

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – April 24th 2023



2023/2024 Important Dates:

ANZAC Day Public Holiday (Preschool CLOSED):	Tue 25th Apr
King's Birthday Public Holiday (Preschool CLOSED):	Mon 12th Jun
End of Term 2:	Fri 30th Jun
Winter Vacation Care Program:	Mon 3rd Jul to Fri 14th Jul
Start of Term 3:	Mon 17th Jul
End of Term 3:	Fri 22nd Sep
Spring Vacation Care Program:	Mon 25th Sep to Fri 6th Oct
Labour Day Public Holiday (Preschool CLOSED):	Mon 2nd Oct
Start of Term 4:	Mon 9th Oct
End of Term 4:	Wed 13th Dec
Staff Development & CHRISTMAS CLOSURE:	Thu 14th Dec to Mon 1st Jan 2024
Summer Vacation Care Program:	Tue 2nd Jan 2024 to Thu 25th Jan 2024
Australia Day Public Holiday (Preschool CLOSED):	Fri 26th Jan 2024
Staff Development Day (Preschool CLOSED):	Mon 29th Jan 2024
Preschool Orientation Day:	Tue 30th Jan 2024
(Children and families invited for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour orientation & re-enrolment session)	
Start of Term 1 - 2024:	Wed 31st Jan 2024

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

What's On at Preschool...

Welcome back to Preschool!!! We hope you all had a fun and relaxing holiday break. We are excited to be back and looking forward to a fantastic Term 2. Our focus to start the term with will be pedestrian and road safety, health and hygiene and celebrating family diversity. We are also excited about the Moodji Futures Dinner with Costa Georgiadis, Paul West & Eastwoods Deli and the Food, Forest and Friends Workshops. See below for further details.

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.

The Moodji Futures Dinner with Costa Georgiadis, Paul West & Eastwoods Deli and Food, Forest and Friends Workshops:

Celebrate International Permaculture Day with an evening's exploration of local, national, and international efforts addressing climate change, care-for-country and community resilience with Costa Georgiadis of ABC's Gardening Australia. Featuring local produce, The Moodji Futures Dinner will be MC'd by Paul West (ABC South East; River Cottage AU) and will be catered for by long time Moodji supporter, Kelly Eastwood of Eastwoods Deli and Master Chef fame.

Marking Costa's seventh annual visit of local sustainability projects, the event also coincides with a regional tour of activist and singer/songwriter, Eugenio 'Ego' Lemos and his East Timorese choir. Costa and Ego will have just attended the national Permaculture Convergence in Adelaide.

The Koru Lian 'the voice and sound of' Timor Choir will sing-in the evening prior to Ego, Paul and Costa profiling efforts in social, economic & ecological innovation. With the generous support of Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club and the Federal Government's Black Summer Bushfire Fund the discussion will also showcase the nation-wide insights of Danielle Griffin, Philanthropic Services Manager of the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal. Bringing a local voice to the table, Richelle

Jackson of The Good Dairy Co will also share her family's aspiration to model 'beyond sustainable' land management, animal care and regenerative industry.

The dinner will commence at 5:30pm on Friday 5th May at the Bermagui Country Club. At \$65 per adult, bookings can be secured via: <https://events.humanitix.com/moodji-futures-dinner>.

Then on Saturday 6th May, 10am- 3pm, join Costa at our Moodji Farm as he co-presents a range of hands on workshops. Join Costa as he co-facilitates a range of hands-on workshops on Saturday 6th May at Moodji Farm, Young St (behind the preschool). Commencing at 10am Costa will join Darren Martin who returns from the Sydney Royal Botanic Gardens for a morning of food forestry design and the mass planting out of select bushtucker and bio-accumulation species.

Wrapping up around midday participants will share in a simple veggie soup of Moodji veggies with rolls provided by long time project supporter, Honorbread Bakery. At 12:30pm Deb Gough from Schoolhouse Farm, keeper & breeder of quality heritage chickens and Cheryl Nelson, from Natural Chicken Health, producer of Super Mash & voice of 'Chook Chat', combine forces to chat about caring for backyard chickens, the choosing breeds for various contexts, plus incorporating chooks into a permaculture set-up.

Then at 1:30pm, Jo Saccomani, expert pallet breaker & maker from Two Sheds Workshop will then guide work shoppers through the world of pallet de-construction and project design. To conclude, Fraser Bayley of Old Mill Road Farm and Dan Bakker will deliver a roaming Q&A session at 2:30pm. Along with Costa they will share veggie growing tips and troubleshoot home garden issues.

Chief Sponsor: Aust Gov't Black Summer Bushfire Fund. Participants encouraged to bring gloves, hat, a soup mug and a paper-note donation to cover catering costs. No booking required and kids are mightily encouraged to attend. See posters below for details or contact Dan on 0427 746980 or email via eatdirtpermaculture@gmail.com

The Moodji Futures Dinner
with Costa Georgiadis & Paul West
and Panel Discussion

 **Moodji Farm**

Celebrate International Permaculture Day with an informative discussion on local, national and global efforts addressing climate change, care-for-country and community resilience. Taste our local produce with a delicious three course meal cooked by celebrated chef Kelly Eastwood.



