



2024 Important Dates

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

Monarch's Official Birthday Public Holiday: Monday 10th 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 children have enjoyed a visit from Costa Georgiadis of ABC's Gardening Australia. Together with Georgie Kite (our fabulous Preschool parent and local artist and owner of Frame and Brush) they worked with our children to create a beautiful living Mandala from Moodji Produce. The produce was then used at the Moodji Futures Fundraising Dinner, featuring guest speakers and a delicious three-course meal featuring Moodji harvest from long time Moodji supporter, Eastwood's Bermagui. A big thank you to Moodji Project Manager Dan Bakker, Georgie Kite, Eastwood's Bermagui and of course Costa for such an amazing series of events.



Assessment and Rating Visit

Our Preschool has recently received notification that our Assessment and Rating visit is scheduled for next week on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd May 2024. This will involve the Assessor, Sarah Vassallo from NSW Early Childhood Education and Care Regulatory Authority visiting us to assess and rate our Preschool against the National Quality Standards. Over the visit, Sarah will observe our program in action and talk to the staff and families at our 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 showing our fabulous Preschool and receiving feedback to further improve the quality of education and care for our children, families, and broader community.

Building Update

Our Building Project is nearly completed with kitchen and bathroom fittings being installed as well as landscaping and cladding. Our Occupancy Certificate inspection is scheduled for Thursday 6th June, followed by furniture installation on Friday 7th June. The Bidhu children who have been in the Community Centre meeting room will return to the Preschool on Tuesday 11th June and will have a week to settle back into the new room, with staff ensuring that the program and physical environments are adjusted to ensure a smooth transition of all children, families, and staff back to our normal Preschool operations and capacity. The following week the remaining 3-4-year-olds who have been in the Bungaree Room will be introduced to the new room and space.

This will be followed by an official Grand Opening and celebration for families and the broader community, tentatively booked for Monday 24th June. Stay tuned for further information. A big thank you to all our families for their patience and understanding while we have undertaken the building project. We are looking forward to celebrating and benefiting from our new and improved Preschool environments.

Ack's Student Placement

Our student Teacher, Ack Mercer finished her placement with us at Bermagui Preschool this week and is heading back to her home in the Northern Territory. The children have really enjoyed the activities that Ack implemented as part of her observations of their interests and development needs, incorporating these into her carefully planned program. We will all miss Ack and wish her well with her future career and adventures.

Traineeships and student placements at Bermagui Preschool offer an invaluable opportunity for people interested in Early Childhood Education to gain practical experience and make a meaningful impact on the lives of young children. Bermagui Preschool, as a leading provider of high-quality Early Learning and Care, is committed to nurturing the next generation of teachers and educators. Our student placements are designed to provide hands-on training, mentorship, and a supportive learning environment to help individuals develop the skills and knowledge needed for a rewarding career in Early Childhood Education.

Nut Free Preschool Reminder

An important reminder to all families, Bermagui Preschool is a Nut Free Preschool. It is important there are no nuts or nut products brought into the Preschool in the children's lunch boxes or bags. This is to reduce the risk of Anaphylaxis and Allergic reactions for our children.

Examples of foods that should **not** be brought in include peanut butter, Nutella, dried fruit and nut mixes, pesto, as well as cakes, slices or biscuits that may contain nuts. If you have any questions, please see our teachers or educators.

BREAKING NEWS! Federal Budget Announcement

Federal funding for Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) pay increases announced. Treasurer Jim Chalmers confirmed the new budget will include "a multi-billion-dollar provision towards wage increases for early childhood educators." This funding will deliver improved wages as part of the multi-employer bargaining process that has been led by Community Early Learning Australia (CELA). This announcement shows the Federal Government recognises the value of early educators and teachers to Australia's children, families, and communities.

