

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter May 27th 2021



2021 TERM DATES

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday:	Monday 14 th June 2021 (Preschool CLOSED)
End of Term 2:	Friday 25 th June 2021
Winter Vacation Care:	Monday 28 th June 2021 to Friday 9 th July 2021
Start of Term 3:	Monday 12 th July 2021

We are continuing to follow the advice of the Department of Education and the Department of Health to keep our children, families and staff safe and to maintain health and hygiene, including the following protocols:

- Regularly washing/ sanitising hands, including on arrival and departure from Preschool.
- All adults to maintain 1.5 m distance. Please wait at safe distances if there is congestion of people at arrival and departure times. Please note, children do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines.
- If you are sick or unwell please stay at home.
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately. Please encourage your child to be independent with these skills at home.
- Our Preschool will continue additional cleaning including, targeted areas such as high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and topping up of supplies like soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper and paper towels.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

At Bermagui Preschool we have our own Acknowledgement of Country we share each day:

"The earth is warm beneath my feet.

The sun shines bright above.

And here I stand on Djiringanj land,

With all the things I love.

Here is the land, here is the sky.

Here are my friends.

And here am I".

We pay our respects to the Djiringanj people of the Yuin Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and play and learn.

Each day there is an Aboriginal perspective shared in our day in our art, activities and even in the way we care for our plants, bush food and small animals. We gather together inside and outside to share stories, songs, games and have a yarn. We also check if the flags are flying at the Community Centre. The children proudly identify the different flags and their meanings. Reconciliation Week begins 27th May, however each and every day we hope to build understanding, respect and celebration of the past, present and future. Check out Educate on Hubhello for further information on the ways we engage in activities and experiences to acknowledge and celebrate our rich Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and heritage.

If you have a moment check out this lovely Playschool episode to share as a family.
<https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/shows/play-school/walking-together/13341094?jwsourc=cl>

SAFE TEMPERATURE OF LUNCHES

We ask that families please don't put insulated lunch boxes in the fridge. These actually keep the content of your child's lunch at room temperature, rather than the safe fridge temperature. Please see staff for further information.

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL REGULATIONS & EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL LAW ACT

Bermagui Preschool is governed by these important documents. We have hard copies available in the Preschool office but they are also accessible on our Preschool website and by visiting <https://www.acecqa.gov.au/nqf/national-law-regulations/national-regulations>.

NEW FACES AT BERMAGUI PRESCHOOL

You may have noticed a few new faces at Bermagui Preschool over the past few weeks.

Bidhu Room: Narelle Myers, Kerry Carradus, Caitlin Brown, Flor Giorgi and Alicia West

Bungaree Room: Bec Linfoot, Amelie Shannon, Naomi Hawkins, Nat Matthews and Emily Gowing

After School Care and Lunch Breaks: Meg Faragher and Kerry Carradus with the support of the Bidhu and Bungaree staff.

Finance and Administration: Kirsty Sunderland

Cleaning: Tim Hoare

Casual Staff Members: Vanessa Ballard, Kerry McGlashan, Marion Van Delft and Olga Nielson. We also host High School, TAFE and University students who are completing work placements.

FACEBOOK

Remember to like us on the Bermagui Preschool Facebook page. A great way to see what we've been up to at Preschool!!!



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Kate Gentle from Cassies Nest will be visiting our Preschool to support our children and families with wonderful play therapy and counselling on alternate Tuesdays and Fridays, starting on Tuesday 25th May. Kate is available for 1:1 sessions from 1pm with the children and from 2pm for families. Please see staff to book an individual session or for further information.

Also, here are some helpful links for families and children:

Services Australia (CCS)

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/affected-coronavirus-covid-19>

Beyond Blue - 1300 22 4636

Lifeline - 13 11 14 <https://beyou.edu.au/>

Kids Helpline - 1800 551 800 (kidshelpline.com.au)

Emerging Minds - <https://emergingminds.com.au>

Cosmic Kids Yoga <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Supporting children during a pandemic <https://bit.ly/2Xh6mP9>

Supporting children's learning <https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/>

Digital mental health support <https://headtohealth.gov.au/>

EXEMPLARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS AT WORK RESEARCH PROJECT

Dear Families,

We have been invited to contribute to an exciting national research project looking at educators' work in exemplary early childhood education and care (ECEC) services.

This is a credit to our centre. We are one of 10 centres across Australia to be invited to participate and have been asked to participate because of our commitment to continuous quality improvement.

The aim of the project is to identify how educators support continuous quality improvement.

The project is being undertaken by early childhood researchers from Macquarie University, Charles Sturt University, and Queensland University of Technology. It is funded by the Australian Research Council and eight Partner Organisations that include providers of ECEC, unions and advocacy groups.

We participated in the first part of our involvement back in March, when Mandy Cooke, who is a member of the research team from Macquarie University, came to conduct interviews with educators. Over the next week, Mandy will be visiting our centre again. This time she will observe some of our educators during their work with the children and talk with them about the nature of their everyday work, and the centre's approach to ensuring quality programs for children.

Please feel free to talk with me if you are interested in knowing more about this project and be sure to say hello to Mandy when she is visiting.

Narelle

THANKYOU

- To Jade Rosskelly for donating a clown suit to Preschool
- To Caitlin Brown for donating resources for our program
- All our families who have donated clothing