

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – December 5th 2022



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.

2023 ENROLMENTS

We have now organised our classes for 2023. If you require additional days or would like to change days please let us know as soon as possible, as we have many children on our waiting list. If you have any further questions please see preschool staff. Priority of placement will be in accordance with our enrolment policy.

OXFAM UNWRAPPED GIFTS:

Christmas is an exciting time of the year. But the lead up to Christmas can also be stressful and tiring. Our yearlong efforts to do right by the issues we care about can go out the window in the chaos of planning Christmas, buying gifts for family and friends, and sorting out the logistics of the day and the holidays to follow.

At Bermagui Preschool we have used this time of year to restore the original intentions of the season, and together celebrate a greener, more ethical world. We have been reflecting on the importance of sharing and caring and looked at ways to make each aspect of the season meaningful and beneficial to the people and environment around us.

This year our Preschoolers created beautiful handmade presents and cards for their families that can be kept and treasured forever. We used recycled materials to wrap these presents and make sustainable decorations for our Christmas tree.

We shared stories from around the world and had discussions about how different families celebrate in different ways at this time of the year.

We also raised money to purchase Oxfam Unwrapped Gifts. Loose change was placed in our money box to help us to raise money for this special project. We will then look at the Oxfam Unwrapped Gifts and choose gifts for children and communities that need our help... maybe a buffalo for a village, breakfast for vulnerable children, a fresh water tap or egg producing ducks! This project will help us to learn about caring for other people, the joy of helping and giving to others and help us to understand how other children live.

COBARGO SHOW:

Cobargo Show is seeking a judge for their Children's Handicraft section at their 2023 annual show. Judging to take place 9:00 am Saturday February 11th 2023. Entries include such classes as sewing, appliqué, jewellery and card making, Lego, decorated gumboot, paddle pop stick construction etc. The judge will be sent a list of all classes before the show, with a complimentary gate pass and luncheon ticket. Narelle Myers kindly accepted their invitation some years ago, and they would love to welcome another member of Bermagui Preschool to their show. Please reply to Carolyn Cole email coleville@bigpond.com or phone 0431 359 660. A message from the Pavilion Committee.

EDUCATOR UPDATE:

We are pleased to officially welcome Tegan Beggs who will be joining our team in 2023. We are also welcoming Lindsay back as of 11/01/2023 who is returning from maternity leave.

It is with great sadness that we farewell Grace. A huge thank you to Grace for all her hard work during her time at Bermagui Preschool... We wish her all the best with her new adventures!

StEPS VISION SCREENING

The StEPS (Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening) program is an initiative of NSW Health and offers all 4 year old children free vision screening. For those who missed this important screening at Preschool earlier in the term you can attend the following catch up sessions. It is a drop in day, so no appointments necessary. Families - just bring your Medicare card.

Batemans Bay Community Health Centre	- Friday December 9th 9am-3pm
Moruya Community Health Centre	- Monday December 12th 9am-3:30pm
Narooma Community Health Centre	- Tuesday December 13th 9am -3pm

Any questions please phone Leanne Cumming STEPS co-ordinator on 4475 7200



THE SPECIAL WAYS WE CELEBRATE

Please help your child to share their celebration stories by writing or drawing a message and then sharing it with us at Preschool by dropping it back at Preschool to our Educators... What happens in your family on Christmas Day? Are there any special traditions or events that you do with your family over the holidays? Is there another special celebration that your family shares at this time of the year? We look forward to hearing your stories and sharing them at Preschool.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following people who helped out and supported our Preschool:

- ☺ Arthur and his family for donating an Honorbread voucher to support our Educators and Teachers end of year celebration and for the beautiful Lizard Hunter T-shirts created for Arthurs team of Bidhu Lizard Hunters.
- ☺ Airlie and her family for donating resources to our Preschool.

To all our Preschool families and children, thank you for your support throughout the year. It has been wonderful to watch your children grow and learn so much from their experiences at preschool. For those children leaving us for primary school next year, we wish you every success. For those children returning to preschool next year, we look forward to an exciting 2023!

We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday.

Our Preschoolers had a fabulous idea of having a pool party at Preschool!!!! To support their interest and awesome idea and because it has been so hot, we are having a splash party at Preschool.

Children are welcome to bring their swimmers, bathers, towels and water toys to Preschool. We will have sprinklers, a slip and slide, creek bed play and lots of fun water activities and games.

