

# Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 1 December 2023



**Graduation Celebration** (for children and families transitioning to school in 2024)

at Apex All Ability Playground: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023, 1:30pm-3pm

**End of Year Celebration** (for children only, at Bermagui Preschool) Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2:30pm-3:30pm

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

**Staff Development & CHRISTMAS PRESCHOOL 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour orientation & re-enrolment session. Please note, our regular Preschool programs do not run on this day)

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

**Please note these dates may be subject to change.**

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 starting at 1:30pm sharp, we will host a Graduation Celebration only for those children who are starting Primary School in 2024. A separate invitation and information has been sent to families with children transiting to school in 2024. Child focused celebrations will be held back at Preschool for all other children, with lots of fun end of year activities planned.

Normal Preschool hours and program will operate until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.... this will be the last day of Preschool for 2023. Please note all our Preschool Programs, including our Long Day Care and Vacation Care programs will be closed from **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023 - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024** for our annual audits, staff appraisals, Quality Improvement Planning and end of year cleaning and shut down. **Families will need to make alternative care arrangements for their children during this period.** Our Long Day Care and Vacation Care Program will run from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 for children enrolled in this program. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 is our Orientation and re-enrolment day. Families will receive an invitation with their designated time for this day and confirmation of their placements for 2024 shortly. The Preschool program will recommence on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024, with hours of operation being 8:15am- 3:45pm. Please see staff if you have further questions.

## 2024 ENROLMENTS

We have now organised our classes for 2024. 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.

## EDUCATOR UPDATE

We are pleased to officially welcome Mia and Maddie who will be joining our team in 2024. It is with great sadness that we farewell Naomi. A huge thank you to Naomi for all her hard work during her time at Bermagui Preschool... We wish her all the best with her new adventures!

## BVSC SAFE ROADS POPUP WORKSHOP

A big thankyou to all who were able to make the Active Transport Strategy pop up session outside the Bermagui Community Centre last Tuesday. Bermagui Preschool has been asking BVSC to consider a pedestrian crossing in front of the All-Abilities Playground - Apex Park, with your preschool children visiting the meeting to have their say. Their voices and drawings were documented and will be included in the report. If you were unable to make the meeting, a reminder that you can complete the "Have Your Say" survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7ZX6H5T> For more information please visit <https://begavalley.nsw.gov.au/community/bega-valley-active-transport-survey>

## FEES FOR 2024

The following fee structure will apply for 2024. Please see Preschool staff if you have any questions or concerns related to fees or payments.

Program	Age/ Eligibility	Days	Hours	Fee
Preschool	3 years to 5-year-olds	Mon-Fri (during NSW school terms)	8:15am to 3:45pm	Non-equity 3-year-olds \$62/day Non-equity 4/5-year-olds \$42/day Equity 3-year-olds \$42/day Equity 4/5-year-olds \$37/day First Nations, Torres Strait Islander or Exceptional Circumstances \$10.50/day
Long Day Care	6 weeks to 5-year-olds	Mon-Fri (50 weeks each year)	8:15am to 3:45pm	\$105/day \$116/day (casual)
Vacation Care	6 weeks to 5- year-olds	Mon-Fri (during NSW school term breaks)	8:15am to 3:45pm	\$105/day

\* Fee relief may be available for eligible families choosing to receive their fee relief from Bermagui Preschool under the NSW Government Start Strong Affordable Preschool initiative.

\* Child Care Subsidy (CCS) may be available to further reduce fees.

\* We offer casual and occasional care if places are available.

\* Our services are closed on public holidays & for 2 weeks during the Christmas/New Year period.

For Term Dates, please refer to the NSW Department of Education website: [online.det.nsw.edu.au/calendar](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/calendar).

## TYRO

We now have a Tyro card reader at Bermagui Preschool and can accept payments via eftpos, VISA, MasterCard, American Express, Samsung Pay, Google Pay and Apple Pay. There is an additional transaction fee for these payments at 1.4%, please see Kirsty in the office to make payments this way.

