



Important Dates:

Graduation Celebration:	Wednesday 30 th November 2022, 12:30pm-3pm
Family Photo Opportunity with Santa outside Preschool:	Wed 30 th November 2022, 2:45pm-3:15pm
Last Day of Term 4:	Wednesday 14 th December 2022
Preschool CLOSED:	Thursday 15 th December 2022 to Friday 30 th December 2022
Summer Vacation Care:	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 to Wednesday 25 th January 2023
Australia Day Public Holiday:	Thursday 26 th Jan 2023 (CLOSED)
Orientation Day:	Friday 27 th Jan 2023 (Families and Children attend at designated orientation/re-enrolment time)
First Day of Term 1 2023:	Monday 30 th Jan 2023

Please note: As of Tuesday 3rd of January 2023, Bermagui Preschool's hours of operation will be 8:15am-3:45pm for all children. Please see Narelle or Kirsty for further information if needed.

End of Year Celebrations & End of Term 4:

We will host a Graduation Celebration for those families and children who are starting Primary School in 2023. The celebration will take place at Saltwater/ Apex All Ability Playground, on Wednesday 30th November from 12:30pm-3pm. A separate invitation and information will be sent to families with children transiting to school in 2023 soon with further details.

Santa will attend this Graduation Ceremony and then visit Preschool to say hello to our children who are staying at Bermagui Preschool for their end of year party (children only). Families are welcome to take photos of their children with Santa at the front of Preschool from 2:45-3:15pm at home time.

Normal Preschool hours will operate until Wednesday 14th December 2022.....this will be the last day of Preschool for 2022. Please note all our Preschool Programs, including our Long Day Care and Vacation Care programs will be closed from Thursday 15th Dec 2022 - Friday 30th December 2022 & Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January. Families will need to make alternative arrangements for their children during these periods.

Our Long Day Care and Vacation Care Program will run from Tuesday 3rd Jan - Wednesday 25th Jan 2023 for children enrolled in this program. No casual bookings are available, so please see Kirsty in the office or email us to book in for this program if needed. Friday 27th January 2023 is our orientation and re-enrolment day. Families will receive an invitation with their designated time for this day and confirmation of their placements for 2023 shortly. The Preschool program will recommence on Monday 30th January 2023, with hours of operation being 8:15am-3:45pm.

Summer Vacation Care Program Jan 2023:

We have had a few families asking if their children who are off to school next year can attend our Summer Vacation Care Program. Children transitioning to school and currently enrolled at Bermagui Preschool may attend, up until the start of school term in 2023. Please note there are pupil free days at Bermagui Public School so parents with children starting in the Kindy Class will need to make other arrangements for care on these days. Bermagui Preschool will be open and operating its Preschool and Long Day Care Programs for our Preschool children and new children who are enrolling. Please see Kirsty or email back to confirm attendance in the Summer Vacation Care period, please note closures below.

Dec 12 th – Dec 16 th	CLOSED Dec 19 th – Dec 23 rd	CLOSED Dec 26 th – Dec 30 th	SUMMER Week 1 Jan 2 nd – Jan 6 th	SUMMER Week 2 Jan 9 th – Jan 13 th	SUMMER Week 3 Jan 16 th – Jan 20 th	SUMMER Week 4 Jan 23 rd – Jan 27 th
Preschool Program	Closed	Closed	New Year's Day PH	M	M	M
Preschool Program	Closed	Closed	T	T	T	T
Preschool Program	Closed	Closed	W	W	W	W
Closed	Closed	Closed	TH	TH	TH	Australia Day PH
Closed	Closed	Closed	F	F	F	Orientation Day

Transition to School:

Our visits to Bermagui Public School will continue next week and are as follows:

Week 7	Thursday 24/11/2022: 10:00 – 10:45am
Week 8	Thursday 1/12/2022: 10:00 – 10:45am

If you have any questions or need support with your child transitioning to a school other than Bermagui Public School, please see Preschool staff.

