

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – March 27th 2024



2024 Important Dates

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

If you notice a new face around Preschool, we have Ack Mercer from Deakin University completing her final practicum with us. Bermagui Preschool encourages student participation as we are committed to assisting those interested in careers in Early Education and Care to gain valuable experience in Preschool settings and knowledge regarding high quality Early Education and Care. Please say hi and make Ack feel welcome when you see her.

Building Update

As the concreting nears completion our outdoor classroom is taking shape with framing going up and roof installation happening in the next week or so. We are excited to see the project moving so quickly 😊

Welcome to Our 2024 Board of Directors:

The following parents/community members have been elected at the Bermagui Preschool AGM to our Board of Directors for 2024:

- Ella Sayers
- Claire Wheaton
- Naomi Day
- Adam Millar
- Louise Hatton
- Carli Briggs
- Rebecca Ramsay

These wonderful parents will represent all our Preschool families at our Board meetings for the next 12 months. If you have any information or suggestions, please forward them to your Board Members, Narelle, or Kirsty for discussion at the Preschool Board meetings.

A big thank you to our outgoing Board Members from 2023 for all their hard work and support: Tina Pahlman and Chaylee Tyrrell.

Bermagui Growers & Makers Special EASTER MARKET

Happening on the lawn area in front of Bermagui Country Club.

THURSDAY March 28th: 3:30pm - 6:00pm

LOCAL food, produce & artistry, live music, BBQ, raffle, face painting & Easter egg hunt.

Assessment & Rating Update

Our Preschool has recently received notification of an Assessment and Rating visit. We have submitted our Self-Assessment and Quality Improvement Plan to ACECQA, 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.

On show at the front of Preschool is a display with visuals of how we enact the National Quality Framework on a day to day basis at Preschool, with space to let us know what you love or what you would like to see at Bermagui Preschool. Please use this space to share your thoughts and ideas or just have a chat with one of our team so they can record your comments. 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.

Name for Our New Room

We are looking forward to the completion of the new room and outdoor learning area. The children have already started talking about what they would like to name their new room. Using the children's ideas, we created a visual voting board. The children suggested names like Turtle (Bilima), Ocean (Gadu) and Fish (Murrah). Over the next few weeks, we will collect their votes and count these to help choose the new room name... a great way to support literacy, numeracy, collaboration, and of course democratic decision making! We have the visual voting board on display on our front notice board if families would also like to add their suggestions or make a vote.

Wanted at Preschool

Our OzHarvest shelf at the Preschool entrance is coming to the end of its life and we are searching for a replacement. If anyone has a similar sized shelf unit or bookshelf they no longer require and would like to donate it to Preschool it would be greatly appreciated.

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 😊:

- Liam's family for donating a nappy bag to our Preschool for excursions.
- We still need one more nappy bag if anyone us one they can donate 😊