

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – 15 February 2023



2023 Important Dates

Welcome to Preschool Pizza Party: Thursday 16th February, 4pm- 5pm

Bermagui Preschool Annual General Meeting (see below): Friday 24th March, 9:15am

End of Term 1: Thursday 6th April

Good Friday: Friday 7th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Easter Monday: Monday 10th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Autumn Vacation Care: Tuesday 11th April to Friday 21st April

Start of Term 2: Monday 24th April

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

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

What's On at Preschool...

Our program is continuing to focus on building friendships and settling into Preschool. We are also currently following the children's interests in cricket and sport, dogs (with several children visiting the Dog Show at Dickinson Oval) and healthy food (see below). If you have any suggestions or ideas for our Preschool program, feel free to mention these to our educators.

A reminder to also check your emails (Educate/ Hubhello and newsletter), the noticeboards at the front of Preschool and follow Bermagui Preschools Facebook page to stay in touch with what's happening at Preschool.

Welcoming families to Preschool in 2023

The Department of Education has prepared resources for families to support their child's transition into early childhood education this year. The [Back to Preschool](#) webpages are relevant for all families and provide helpful information to support a child's early learning journey, no matter their age or the service type they attend. Families can also visit our [Attending your service in 2023 webpage](#) to find out what to expect throughout the year.

A reminder we also have our Welcome to Preschool Pizza Party at the Bermagui All Ability Playground tomorrow (Thursday 16th February from 4pm-5pm). Please let our educators know if you are intending to come along to help us with numbers for catering. Look forward to seeing you there.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Have you confirmed your 21-22 income? Services Australia is currently balancing Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for the 2021-22 financial year. You must confirm your 2021-22 income before your CCS can be balanced. You can confirm your income by lodging your tax return, or telling Services Australia that you don't need to lodge a tax return and confirming your income. You will receive an outcome once your CCS has been balanced. For more information about CCS balancing, visit the Services Australia website.

Preschool Photos

All families will receive their photo forms in the next few weeks. Please see Preschool staff if you do not receive your form. Preschool photos will be taken during the week Monday 27th-Friday 30th March 2023. Please let us know if you would like to organise a sibling photo with children who don't attend Bermagui Preschool.

NSW Vouchers to Support Children and Families:

There's a range of economic stimulus programs available now that could help children and families. These programs are active across multiple industries including retail, services, and kids' education - check to see if your family is eligible to participate: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/services/concessions-rebates-and-assistance/vouchers>

- Premier's Back to School NSW Vouchers: Be part of the Back to School program - accept vouchers on eligible items including uniforms, stationery, shoes, and technology.
- Seniors Card: Promote your business to 1.9 million seniors by offering discounts on products and services.
- Active Kids Vouchers: For businesses that run sport programs during school term or holidays, join to accept vouchers.
- Creative Kids Vouchers: If your business delivers creative programs for kids.
- First Lap: Swim schools can join to accept vouchers from families with children aged 3 to 6 who are learning to swim.

Healthy Lunch Boxes

We have been focusing on Nude Foods at Preschool. Australians use over 1.3 million tonnes of plastic each year which ends up in landfill. When we choose Nude Food (foods that don't come in plastic containers or wrappers), we encourage our children, families and staff to pack healthy, natural lunches and snacks without the use of any disposable wrapping. This aims to get us really motivated to make a difference. What isn't there to love about Nude Foods? Not only is it a great way for us to learn about the health of our planet, it also contributes to the decrease in childhood obesity throughout Australia, and promotes healthy activity for the whole nation. This is a brilliant opportunity to help kids learn about important issues and learn lifelong skills and habits. It tackles two of Australia's biggest and growing concerns: excess landfill, and childhood obesity levels. It also proves that taking responsibility for our health and the health of our planet can be fun and easy. Check out the wonderful "Healthy Lunch Box" poster our Preschool children have created at the front of Preschool 😊


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. They will be at Preschool later in the year to do vision screening, however a consent form needs to be completed by parents. Forms will be handed out over this week to eligible 4 and 5 year old children in the Bidhu room. Please see staff if you have not received, completed or returned the screening consent forms for your child.

Signing In/Out

Please remember it a legal responsibility under the Education and Care National regulations and Law act for all children to be signed in and out of preschool by a parent or guardian. Significant fines and penalties are attached for failure to comply with these regulations and laws. We ask all families to please make sure QR Codes or iPads are used each time to sign your child in and out each day. Thank you.

Playability Toy Library Schedule



MOBILE TOY & PARENTING RESOURCE SERVICE
Term 1, 2023
all visits are 8.45-9.30am

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
13th February Merimbula-Tura Kindy	14th February Cobargo Preschool	15th February Bandara LDC
20th February Pambula Preschool	21st February FSCFS Playgroup	22nd February Candelo Preschool
27th February Eden LDC	28th February Bermagui Preschool	1st March Rocky Hall
6th March	7th March Little Yuin	8th March Quaama Park
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3rd April	4th April Little Yuin	5th April Quaama Park

If you see us out & about, pop over for a yarn!
For more information, call our office on 64961918

Ozharvest

The fabulous people at OzHarvest have partnered with Bermagui Preschool and will be providing food and produce to our families and educators most Mondays. This will be available on the shelves at the front of Preschool for families to take. OzHarvest is the leading food rescue organisation in Australia, collecting quality excess food from commercial outlets and delivering it direct to more than 900 charities who support people in need across Australia. Since 2004, OzHarvest has delivered over 60 million meals and saved more than 20,000 tonnes of food from ending up in landfill. This wonderful partnership supports our policies of Sustainability, Nutrition and Community Partnerships. A big thank you to OzHarvest from all of us at Bermagui Preschool.

Fees

Preschool and Long Day Care fees have been issued with payments due Friday 24th February. Please see Kirsty if you have any questions regarding fees and fee payment.

Bermagui Preschool AGM

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Volunteers and Members of our Community,

We need your help!!!! We have only had a few people interested in joining our Board of Directors for 2023. As Bermagui Preschool is a community based Preschool we cannot operate without a voluntary Board of Directors, so we really need your support. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in March on Friday 24th March 2023 @ 9:15am. At our AGM our 7 Board Members for 2023 will be elected. These Board Members will represent our families at our Board meetings for 2023. Meetings are held approximately once a month on a Friday at 9:15am (at the Preschool and/ or via Messenger Video). The fabulous Catherine Chen will be available for governance training, for anyone interested in learning about or enhancing their Board Member/ Committee skills.

You can be involved by putting up your hand to be elected for one of the 7 positions on the Board by completing the nomination slip below or simply by coming along to show your support!!!

The AGM will run for approximately 15 minutes. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new families, socialize and just have fun!!!

The AGM will include a brief presentation of reports, followed by all positions of the 2022 Board of Directors being declared vacant. Nominations will be called for the 7 positions for the 2023 Board of Directors. These positions are all equal, with no position having power or more responsibility over others, i.e. there will be no titles such as president, secretary or treasurer.

Nominations will be read as received prior to the AGM. If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to be considered for election, please complete the attached nomination slip. If more than 7 people are nominated, then all those who are entitled to vote (i.e. all parents/ caregivers who have paid Preschool fees) will be given a ballot paper to record the people they wish to see elected. The 7 people receiving the highest number of votes will become the new Board. Once elected, the Board members will meet approximately once a month (meeting usually run for about 1 hour on a Friday morning at Preschool) to make decisions related to the "macro" management of the preschool, such as strategic planning, overall directions etc. The date for the first Board Meeting will be set by the newly appointed Board of Directors. Once the Board has been elected, the Annual Meeting will be closed, and the afternoon tea will commence.

If you are interested, or know someone in the community who may be interested in becoming a board member, or wish to discuss what is involved in being a Board Member please see Narelle. A Board of Directors Induction Folder containing lots of information is available in the office.

Please detach and return to Preschool.

My family will be attending the AGM at Preschool on Friday 24th March 2023, 9:15am at Bermagui Preschool

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

I would like to nominate for a position on the 2023 Bermagui Preschool Board of Directors.

_____ (insert name) _____ (signature) _____ (date)

Nomination Moved By: _____ (name) _____ (signature) _____ (date)

Nomination Seconded By: _____ (name) _____ (signature) _____ (date)