

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - March 15th 2024



2024 Important Dates

Annual General Meeting (AGM): 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

The Bidhu children have been enjoying excursions to Sculpture Bermagui, our All-Abilities Playground and Kinderkick. Reptiles on The Go are visiting our Preschoolers next week to provide our children a close-up encounter with some of our local animal species. The Bungaree children have been enjoying construction play with blocks and vehicles, mirroring their observations of the building project.

Building Update

Overcoming a few unexpected events, our building project is continuing to run smoothly, with our building team doing an amazing job on our project so far. An overview of the next 2 weeks is as follows:

Monday March 18th: Concrete pour (trucks, concrete pump, etc will be onsite)

Tuesday March 19th - Friday 22nd: External verandah construction (use of nail guns, saws, etc)

Monday March 25th - Thursday 28th: Contingency week (may include rough in of electrical and finishing any framing the hasn't been completed)

Our preschool program will continue to operate in the Bungaree Room, as well as excursions to the community centre next door and within our beautiful community.

WorkSafe Visit

A recent visit from WorkSafe has found our building project to be compliant and working within the National Regulations and Standards to ensure the safety of the building team, our children, families, and staff during the build. If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to staff or email bermikids@hotmail.com

Assessment & Rating Information

Our Preschool has recently received notification of an assessment and rating visit. We have submitted our self-assessment and quality improvement plan to AQECQA, and we now look forward to our assessment and rating visit. This will involve an assessor visiting us soon to assess and rate our Preschool against the National Quality Standards. The assessor will visit us over a few days to observe our program in action and to talk to the staff and families at our Preschool. Information about the National Quality Standards and the assessment and rating process are on display at Preschool. If you have any further questions, please see staff, or check out the ACECQA website at <http://www.acecqa.gov.au/> We look forward to showcasing our fabulous Preschool and receiving feedback to further improve the quality of education and care for our children, families and broader community.

Blue Book Development Milestones and Health and Development Checks

Your child's early development is a journey with important milestones along the way. Your doctor or child and family health nurse tracks these during your child's routine health and development checks. Health and development checks are very important. They help you track how your child is growing and developing by looking at how they play, learn, speak, act, and move. There are 8 health and development checks, which you'll find in your child's Blue Book. You can track your child's development using these checklists. If you have any concerns about how they are developing, share them with your child and family health nurse or doctor.

Donations Please

We're looking for 2 nappy bags to use for the Bungaree children when they are on excursions. If any families have one at home and would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Bermagui Preschool AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 22nd March 2023 @ 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 phone). The fabulous Catherine Chen will be available for governance training, for anyone interested in learning about or enhancing their Board Member/Committee skills on Monday 25th March @ 3pm.

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 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, 3.02 Additional Needs. 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.

Thankyou 😊:

☺ Family and Community Members who have nominated to be on our Preschool Board of Directors for 2024. We have now received 7 nominations for the 7 available positions.