

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 16th February 2024

2024 Important Dates



Annual General Meeting (AGM) (see below): Friday 22nd March, 9:15am

Good Friday: 29th March (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Easter Monday: 1st April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

End of Term 1: Friday 12th April

Autumn Vacation Care: Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday: Thursday 25th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Start of Term 2: Monday 29th April

Preschool Photos: Monday 3rd June to Friday 7th June

Monarch's Official Birthday Public Holiday: Monday 19th June (Preschool **CLOSED**)

End of Term 2: Friday 5th July

Winter Vacation Care: Monday 8th July to Friday 19th July

Start of Term 3: Monday 22nd July

End of Term 3: Friday 27th September

Spring Vacation Care: Monday 30th September to Friday 11th October

Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday 7th October (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Start of Term 4: Monday 14th October

End of Term 4: Wednesday 18th December

Staff Development & Cleaning: Thursday 19th & Friday 20th December (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Annual Shut Down: Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025 (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Please note these dates may be subject to change

What's On at Preschool

Our program is continuing to focus on building friendships and settling into Preschool. We are also currently following the children's interests in sports and dogs, following on from our visit from the Living Safely with Dogs' program and the Dog Show at Dickinson Oval. We have been discussing healthy foods and loving the range of nude food lunchboxes the children have been coming to preschool with. The Bidhu children recently met with the NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, Jenny Aitchison, to raise their concerns regarding safe road crossing and the need for a pedestrian crossing in Bermagui. For further information see the HubHello Educate Observation. If you have any suggestions or ideas for our Preschool Program, feel free to mention these to our educators.

Kinderkick Program

The children in the Bidhu Room will start the AFL Kinderkick program on Friday the 1st of March from 1:30-2:30pm for 4 Friday sessions. Kinderkick is an AFL cross-body motor skills program developed specifically for children aged 4-5 years. The Kinderkick program has been specifically tailored to support the ongoing development of a child's motor skills, movement, and teamwork capacity through the delivery of fun, inclusive and engaging activities. Stay tuned for further information.

HubHello App

There is a HubHello app available for families to access information regarding their child's progress and what's happening at Preschool. We encourage all families to download the app, if you are having trouble finding it on your device, you may need to search for HubHello with the capitals letters as written here. Please see Kirsty if you need help finding the app or logging in. Please note, this app is not for signing your children in and out of the service.

A reminder to also check your emails (Educate/HubHello and newsletters), the noticeboards at the front of Preschool and follow Bermagui Preschools Facebook page to stay in touch with what's happening at preschool.

Thank You 😊

Thank you to all our beautiful families for coming to our Welcome to Preschool Pizza Party. It was a lovely turn out and we look forward to another wonderful year at Bermagui Preschool!

Capital Works Building Project

Our project to build a therapy room for children, families, and staff, create an all-weather outdoor learning area and refurbish the Bidhu bathroom, kitchen and laundry is underway, with the DA approved and our project manager Olaf Thiele working with the builder. Risk assessments have been developed to ensure safety and continuity of care during the building the process. Please note, at times our program will be delivered off site in the Moodji Garden, Bermagui Library, Bermagui All Ability Playground, and other community spaces to be advised. Please see Preschool staff if you have any questions or concerns.

StEPS Vision Screening

The StEPS (Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening) program is an initiative of NSW Health and offers all 4-year-old children free vision screening. They will be at preschool later this year to do vision screening, however a consent form needs to be completed by families. Forms will be handed out over this week to eligible 4 and 5-year-old children in the Bidhu room and will need to be returned by Friday 1st March.

Policy Update

Services are legally required to ensure families are notified of any changes to policies which effect: 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 1.01 Philosophy, 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, 3.03 Fees and developing a Return-to-Work Policy. Copies of the existing policy are available on our website and the proposed Policies are available at Preschool for families to review and provide feedback. Written feedback can be placed in the box at Preschool or emailed to us. Please see Narelle for further information.

Pop up Playgroup

There will be a pop-up playgroup at the Apex All-Abilities Park in Bermagui on the 13th March along with the Playability Toy Truck from 10-11:30am. This is a great way for families in the community to connect with one another, children to play and borrow toys from the toy truck.