Start Strong Funding - Hours/Fees for 2023:

In line with the changes to NSW Government funding our hours of operation will be changing. All children will be enrolled from **8:15am to 3:45pm** in 2023. NSW Start Strong Funded places will be capped at 2 days per week (15 hours), your child may attend for more than 2 days and these extra days will be in the Long Day Care billing system.

Fee Information (All children enrolled from 8:15am to 3:45pm)

NSW Start Strong Affordable Preschool (Start Strong fee relief available for families who choose Bermagui Preschool for their fee relief)

Option 1	Non-Equity 4 & 5 year old's and Equity 3 year olds	\$40.00 per day
Option 2	Equity 4 & 5 year old's	\$35.00 per day
Option 3	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 3, 4 & 5 year olds	\$10.00 per day

Long Day Care & Vacation Care (Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families)

Option 4	All children	\$90.00 per day
Option 5	Casual Attendance - All children	\$100.00 per day

Tresillian Early Parenting Support:

The Tresillian Early Parenting Service will be visiting Bermagui Preschool with their mobile van, every 2nd Thursday at 9am. The team will include a Tresillian Nurse who will be available for private consults or parent groups to offer support and advise on a broad range of parenting topics including child behaviour, sleep and settling, breast and bottle feeding, nutrition, postnatal depression and anxiety, adjustments to parenting and cultural support. To pre-book an appointment call 1300 272 736

Pick Up and Drop Off at Bermagui Preschool:

As Covid restriction ease, we would like to welcome families with children in the Bungaree Room (0-3 year olds) back into the room to pick up their children at the end of day. We ask that Bidhu families continue to drop off their children at the playground gate if a teacher is in attendance to support our children with transition to school strategies and to minimise congestion at the entrance to the Preschool room. However, if the gate is unattended, please bring your children through to the Bidhu Room.

If families require a detailed conversation with our educators, please discuss a mutually convenient time to organise a meeting, as 9am and 3pm are quite busy times where exchange of important information can be challenging.

A reminder to all families, it is a legal requirement to sign your child in and out of Preschool each day. This can be done on your own mobile device using our QR codes or on the iPads located at the front of Preschool. A hard copy signing in/ out page is available if you are unable to sign in and out electronically.

Thankyou 😊:

- ✓ Will's mum Erin for donating nappies and children's clothing.
- ✓ Sulei's mum Jade for donating gum boots

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child's preschool has recently received a visit from The Far South Coast Specialist Hearing Team– Huskisson to Eden/Towamba to educate the staff about Conductive Hearing Loss. As part of the package delivered to staff, a simple strategy for maintaining ear health has been adopted by the preschool and is also recommended for use at home. The poster on the reverse of this letter outlines the Blow, Breathe and Cough procedure that is being used at preschool. Encouraging your children to use this method at home will ensure your child's ears are kept healthy. Alternatively, ask your child to show you how to use this method for helping with healthy hearing.

Some information on Conductive Hearing Loss (CHL) is included below to assist with identifying and understanding what CHL is. The preschool also has additional brochures and information for you to access.

CHL occurs when sound waves do not reach the inner ear. There may be a blockage or issue in the outer or middle ear. Conductive hearing losses do not cause the hearing to be lost completely but there is a loss of volume.

Common causes of CHL are:

- Wax build up in the ear canal
- Build-up of fluid in the middle ear
- An infection in the middle ear
- A hole or tear (perforation) in the eardrum
- Structural differences in the development of the outer or middle ear
- Mucous in the eustachian tube stopping air and sound move into the middle ear
- Damage to the small bones in the middle ear



Some signs of a hearing loss in a child can include one or some of the following:

- Appears inattentive and do not respond when called
- Has difficulty hearing if there is background noise
- Cannot locate the source of a sound
- Needs to have instructions repeated
- Pronounces words incorrectly
- Misunderstands what is said
- Speaks too loudly or too softly
- Turns up the TV
- Looks at your lips to lip read
- Becomes withdrawn and quiet in group situations



If you have any questions about hearing and your child, please let the preschool know and they will assist you.