

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter March 30th 2022



End of Term 1: Fri 8th April

Good Friday: 15th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Easter Monday: 18th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Autumn Vacation Care: Mon 11th April to Thu 14th April and Tue 19th April to Fri 22nd April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday: Mon 25th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Start of Term 2: Tue 26th April

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

PRESCHOOL NEWS...

We have been busy at Bermagui Preschool celebrating Harmony Day, exploring the Moodji Garden, Kite Making, Cooking and lots of other educational and fun activities. We remind families to check our program that is displayed on the noticeboard above iPads in the sign in/ out area, for an overview of what we have been learning at Preschool. Full details of the program as well as your child's individual learning stories that are posted several times each term are available through our online management system HubHello. Please email Kirsty at bermikids@hotmail.com if you have forgotten your password to access this site.

Staff are available at drop off and pick up times for a quick chat. If you need a longer chat with staff, you can always send an email or ask for a meeting that can be organised at a mutually convenient time with our team.

BERMAGUI PRESCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2022

The following parents have been elected at the Bermagui Preschool AGM to our Board of Directors for 2022: Ali Borrett, Louise Hatton, Adam Millar, Maddy O'Connor, Jade Rosskelly, Chaylee Tyrrell, and Brodie Wells.

These wonderful parents will represent all our Preschool families at our Board meetings for the next 12 months. If you have any information or suggestions, please forward them to your Board Members or Narelle for discussion at the Preschool Board meetings.

A big thank you to our outgoing Board Member from 2021 Jacinta Mathew for all her hard work and support.

FIRE DRILLS

As part of the Children's Services Regulations, we will be running fire drills this week. Please see staff if you have any questions.

VACATION CARE

Our Vacation Care Program is fast approaching and will run from Mon 11th April to Thu 14th April and Tue 19th April to Fri 22nd April. Please see Kirsty if you need to change your booking or no longer require care during the school holidays.

FACEBOOK

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



PRESCHOOL PHOTOS

Preschool photos will be taken next term during the week Monday 2nd May- Friday 6th May, with the fabulous Tara Chiu. Further information will be sent to families soon. Stay tuned 😊

HAPPY EASTER

It is impossible to talk about celebrations — Easter, January 26, Hanukkah, Lunar New Year or NAIDOC Week—without mentioning the diversity of Australia. Surveys found one in four of Australia's 26 million people were born overseas and 20% spoke another language other than English, while 18% had experienced discrimination due to their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion (AHRC, 2014). It therefore could be fair to say that acknowledging the importance of the diverse communities that are part of our Preschool is an important part of celebrating and acknowledging diversity.

While some services have developed policies that state all celebrations are removed, when making such decisions, at Bermagui Preschool we believe it is important to consider whether we are in fact removing something that is valuable and fosters an important aspect of belonging to community. This does not mean that we remove all thoughtful pedagogical practices and resort to printing out bunny colouring sheets, sticking images of pre-cut Easter eggs to the wall, or handing every child a chocolate just because that is "what you do" at Easter time. Like all intentional teaching and high-quality programs, authenticity requires educators to be reflective — in their practices, conversations with families and learning environments for children. These reflective practices must be formed through creating warm, honest and trusting relationships with families and children. With this in mind the children at Bermagui Preschool shared wonderful conversations about how their families celebrated Easter, drew pictures of their experiences and knowledge and participated in a variety of activities, games and stories that reflected Easter around the world. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to share and expand on their knowledge and understanding of themselves, culture and community.

We wish all our beautiful children and families a happy, safe and restful Easter. From all our staff at Bermagui Preschool xx

TOO SICK FOR PRESCHOOL

Our service cannot provide care for sick children. If a child is sick at the centre, a parent/ carer will be contacted and asked to take the child home. Please know that Preschool staff do not do this lightly as we understand that picking up an unwell child from Preschool can be challenging. Staff monitor children's symptoms closely, use their knowledge and training of childhood illness, consult with their team members and our Preschool Director prior to making the call to ask a parent to pick up an unwell children. A child's ability to minimise cross contamination by handwashing, using tissues effectively and other healthy practices is also taken into consideration. One unwell child has the potential to spread illness to many other children and staff if they remain at Preschool. If your child has a condition that involves a frequent cough, runny nose or other symptom that may be non-contagious and not a health risk to others (e.g. asthma, teething), please consult your medical practitioner in regards to a possible medical certificate that can support staff in determining whether a child is too sick for Preschool.

Parents are requested to notify staff immediately of any infectious diseases including Covid contracted by their child. If you believe your child is becoming unwell, please allow them to have a rest at home for a day or two. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We have attached the following information sheet for further clarification...

Should my child go to preschool today?



YES

No cough, cold, vomiting, diarrhoea, has no runny nose, had a good sleep, does not need medicine. Is healthy and well!

You are Good to Go!

NO

Has a cough

Has a runny nose

Vomited last night

Vomited this morning

Diarrhoea either last night or this morning

Is generally run down and unwell

Had Panadol (or cough medicine) last night or this morning. (If they need medicine to be able to get through the day, then they should not be at preschool).

Unsure as to whether they are well enough to stay or go..

Parent thinks child is unwell but child says they want to go to preschool.