

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - May 3, 2024



2024 Important Dates

Moodji Futures Dinner and Panel Discussion (with Costa Georgiadis): Friday 10th May

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

Welcome to Term 2 at Bermagui Preschool. The children have all settled back into our preschool programs after Vacation Care. The Bidhu children have been enjoying kite making and flying as well as a focus on extending language and literacy skills. The Bungaree children have been enjoying regular excursion to the oval to enjoy physical activities and games. Remember to check out further details of the preschool program as displayed at the front of preschool and each room, as well as on Educate/HubHello.

Building Update

Our Building Project is ticking along, with the internal fittings starting to be installed. Completion is expected at the end of May, with the final clean and move back to the new and improved rooms, expected in early June. We are looking forward to the children and teachers exploring and settling into the new room, with a staggered plan, to ensure a smooth and calm introduction to the new space for everyone. This will be followed by an official grand opening and celebration for families and the broader community. Stay tuned for further information.

Separation Anxiety

Separation anxiety is normal in early childhood and can occur when a child gets upset when separated from a parent or carer. In early childhood, crying, tantrums, or clinginess are healthy reactions to separation, but anxiety can greatly vary from child to child. When your child is struggling with anxiety, it can be difficult to know how best to support them. The Government-backed Fear-Less Triple P Online program can help families get a better understanding of anxiety, so you can teach children to cope with difficult emotions in healthy ways. Here is the link for the webinar, or please see our team of teachers and educators to discuss individual supports for your child.

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au/free-parenting-courses/fear-less-triple-p-online>

Thankyou 😊:

➤ Tatum (ex-preschoolers Harlow and Lennox's Mum) for donating some wonderful books for our children 😊

Excellent Rating Application

Bermagui Preschool has submitted an application for excellence for the third time, having been successful in 2018 and 2021. If successful with this application, we will be amongst only a few Early Childhood Services across Australia to have continuously held this rating three times. We are using this re-application as an opportunity to celebrate our ability to effectively reflect, adapt and grow, as well as supporting other services to do the same. This is evident in our achievements over the past three years and in planning ahead for the next three years. This is an opportunity for us to showcase these projects and share a snapshot of the ways in which we at Bermagui Preschool continue to improve and provide innovative and exceptional practice and pedagogy, and our efforts to promote excellence in Early Childhood Education and Care. We look forward to receiving feedback to further improve the quality of education and care for our children, families, and broader community.

The Moodji Futures Dinner & Panel Discussion - with Costa Georgiadis

- Friday 10th May, 5pm
- Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club
- Tix \$85

For deets & tix, go to: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-moodji-futures-dinner-and-panel-discussion-with-costa-georgiadis>

Long time patron and routine visitor to the region, Costa Georgiadis of ABC's *Gardening Australia* is excited to return to Bermagui for this evening of local food and in-depth discussion. MC'd by regenerative cattle farmer, rural journalist and former ABC South East presenter, Sophie Longden, the event is a fundraiser for the preschool's urban & Indigenous agriculture project - Moodji Farm - which has recently celebrated its fifth birthday. As per past sell-out dinners, a three-course menu featuring local providore and Moodji harvest is being set by long time Moodji supporter, Eastwood's Bermagui.

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Happy Mother's Day to all our fabulous Mums and Mother Figures for Sunday 12th May