

# Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – July 21<sup>st</sup> 2023



## 2023/2024 Important Dates:

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...

The Vacation Care program ran smoothly, including celebrating NAIDOC week, with a focus on our Elders. Check out the mural that has been created and is on display on our noticeboard at the front of our Preschool. We are looking forward to lots of fun and learning in the Bungaree and Bidhu Rooms during Term 3.

## Online Resources for Families

We're sharing resources made especially for families to increase their knowledge on the Early Childhood Education and Care sector.

- Raising Children's [webinar recording](#) has advice from a trusted parenting expert on making mealtimes enjoyable for toddlers, how much food they need and more.
- "[Parental as Anything](#)" featuring Maggie Dent, one of Australia's favourite parenting authors and educators, shares world-wide experts giving practical parenting tips and answers to real world dilemmas.

## Fee Increase Reminder

Just a reminder that our Long Day Care fee increased from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. A LDC day will now cost \$100 per day and a casual LDC day will now cost \$110, Child Care Subsidy is available for eligible families.

## Child Care Subsidy changes commenced 10th July

From 10 July 2023, the [Child Care Subsidy](#) (CCS) has changed, making ECEC more affordable for many families. Some families previously not eligible for CCS are now able to claim the subsidy. Services and families can visit the [Australian Department of Education](#) website for more information on how the changes will affect them.

## Classes for 2024:

Class planning for 2024 has commenced with any available vacancies being identified and allocated once enrolled children have been prioritised. Please see Preschool staff if you would like to confirm, change or add days to your child's Preschool enrolment for 2024. If you know of any families/ children who are interested in enrolling at Bermagui Preschool in 2024, please invite them to contact us.

## Facebook

Remember to check out your HubHello/Educate emails and like us on the Bermagui Preschool Facebook page... Great ways to see what we've been up to at Preschool!!!



## Keeping our Preschool and Community Well This Winter

As the weather gets colder, we are more likely to catch respiratory illnesses like [respiratory syncytial virus \(RSV\)](#), [COVID-19](#), and [flu](#). These illnesses can be serious so it's a good time to think about what we all can do to help minimise the risk for our kids and those around us who may be at higher risk of serious illness. NSW Health has five simple steps you can take to help keep your kids, family and our community well this winter:

1. **If your child feels unwell, please keep them at home.** If your child has cold and flu symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, cough or fever, please keep them at home and test for COVID-19. Rapid antigen tests (RATs) are available for free at Service NSW service centres, mobile service centres and recovery centres. It is important that they stay at home until they are showing no signs of symptoms, even if they test negative for COVID-19. Remember [RSV](#) and [flu](#) can be extremely serious in those under 5 years of age. So, know the symptoms and check in with your doctor if your child is unwell.
2. **Know who around you is at higher risk.** Some people in the community are at higher risk of severe illness. In addition to children under 5 years of age, people aged 65 years or over, people with serious health conditions, pregnant women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are also at higher risk.
3. **Keep your child up to date with vaccinations.** The flu shot is now available to everyone aged 6 months and over. Flu shots are FREE for children aged between 6 months up to 5 years and may be able to be given at the same time as other childhood vaccines. Speak to your GP or pharmacist today to get vaccinated and protected for winter. GPs can vaccinate any age group and pharmacies can vaccinate everyone aged 5 years and over. Some providers may charge an administration or consultation fee. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if this applies to you.
4. **Practice good hygiene.** Encourage and model good hygiene behaviours for your child: washing or sanitising hands often and coughing or sneezing into a tissue or elbow. We will be teaching and encouraging this at childcare.
5. **Play outside when possible.** Being outside or in well-ventilated areas will reduce the risk of your child contracting flu. When weather permits, encourage your children to play outside.

Thank you for doing your part to help protect our community and our little ones from viruses this winter. Visit [nsw.gov.au](https://nsw.gov.au) to find out more and stay up to date with the latest information.

## Wallaga Lake Bridge Community Meeting

A community forum session has been arranged with Kristy McBain, Dr Michael Holland and Transport for NSW representatives regarding the Wallaga Lake Bridge closures to carry out maintenance works, scheduled to commence in September this year:

**Tuesday 25th July, Bermagui Country Club Auditorium, 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

Bermagui Chamber has worked very hard over the last several weeks to secure a meeting with these government officials. With that work done, it is now up to you to attend this forum and have your say about the impact of these works on our businesses and residential community.

## 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 1.08 Media and Publicity and 1.10 Priority of Access 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.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

# ***NETBALL COURTS OPEN DAY***

**Sausage sizzle Raffles and  
fun competitions!  
come down and register  
your interest!**

**SUN JULY 23RD  
STARTS AT 11AM.  
BERMAGUI  
NETBALL/BASKETBALL  
COURTS.**



# YES or NO?

## **Learn together at a Referendum Conversation**

Join a small group of locals for a community conversation to consider the reasons for the referendum.

Reflect on our history, review the request embedded in the Uluru Statement and ask any questions you have.

Everyone can learn together.

Numbers are strictly limited, so booking is essential.

### **Early Evening Conversation**

Date: **Thursday 20th July**

Where: **Mr Hope Cafe, Bermagui**

### **Mid Morning Conversation**

Date: **Wednesday 26th July**

Where: **Bermagui Library**

**If you don't know...**

**here's a chance to learn more to inform your vote.**

For more information call 0419 491 104