes

We are sad to say that Kylie Cole and Lyn Vaughan will be leaving us as a permanent staff member at Bermagui Preschool. We thank them both for all their hard work over the past years and know that they will be sorely missed by our children, families and staff.

We welcome Josephine Hewitt, Alicia West and Emily Gowing who are joining our wonderful team of Preschool Teachers and Educators. Our Staff Roster is below:

Staff Roster Term 1 2021

| | Teaching Staff | | | | OSHC (Before and After School Care) | Admin |
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| | Room 1 (4-5y) Bidhu Room | | Room 2 (0-3y) Bungaree Room | Lunches Relief and Support | | |
| Monday | Relle, Caitlin & Kerry M | | Bec, Naomi & Amelie | Meg & Josephine | Meg, Naomi & Josephine | Kirsty |
| Tuesday | Relle, Caitlin & Flor | | Bec, Naomi & Nat | Meg & Josephine | Meg, Naomi & Josephine | |
| Wednesday | Relle Caitlin Kerry C | | Nat Naomi Lindsay | Bec & Alicia | Kerry C, Naomi & Alicia | Kirsty |
| Thursday | Kerry C Caitlin Flor | | Bec Lindsay Amelie | Meg & Josephine | Kerry C, Meg & Amelie | Relle |
| Friday | Kerry C Flor Alicia | | Nat Josephine Amelie | Meg & Nessy | Kerry C, Meg & Amelie | Kirsty |

Cleaner: Tim

Casuals: Alicia, Catie, Emily G, Emily K, Erica, Kerry M, Marion, Mez, Miriam, Nessy, Nina and Olga

THANKYOU

Thank you to the following people who helped our Preschool:

- ☺ Kirsty Sunderland for donating art resources to our Preschool
- ☺ Jill Osgood, a lovely neighbour who has planted and nurtures a pot plant in the laneway at the Preschool entrance.

Staying Healthy at Preschool

Throughout the year, staff at Bermagui Preschool follow strict policies and procedures for health and hygiene. We work hard to minimise the chances of cross contamination of germs between children. Some of the measures we use at Bermagui Preschool include:

- Hand washing/sanitising on arrival and departure and throughout the day.
- Cleaning and disinfecting bathrooms and play areas twice daily, and toys and equipment on a rotating basis or as required.
- Promoting healthy habits through group discussions, role modelling and activities which include hand washing, correct toileting, nose blowing, covering coughs with hands and elbows and eating at the table.
- Monitoring the children throughout the day to ensure they have support for their health and hygiene needs. Asking parents to collect their child from Preschool if they are not well enough to attend and at risk of infecting other children.

Parents can help by talking to their children about these procedures at home. Please keep your sick child at home, in consideration of the other children and staff. Also understand that despite our best efforts, children still catch colds and other infections, either at preschool, playgrounds, and supermarkets or from visiting friends etc. However it is an important process that allows your child to build up anti-bodies that will protect them as they grow older and interact with more people in a larger environment.

- Teach children to always wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating. This way, the germs on their hands will not enter their mouth with their food.
- Encourage the children to use the toilet & toilet paper correctly, flush the toilet and then wash and dry their hands.
- Show children how to blow their nose effectively, and use tissues that can be disposed of (along with the germs). Teach children to catch their cough in their elbow, when coughing.
- Once your baby is out of the "exploring with the mouth" stage, discourage toys and fingers in their mouth.
- Give lots of praise and encouragement (e.g. "Well done!", stickers, stamps, hugs etc).
- Using games and songs. Here are some we use at preschool:

This is the way we wash our hands (to the tune of *Here we go round the Mulberry Bush*)

This is the way we wash our hands, wash our hands, wash our hands.

This is the way we wash our hands before we eat our food.

With a little bit of soap (to the tune of the *Birdie Dance Song*)

With a little bit of soap and a little bit of water, we wash our hands

After going to the toilet and playing outside, we wash our hands

After playing with our pets and before we eat, we wash our hands

With a little bit of water and a little bit of soap, we wash our hands

Board of Directors

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

- The AGM will be held at Bermagui Preschool on Thursday 25th March 2021, 9:15am at Bermagui Preschool, and will include a Welcome to Preschool Morning Tea.
- You can be involved by putting up your hand to be elected for one of the 7 positions on the Board by completing the nomination slip below 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 Preschool will provide yummy cakes, slices, tea and coffee. 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 2020 Board of Directors being declared vacant. Nominations will be called for the 7 positions for the 2020 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 read as received prior to the AGM. 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 Thursday 25th March 2021, 9:15am. 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!

Please detach and return to Preschool by Wednesday 24th March 2021

I will be attending the AGM and Preschool morning tea on Thursday 25th March 2021, 9:15am at Bermagui Preschool

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

I would like to nominate for a position on the 2021 Bermagui Preschool Board of Directors.

_____ (insert name) _____ (signature) _____ (date)

Nomination Moved By: _____ (name) _____ (signature) _____ (date)

Nomination Seconded By: _____ (name) _____ (signature) _____ (date)