When - Monday 12th December

Where - Bermagui Preschool

If you have further questions, please see staff.



Our Preschoolers are so proud of their growing skills and knowledge of bike/ scooter riding and road safety!!!! To support their interest, we are having a bike/ scooter day at the Bermagui All Abilities Playground.

Children are welcome to bring their bike or scooter and a helmet.

When - Tuesday 13th December

Where - Bermagui All Abilities Playground



Please leave your bike/scooter
and helmet near the fence
inside the front entrance

Summer Holidays at the Library



Summer is nearly here and so are the school holidays. The Bega Valley Shire Library school holiday program is full of activities that encourage creativity, support literacy and get kids thinking while they are having fun. Pick up a brochure at your local library or visit the website to book.

School Age Kids

Lego Robotics

Bega Library - Wed 18 Jan, 10:30am

Makedo Design and Build

Tura Marrang Library - Thu 19 Jan, 10:30am

Bega Library - Tue 24 Jan, 10:30am

Macrame - Make your own Boho macrame plant hanger

Bermagui Library - Tue 10 Jan, 10:30am

Weaving a Godseye

Bermagui Library - Thu 12 Jan, 10:30am

Musical Storytime

Bermagui Library - Mon 16 Jan, 10:30am

Tura Marrang Library - Tue 17 Jan, 10:30am

Magnetic Slime

Eden Library Tue 17 Jan, 10:30am

Puppet Show - Julia Donaldson's 'THE SINGING MERMAID' (suitable 2-12yrs)

Bermagui Library - Fri 13 Jan, 10:30am

Under 7's

Three Little Pigs STEM Challenge

Eden Library - Tue 10 Jan, 10:30am

Electro Dough

Tura Murrang Library - Wed 18 Jan, 10:30am

Treasure Hunt

Bega Library - Tue 17 Jan, 10:30am

Family Friendly

Ecology Talk - Koalas

Bega Library - Fri 13 Jan, 10:30am

Tiny Zoo from Kalaru

Bermagui Library - Tue 10 Jan, 12:45pm

Eden Library - Thu 12 Jan, 11:00am

Guided Nature Walk

Tura Murrang Library - Wed 11 Jan, 10am

Eden Cemetery Tour

Eden Library - Thu 19 Jan, 10:30

The Art of Imperfection

Eden Library - Wed 8 Feb, 10:30am

Book online @ begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com.au
Or call the library 6499 2127



Bega Valley Shire
library



Bermagui Preschool Evaluation Survey

How do you feel Bermagui Preschool addressed the following areas? Please rate each item by number as follows:

1 - Successful

2 - Satisfactory

3 - Poor

4 - Needs addressing

Please circle a number for each item...

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| ➤ Preschool program in general | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➤ Resources for the children | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➤ School transition program | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➤ Providing information to families | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➤ Affordability | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➤ Making families feel welcome | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➤ Linking with the community | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➤ Preschool management | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| ➤ Board Member support | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Comments: _____

What areas would you like to see developed at preschool next year? Please indicate your preference by numbering three items below as follows:

- 1. First preference**
- 2. Second preference**
- 3. Third preference**

- ☐ Maintain low fees
- ☐ Extra staff support (e.g. trainees)
- ☐ Family support (e.g. Workshops, links with services, parent library)
- ☐ Building improvements
- ☐ Playground and garden development
- ☐ Develop special programs (e.g. art, music etc.) Suggestion/s _____
- ☐ More play resources. Suggestion/s _____
- ☐ Other _____

Comments: _____

Thank you for completing the survey, please place it in the survey box at the front of Preschool or hand to a staff member.

END OF YEAR SONGS

Here are some Celebration songs that we are learning at Preschool that you might like to enjoy with your child at home..

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year
Good tidings we bring
To you and your friends
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way
Bells on bob tails ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight
Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh

Walaawani

Walaawani, Walaawani, Oh.
Walaawani, Walaawani, Oh.
Walaawani, Walaawani, Walaawani, Walaawani.
Walaawani, Walaawani, Oh.

Acknowledgement of Country

The Earth is warm beneath my feet
The Sun shines bright above
And here "We" stand
So straight and strong
All things to know and love!
We acknowledge the Djiringanj People of the Yuin Nation
The traditional custodians of the land on which we gather to work, play and learn.