## 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 will make sustainable decorations for our Christmas tree.

We share stories from around the world and have discussions about how different families celebrate in different ways at this time of the year. We also raise money to purchase Oxfam Unwrapped Gifts. Loose change can be 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.

## MOODJI UPDATE



# DIY...Wicking Bed Workshop

## Sun, 10th Dec



### Exploring:

- basic principles that can be applied to a range of situations
- diverse containers including barrels, bathtubs, buckets & bottles
- the utilisation of readily available materials
- ongoing management & trouble shooting

10am-1pm, Young St, Bermagui

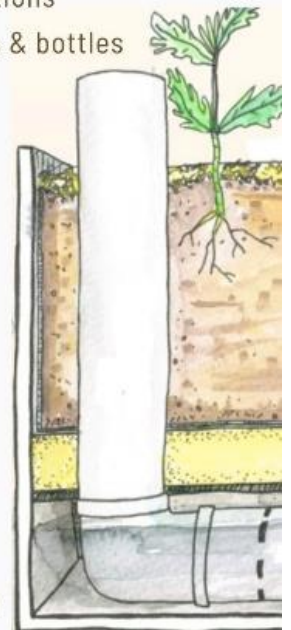
Encouraged donation \$20-40

Soup & bread provided

No booking required

Kids welcome (and free)

Bring hat, gloves & soup mug



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## THANK YOU

To all our families... Thank you for your support throughout the year. Everything from contributing ideas to the Preschool program, supplying us with household recyclables for craft, helping out with excursions and involvement as Board Members etc. has helped to make the preschool run smoothly. 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 2024. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday.

## WALLAGA LAKE BRIDGE CLOSURE

Wallaga Lake Bridge will be closed day and night for four weeks, from Monday 29 April, with detours via Princes Highway, Cobargo. The bridge will be open with stop/slow traffic arrangements in place from Monday 27 May for six weeks, with delays of up to five minutes expected. The bridge will be closed day and night for three weeks, again from Monday 8 July, with detours via Princes Highway, Cobargo. The bridge will be open with stop/slow traffic arrangements in place from Monday 29 July for five weeks.

Transport NSW will be hosting a community drop-in session at the Bermagui Country Club on Monday 4 December 2023. The team will be available from 12pm to 3pm and 6pm to 8pm to answer any questions. We know the planned bridge closure will cause concern to many children and families, so we encourage everyone to attend to have your say. For further information visit [Wallaga Lake Bridge essential maintenance work | Transport for NSW](#)

# Wallaga Lake Bridge Maintenance Work



Monday 4 December  
12pm – 3pm, and 6pm – 8pm

# Bermagui Preschool Evaluation Survey

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

**1= Successfully**

**2= Satisfactory**

**3= Poorly**

**4= Needs addressing**

**Please circle a number for each item...**

➤ 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..) – Please write your suggestion/s \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ More play resources, please write your suggestion/s \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for completing the survey, please place it in the survey box at the front of Preschool or hand to a staff member. All information is confidential and will help us with our Quality Improvement and Planning for 2024.

# END OF YEAR SONGS

Here are some 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

## **Santa Clause is Coming to Town**

You better watch out  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Clause is coming to town  
He's making a list  
And checking it twice  
Going to find out who's naughty and nice  
Santa Clause is coming to town  
He sees you when you're sleeping  
He knows when you're awake  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake!!  
O! You better watch out!  
You better not cry  
Better not pout  
I'm telling you why  
Santa Claus is coming to town  
Santa Claus is coming to town

## **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

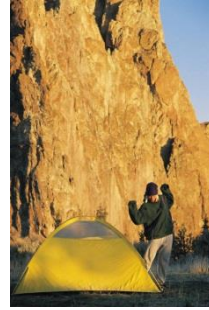
Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh, Hey!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells,  
Jingle all the way,  
Oh, what fun it is to ride  
In a one horse open sleigh, Hey!



## 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.



NAME: