

# Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 7 December 2023



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. Please note, our regular Preschool programs do not run on this day)

Start of Term 1 - 2024: Wed 31st Jan 2024

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have finished the year with wonderful graduation presentations and preschool parties. Over the last few days we will be having fun with beach days, splash parties and picnic in the playground. Please see information below.

Thank you to all our families for their 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.

## END OF YEAR PARTY DAYS

To finish the year with lots of fun the following activities have been planned:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Splash Party at Preschool. Children are welcome to bring their swimmers, bathers, towels and water toys to Preschool. We will have sprinklers, a slip and slide, creek bed play and lots of fun water activities and games.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Beach and Nature Play Day

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Picnic and play in the Bermagui All Abilities Playground



## THANK YOU

- Ella (Gene's Mum) for donating a gift voucher from Gulaga Wholefoods to our staff.
- To all our wonderful Preschool children for making our job as teachers and educators so amazing!!!  
We love you all xx

## RE-ENROLMENT and ORIENTATION DAY 2024

We are looking forward to having an exciting and fun filled 2024 together at Bermagui Preschool.

If you are returning or enrolling at Bermagui Preschool in 2024, we would like to invite you to attend a re-enrolment and orientation session at the Bermagui Preschool on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. During this time all enrolment details will be checked and updated, and you will have a chance to talk to the Preschool staff about your child's program for 2024 and share information to help your child settle into Preschool. Please note short 30-minute visits for each family will be staggered through this day, with our regular Preschool and Long Day Care Programs resuming on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

On your child's first day at Preschool, please bring the following:

- A bag big enough for a lunch box, drink bottle, spare clothing and artwork.
- A spare set of clothing.
- A lunch box that your child can easily open, containing a nutritious morning tea and lunch and a separate piece of fruit for our fruit basket.
- Please remember we are a Nut Free Preschool. Nude Food (food without wrappers) is also preferred.
- A drink bottle containing water.

Please ensure all property including shoes are clearly marked with your child's name. Every care is taken but no liability can be accepted for lost or damaged property.

Please inform the preschool staff if you will be unavoidably early, or late, or not attending, so we can accommodate your needs or offer places to others who require an extra day. Attendance outside your regular booked hours will incur additional fees.

If you are no longer intending to enrol your child this term, please let Kirsty know as there are other children who are waiting for a place.

Please refer to your email to see your child's allocated time for this day, as well as confirmation of their allocated days for 2024. If you have any questions, please email [bermikids@hotmail.com](mailto:bermikids@hotmail.com).

We hope you enjoy your holidays, and we look forward to seeing you all at the Orientation and Enrolment Day on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024** or beforehand if you're attending our summer vacation care.

## 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 following policies **2.03 Approved Providers and Board of Directors Responsibility, 2.07 Nominated Supervisor, 2.08 Responsible Person, 2.09 Educational Leader, 2.10 Staff Code of Conduct, 2.12 Record Keeping and Retention of Records, 2.13 Notification to the Regulatory Authority, 2.14 Stand Down, 3.01 Enrolment and Orientation, 3.02 Additional Needs, and 3.03 Fees**. Copies of the existing policy are available on our website and the proposed Policy is available at Preschool for families to review and provide feedback. Written feedback can be emailed to us.

## 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 make sustainable decorations for our Christmas tree.

We shared stories from around the world and had discussions about how different families celebrate in different ways at this time of the year. We also raised money to purchase Oxfam Unwrapped Gifts. Loose change was 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

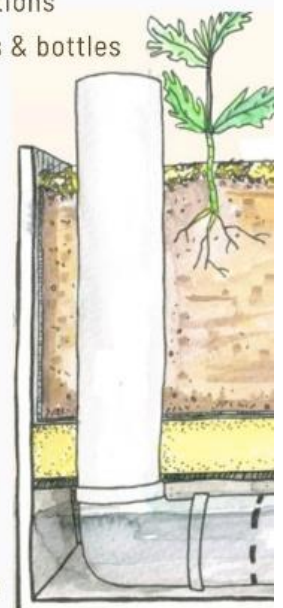
Encouraged donation \$20-40

Soup & bread provided

No booking required

Kids welcome (and free)

Bring hat, gloves & soup mug



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# 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 Celebration songs that we are learning at Pre School 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

## 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

## Walaawani

Walaawani, Walaawani, Oh.  
Walaawani, Walaawani, Oh.  
Walaawani, Walaawani, Walaawani, Walaawani.  
Walaawani, Walaawani, Oh.

## Acknowledgement of Country

The Earth is warm beneath my feet  
The Sun shines bright above  
And here "We" stand on Djiringanj Land  
All things the things we love!  
Here is the Earth, here is the sea, here is the sky  
Here are my friends and here is me.  
We pay our respects to the Djiringanj People  
On whose land we gather to work and play and learn.