Costa Georgiadis
ABC's Gardening Australia



Paul West
ABC South East



Kelly Eastwood
Eastwoods Deli



Ego Lemos
East Timorese Singer Songwriter



Danielle Griffin
Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal



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Friday 5th May @ 5:30pm - \$65 per person - Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club
With a day of all-ages garden activities at Moodji Farm on the Saturday (details to come soon).

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Food, Forests & Friends
with Madrigal MC Costa Georgiadis
@ Moodji Farm Saturday 6th May

 **Moodji Farm**

Join Costa as he co-presents a range of hands-on workshops alongside:

10am Darren Martin: from the Royal Botanic Gardens for a morning of food forestry design and the mass planting out of selected bush tucker and bio-accumulation species.

12:30pm Deb Gough: from Schoolhouse Farm, keeper & breeder of quality heritage chickens and **Cheryl Nelson**, from Natural Chicken Health, producer of Super Mash & voice of 'Chook Chat', combine forces to chat about caring for backyard chickens, choosing breeds that are best for you, plus incorporating chooks into a permaculture set-up.

1:30pm Jo Saccomani: expert pallet breaker & maker at Two Sheds Workshop exploring the world of pallet de-construction & project design.

2:30pm Fraser Bayley: of Old Mill Road Farm and Moodji Manager **Dan Bakker** will share veg growing and garden design tips and troubleshoot your home growing issues Q+A style.

Event details
Time: 10am - 3pm
Location: Young Street Bermagui (behind the preschool)
Entry by paper-note donation
Veggie Soup provided
No booking required - Kids Encouraged




Dan Bakker email: eatdirtpermaculture@gmail.com mobile: 0427 746980

Volunteer Help Needed

Support is needed to help the smooth running of the Moodji Futures Dinner and Food, Forest and Friends Workshops.

- assisting Kelly Eastwood in harvesting & food prep over the week leading up to Friday's dinner
- setup, service and clearing away of the dinner
- flower harvesting & arranging for the dinner
- making and/or serving soup for the Saturday Workshops at Moodji Farm
- working with Dan and the Moodjiteers (great band name!) to get Moodji Farm ready for visitors and activities. Dates and activities varied
- photography of all the above

If you can help with any of these jobs or would like more details contact Dan Bakker on: 0427 746980 or via eatdirtpermaculture@gmail.com

Tanja Market Day

Tanja Public School is hosting a Market Day event again this year on Saturday 6th May 9am-2pm at Tanja School. All welcome.



Policy Update

Services are legally required to ensure families are notified of any changes to policies which affect: the service's provision of education and care to any enrolled child or a family's ability to use the service; fees; or fee collection procedures, 14 days in advance. (Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011). Bermagui Preschool is currently reviewing the **Bermagui Preschool Philosophy**. Copies of the existing policy are available on our website and the proposed Policies are available on request at Preschool for families to review and provide feedback. Please see Narelle for further information.

Thankyou 😊:

- Will's Mum Erin for clothing donations
- Eden's Mum Liz for children's book donations

Football/ Soccer:

Anyone interested in participating in committee discussions to establish all-ages regional soccer activities is encouraged to meet at the Bermagui Country Club next Wednesday 26th April at 5:15pm. This meeting will see formal positions nominated, seconded and voted for by those attending and/or those having lodged an apology in their absence. For more information contact bermaguicobargofc@gmail.com



Changes to CCS from July 2023

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is changing from July. Most families using childcare will get more subsidy. Some families previously not eligible for CCS will now get it. Help your families understand what's changing by displaying this poster and factsheet at your service. Families can stay up to date by:

- visiting the [Services Australia website](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au)
- subscribing to news for families at servicesaustralia.gov.au/news
- following the [Family Update Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/familyupdate).

Gap fee payments from July

From 1 July 2023, you must pay the gap fee using electronic means.

Electronic funds transfer, or EFT, is when a customer pays a bill using electronic means. Typical EFT payment methods include:

- bank or credit card, including mobile wallets
- direct deposit or bank transfer, including PayID
- online payment systems through third party software
- BPAY or Centrepay.

Most families already use EFT to pay their gap fee. If you cannot use EFT, you might be eligible for Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS). ACCS may cover all of a child's childcare fees. The Australian Government also provides support to individuals and families navigating financial crises, stress or hardship. Check out the following free, confidential support services:

- [Emergency Relief](#)
- [Commonwealth Financial Counselling](#)
- [Financial Resilience](#) programs, including No Interest Loans Scheme and Saver Plus
- [Escaping Violence Payment](#)
- [Temporary Visa Holders Experiencing Violence Pilot](#).

2023 Influenza Vaccination

The Influenza Vaccine is free for all children aged 6 months to less than 5 years. For further information visit your local health professional or visit health.gov.au/flu