Staffing for 2024

Your friendly Preschool team will be working the following days this year:

Early Childhood Teacher/Director

- ❖ Narelle Myers: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the Bidhu Room and Friday Director Administration

Early Childhood Teachers

- ❖ Tilly Vass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Bungaree Room
- ❖ Lara Crew: Thursday in the Bungaree Room, Friday in the Bidhu Room

Early Childhood Educator/Assistant Director

- ❖ Lindsay Trower: Friday Assistant Director Administration

Early Childhood Educators Bidhu Room (3-5 year olds):

- ❖ Amanda Spooner: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
- ❖ Kerry Carradus: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
- ❖ Mia Jessop: Monday, Thursday, and Friday
- ❖ Alicia West: Tuesday

Early Childhood Educators Bungaree Room (0-3 year olds):

- ❖ Bec Linfoot: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- ❖ Niamh Edgar: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
- ❖ Ange Hochkins: Friday

Early Childhood Educators - Support Role across whole service

- ❖ Ange Hochkins: Monday
- ❖ Lindsay Trower: Tuesday and Wednesday
- ❖ Jasmine Mclean: Thursday and Friday

Administration

- ❖ Kirsty Sunderland: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Cleaner

- ❖ Tim Hoare: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

Casual Early Childhood Educator and Cleaner

- ❖ Sarah Pitsonis

Fees Information

Fee statements have been sent out. Fees are due to be paid each term and are due 2 weeks after receipt of your fee statement. Parents can arrange a regular payment plan with Kirsty in the office if this is more convenient for your family. Details regarding the Child Care Subsidy are available online through Centrelink (myGov). Families become members of the Bermagui Preschool Cooperative Society when fees are paid and are then able to vote at the AGM.

Preschool T-Shirts

We have Bermagui Preschool t-shirts available. Children learn through their senses and active hands-on experiences, which are quite often tactile, messy, and of course lots of fun!!! A preschool t-shirt is a great idea so good clothes from home don't get dirty or stained. They are \$20 each, come in sizes 2, 4, and 6 (generous fit) in red, blue, green, and purple. Please see Kirsty in the office if you would like to make a purchase, you can pay with cash, card (1.4% transaction fee) or transfer into our preschool account.

Bermagui Preschool AGM

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Volunteers and Members of our Community,

We need your help! If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors for 2024. As Bermagui Preschool is a community-based Preschool we cannot operate without a voluntary Board of Directors, so we really need your support. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in March on Friday 22nd March 2024 @ 9:15am. At our AGM our 7 Board Members for 2024 will be elected. These Board Members will represent our families at our Board meetings for 2024. Meetings are held approximately once a month on a Friday at 9:15am (at the Preschool and/or via Messenger video). The fabulous Catherine Chen will be available for governance training, for anyone interested in learning about or enhancing their Board Member/Committee skills.

You can be involved by putting up your hand to be elected for one of the 7 positions on the Board by completing the nomination slip below or simply by coming along to show your support. The AGM will run for approximately 15 minutes. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new families, socialise and just have fun!

The AGM will include a brief presentation of reports, followed by all positions of the Board of Directors being declared vacant. Nominations will be called for the 7 positions for the 2024 Board of Directors. These positions are all equal, with no position having power or more responsibility over others, i.e. there will be no titles such as president, secretary, or treasurer.

Nominations will be read as received prior to the AGM. If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to be considered for election, please complete the attached nomination slip. If more than 7 people are nominated, then all those who are entitled to vote (i.e. all parents/ caregivers who have paid Preschool fees) will be given a ballot paper to record the people they wish to see elected. The 7 people receiving the highest number of votes will become the new Board. Once elected, the Board members will meet approximately once a month (meeting usually run for about 1 hour on a Friday morning at Preschool) to make decisions related to the "macro" management of the preschool, such as strategic planning, overall directions etc. The date for the first Board Meeting will be set by the newly appointed Board of Directors. Once the Board has been elected, the Annual Meeting will be closed.

If you are interested or know someone in the community who may be interested in becoming a board member or wish to discuss what is involved in being a Board Member, please see Narelle. A Board of Directors Induction Folder containing lots of information is available in the office.

Please detach and return to Preschool.

Bermagui Preschool Co-Operative Society Ltd

NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024

I hereby nominate _____ for a position on the Bermagui Preschool Board of Directors.

Nominated by: _____ Signature: _____

Seconded by: _____ Signature: _____

Nomination accepted - Signature (Nominee): _____

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BERMAGUI COBARGO
FOOTBALL CLUB

WINTER SOCCER

Bermagui-Cobargo Soccer is GO!

Term 2:

Learn 2 Play: 5 - 7yrs

Social Mixed Six-aside Competition:

Junior games 7 - 15yrs & Senior games 16yrs +

Bermagui Dickinson Oval / Game schedule TBC

For more Information:

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Come & Try
April 3rd &
10th
4pm - 6pm