As long-term members of CELA, Bermagui Preschool, led by Director/Teacher Narelle Myers, has been deeply involved in Multi Enterprise Bargaining processes that have culminated with this wonderful result. In Canberra at Parliament House on the 14th of May, Narelle and a small group of early education services and advocates met with the Minister for Early Education Anne Aly, Community Early Learning Australia CEO Michele Carnegie and CCC Executive Director Julie Price to officially celebrate the budget announcement. They have been champions on behalf of early educators, teachers', community, and small providers, helping to pave the way for the multi-employer funding commitment in the Federal Budget. It's clear that the Federal Government values the early childhood education and care sector and understands the scale of reform required. We're grateful to have powerful advocates fighting on behalf of the Early Education Sector.

This outcome is fantastic for Early Childhood Teachers (ECTs) and Educators across NSW and a great outcome after tirelessly advocating for recognition and fair remuneration and conditions for our sector. This is not only a win for ECTs and Educators, but also to families (particularly mothers) in supporting them to return or remain in the workforce knowing their children are being educated and cared for in their most important years by ECTs and educators who feel valued. And of course, most importantly it is a win for the children, who benefit from teachers and educators who are paid fairly for their work, not just because they are passionate and love their work but because they are highly qualified and experienced to undertake their complex and demanding work and deserve to be paid accordingly.

A big thank you to the Government, CELA and the other peak organisations for their work and support in this fantastic outcome. The new multi-employer agreement will unlock access to early education for families by reducing critical staff shortages. We hope to open new places because we can attract and keep qualified educators and teachers by offering professional wages.

COMMUNITY NEWS...

Bermagui Breakers Auskick Has Started!

Started Thursday 2nd May & runs for 10 weeks at Dickinson Oval.

4:15pm - 5:15pm.

Boys & girls turning 5 to 8 welcome.

Lots of fun games, skills, and laughs.

To register: [Google](#) > [AFL Auskick](#) > [Club finder](#) > [Bermagui Breakers](#) > [Register](#)

More info call Alex 0416 543 955

Winter Soccer Registrations Are Now Open 🏆📣

Hey soccer enthusiasts! We're thrilled to announce that Winter Soccer registrations for the upcoming season every Wednesday during Term 2 (commencing 1st May) are now open. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, we've got a spot for you! Join as a PCYC Member first then register for the below:

- ◆ **Learn 2 Play Joeys (5-9yrs)**

Ready to kick-start your soccer journey? Head over to our website to book, pay, and secure your spot; Joeys, if you are using an Active Kids Voucher, email it to us first for processing before registering online. <https://www.pycnsw.org.au/far-south-coast/activities>

- ◆ **Juniors (7 to 9yrs or 9 to 12yrs or 12 to 15yrs)**

Got a team of 6 players? Register your team online: <https://www.pycnsw.org.au/far-south-coast/activities>

Looking to join a team as an individual? We've got you covered! Let us know your age, and we'll provide you with an invitation code to register.

- ◆ **Seniors (16yrs and over)**

Team of 6? Register online: <https://www.pycnsw.org.au/far-south-coast/activities>

Want to join a team individually? Reach out to us for an invitation code to register. Alternatively sign up to any team and we'll adjust numbers once the comp has commenced.

🎟️ Active Kids Vouchers Accepted!

Coaches, referees, and committee volunteers also sought.

✉️ For any queries or assistance, feel free to drop us a message. We're here to help!

- farsouthcoast@pycnsw.org.au

- bermaguicobargofc@gmail.com

Don't miss out on the fun, camaraderie, and excitement of soccer! Let's make this season unforgettable! 🏆📅



The image is a promotional flyer for Winter Soccer. It features the PCYC Far South Coast logo at the top left, with the tagline 'IS LIFE CHANGING'. The main text reads 'WINTER SOCCER Registrations open now!' in large, bold letters. Below this, it specifies the location: 'Dickinson Oval, Bermagui'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'For more information: Jacqui 0482 161 306 | Dan 0427 746 980'. On the right side, there are three circular images: the top one is the Bermagui Cobargo Football Club logo, the middle one shows three children playing soccer on a field, and the bottom one shows three adults in red shirts standing together.