

# Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023



## 2023/2024 Important Dates:

End of Term 2: Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jun

Winter Vacation Care Program: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Jul

Start of Term 3: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Jul

End of Term 3: Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep

Spring Vacation Care Program: Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sep to Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct

Labour Day Public Holiday (Preschool CLOSED): Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct

Start of Term 4: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

End of Term 4: Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Staff Development & CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Dec to Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024

Summer Vacation Care Program: Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024 to Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

Australia Day Public Holiday (Preschool CLOSED): Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

Staff Development Day (Preschool CLOSED): Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

Preschool Orientation Day: Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024

(Children and families invited for ½ hour orientation & re-enrolment session)

Start of Term 1 - 2024: Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

## What's On at Preschool...

In the Bungaree Room the children have continued to follow their interest in the ocean and fishing, trucks and transport as well as cultural language and knowledge. In the Bidhu Room the children have been interested in the changing weather, insects and first responders with our educators and teachers extending these interests with a variety of activities, experiences and games. We have been practicing our emergency drills and created a wonderful banner to acknowledge and say thank you to our fabulous paramedics, firies, police and SES. At home you can remind children if they or someone they see needs help they should find a grown up. If there are no grownups and it is an emergency, then they can stay calm, phone "000" and ask for help. Teach your child their home address and what to say. You could talk to your child about where the safe place outside your home is in case of a fire or other emergency. All families hope that their child will not have to take charge in an emergency, but even young children are capable of getting help if they are well prepared.

### Bermagui Preschool Acknowledgement of Country

#### The Earth is Warm

The Earth is warm beneath my feet  
The sun shines bright above  
And here I stand so straight and strong  
All things to know and love

Here is the earth and here is the sea  
Here are my friends  
And here is me  
We pay our respects to the Djiringanj people  
On who's land we come to work and play and learn



## Responsible Children:

Personal responsibility is all about respect for not only yourself but others, including family and friends. Teaching your child to do things for themselves increases their self-achievement, self-esteem, sense of identity and independence. Children are capable and confident to do so much!!! Even young children are able to dress and undress themselves, wash their own face, brush their teeth and hair, pack their own bags and lunches. It is sometimes easier and quicker for families to do these simple things automatically for their child, but in doing so you deprive your child of opportunities to enhance feelings of self-worth by taking responsibility for themselves. It might be quicker, but it also stops children from being confident and capable if adults are doing these things for them. At preschool the children are learning (if they haven't already) to look after their own belonging, go to the toilet independently (including wiping poos!!!), wash their hands, blow their nose, put on their own shoes and socks, open and pack their own bags, lunch boxes and drink bottles.

Families can help by practising these things at home but also making sure children's clothing and shoes are easy for them to put on and off, they can open and close their own school bags, lunch boxes and drink bottles and they can easily access the toilet and basin for self-care skills (especially if they are off to school next year). Jobs at home might also include putting their own dirty washing in the washing machine, making their bed, cleaning their room/toys. Making it fun by using reward charts, playing clean up games and songs etc can support your child to be independent and responsible.

## Fee Increase

The Board of Directors have agreed to an increase in Long Day Care fees from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. A regular day will now cost \$100 per day and a casual day will cost \$110 per day. Please see the attached letter for more information. If you have any concerns please see Narelle.

## Vacation Care

The winter vacation care period is coming up, July 3<sup>rd</sup> until July 14<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you are needing vacation care these coming school holidays.

## Horseshoe Café – Kids Lunchboxes!!

Horseshoe Café is looking to provide pre-ordered kids lunches for preschool Monday to Friday. Lunches will need to be pre-ordered for the following week to ensure we have enough time to prepare and order. Lunches will include all homemade snacks (nothing pre-packaged) fruit, sandwiches, yoghurt, muffins, muesli bars etc. with the menu changing regularly.

You will be able to grab your order sheets from preschool. Simply fill in the details and circle what you would like on the form and put in the drop box with your money and leave the rest to us. Lunches will be delivered to preschool each morning. Please get in touch if you have any dietary concerns or questions.

Looking forward to helping make school lunches a little easier 😊

Erin and Horseshoe Team x

## 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 1.03 Arrivals and Departures and 1.04 Family Involvement and Responsibilities policies. 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 via email [bermikids@hotmail.com](mailto:bermikids@hotmail.com). Please see Narelle for further information.

## Thankyou 😊

- Macie for donating puzzles and toys