

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 31st May 2024



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

Preschool photos are happening this coming week from Monday 3rd June, with the lovely Tara from Daisy Hill Photography working with us again this year. If you are wanting photos done, please return your forms in the morning when dropping off your child.

Daisy Hill Photography
By Tara Chiu

Illness

As we know, winter can be a time of year with more viral infections going around. Colds are very common in healthy children and on average, preschool children get at least six colds per year. It is common for healthy children to have up to 12 viral illnesses per year in the first few years of life. It is also common for children to get sick from one virus shortly after getting better from a different one, so it can seem they are sick all the time.

Viruses can easily spread when children have close contact with each other. Most viruses are mild, and the best treatment is rest at home to allow your child's immune system to fight the virus.

At preschool we keep high standards of hygiene practices in place all year round to manage the spread of germs, while also teaching our children adequate handwashing skills. For more information check out the following link...[Kids Health Information: Viral illnesses \(rch.org.au\)](https://www.rch.org.au/kids-health-information/viral-illnesses)

Assessment and Rating Visit

Assessment & Rating and our Excellent Rating interview went well. It was a great opportunity for the assessors to really see quality improvement in practice regarding our staffing arrangements, physical environments, connections with community and particularly our interactions with the children. A huge thank you to our fabulous team for showcasing our amazing Preschool and for the outpouring of support from our Board Members (particularly Naomi and Claire for taking the time to share their experiences with ACECQA) and supporters, from not only the Bermagui community, but across NSW and Australia.

It was so lovely to see the love and support for our Preschool, but also the large ripples of impact that our little rural Preschool has across the Early Childhood sector. We are looking forward to receiving feedback in a few weeks for both Assessment & Rating and the Excellent Rating Re-Application to ensure continued critical reflection and provision of high-quality early education and care for our children, families, and community.

Building Update

Our building project is nearly completed coming into the final week next week!! Our Occupancy Certificate inspection is scheduled for Thursday 6th June, followed by our new furniture being delivered on the 25th of 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.

We have decided to move our official Grand Opening to Term 3 to allow our children to settle in to the new space and wait for our beautiful new furniture to arrive. We will plan a celebration for families and the broader community, tentatively booked for Friday 26th July. 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.

Highschool Students for Work Placement

We have 3 students visiting us over the next couple of months for work placement from Bega High School please make them feel welcome and say hi while they are here visiting.

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.



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