

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter October 2022



2022 Term Dates:

End of Term 4: Wednesday 14th December

Preschool **CLOSED**: Thursday 15th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023

Summer Vacation Care: From Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Preschool Update:

The vacation care program ran well and the children have now settled really well into term 4. This term we will start with a focus on school transition, early literacy & STEM and road & traffic safety, as well as following the children's interests and ideas to support and extend their learning through play. If you have any ideas that you would like us to implement in our program, please see our Preschool staff.

Transition to School:

We trust that all children transitioning to Bermagui Public School in 2023 have now completed and returned their enrolment information to Bermagui Public School, from the packages they received last term. Our visits to Bermagui Public School will start next week and are as follows:

Week 2 Wednesday 19/10/22: 12:15pm – 1:45pm

Week 3 Thursday 27/10/22: 10:00am – 10:45am

Week 4 Thursday 3/11/22: 10:00am – 10:45am

Week 5 Thursday 10/11/22: 10:00am – 10:45am

Week 6 Thursday 17/11/22: 10:00am – 10:45am

Week 7 Thursday 24/11/22: 10:00am – 10:45am

Week 8 Thursday 1/12/22: 10:00am – 10:45am

For children enrolled and attending on these days, Symons Bus Company will be taking the children to and from Preschool with two Preschool educators. Children not transitioning to Bermagui Public School in 2023 will remain at Preschool with two educators for a special day. For those children not attending Bermagui Preschool on these days, families can either take their children to and from Bermagui Public School independently, or alternatively drop their child at Bermagui Preschool 15 mins before each session and pick them up back at Preschool 15 mins after the session, so they can be with their peers (i.e. 12pm- 2pm next Wednesday 19/10/22 and then 9:45am-11am each Thursday from 27/10/22 to 1/12/22).

Please sign and return the transition to school excursion note prior to the commencement of the excursions. If you have any questions or need support with your child transitioning to a school other than Bermagui Public School, please see Preschool staff.

Moodji Update:

We are thrilled to see the Moodji Garden greenhouse/outdoor classroom, fire circle and food forest swales are taking shape with support from the voluntary Moodji Green Team, Narooma High School, our Preschool Grub Club and now Koori Krew have been a wonderful community collaboration. For anyone who would like to get involved, you are welcome to come along on Thursdays from 9:20am-2pm (weather permitting). Bring your own hat, water and "can do" attitude. For more information contact Dan Bakker eatdirtpermaculture@gmail.com

Road and Traffic Safety:

We were excited to welcome Amanda and Rebecca from the "Kids Safe" Road and Traffic Program. It was so fun and a fabulous opportunity to learn important messages about how to stay safe on and near roads by listening to stories, singing songs, doing puzzles, playing games and sharing conversations.

Some of the messages included 'stop, look, listen and think', 'hold a hand to cross the road', 'click clack front and back when travelling in the car' and 'always wear a helmet to stay safe when riding'. Some of the other messages included 'ride in safe places such as bike paths or parks', 'wear bright clothes, long pants and shoes/sneakers' and 'make sure your bike has reflectors, good brakes and a bell'.

Most importantly we learnt that children must always hold an adult's hand when near traffic... this includes when leaving Preschool, in the car park and anywhere near a road. People in cars find it really hard to see little children, so holding an adult's hand is the best way to keep children visible and safe. We will follow up with lots more fun activities at Preschool to promote road safety. Our children are learning important safety messages and lifelong skills through these activities.



Staffing Update:

We have sadly accepted the resignation of Emily Gowing who has moved away from our area. We would like to thank Emily for her dedication to our children and preschool and wish her and her young family best of luck with their future endeavours. We have Naomi and Lindsay returning to Preschool and are looking forward to them both re-joining our team.

Early Childhood Australia Conference:

Tia, Chelsea, Bec, Niamh and Narelle had a wonderful (but exhausting) time at the recent ECA conference in Canberra. We were joined by over 2000 other passionate early education educators, teachers and specialists from around Australia and internationally to learn about current best practice and innovations in regard to early education and care. We were able to listen to key note speakers including Federal Minister for Education Jason Clare, Minister for Early Education and Youth Anne Aly, former Prime Minister Julia Bishop and Paralympian Dylan Alcott who provided an absolutely inspirational address, reminding us all to follow a life of passion and purpose, change perceptions of disability, "you cannot be what you cannot see", and how important our role in ECE is. We attended workshops on a range of topics, including block play (STEM), not so jolly phonics (literacy), inclusion, cultural practice and so much more. It really was a privilege and a wonderful opportunity for us all, especially our young educators who left inspired and more knowledgeable. We are excited to implement the amazing ideas and strategies in our program and practice at Bermagui Preschool to further improve the quality of our service and outcomes for our children. A big part of the conference is networking, and it was absolutely amazing to hear so many people say wonderful things about Bermagui Preschool... our reputation is pretty awesome!!!

Thankyou 🤗:

- ✓ The Cleburne Family for the Honorbread voucher for our staff to treat themselves at the end of this school term and gifting two beautiful insect books to our Preschool program.
- ✓ All those families that supported our Bermagui Kids Market, with donations of toys, books and clothes. We were able to raise \$45 which will be used to purchase books for our Preschool children.
- ✓ Cameron's mum Claire and Macie's mum Kate for sewing blankets for our Bungaree Room.

Bermagui Preschool Excursion Permission Note: Bidhu Group

Venue: Bermagui Public School

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Duration of Excursion: 1-2 hours

Nº of Children attending excursion: 5-15

Nº of Adults attending the Excursion: 1-3

Adult:Child Ratios during the excursion: min 1:10

Cost: Nil

Transport: Symons Bus Company

Proposed Route to the Excursion: Exiting through front gate. Direct route from Preschool to Bermagui Public School, travelling by bus. Entering the Public School through the front gate. Returning in the reverse order.

Supervision: Bermagui Preschool Staff

What to Bring: Enclosed shoes, hat

Purpose of the Excursion:

- Introduction activities, tour of the school and time on the playground equipment.
- Read a story, craft activity, letters from the older students.

Qualifications of Staff Attending the Excursion: ✓ Cert 3 ✓ Diploma

Name of Persons who currently hold a first aid certificate: Kerry Carradus, Caitlin Brown and/or Rebecca Linfoot

Preschool staff have completed a risk assessment for this excursion, however, we recommend parents visit the excursion venue before giving permission. If you have any questions about the excursion please do not hesitate to talk to staff. Please complete the authorisation form below so that your child can attend.

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the excursion to Bermagui Public School

My emergency contact number on the days of the excursions is _____

Anything else we should be aware of _____

Name of parent/carer _____

Signed _____ Date _____