

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 23 August 2024



2024 Important Dates

Moodji Reframing Fire Ceremony: Thursday 5th September 5pm-7pm (see below for details)

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.

Preschool Update

The children enjoyed celebrating Book Week by dressing up at Preschool and visiting Bermagui Library for a special story time with Willow. In the Bidhu Room we have been practicing strategic drawing to support development of our fine motor skills, imaginative play with cafes and restaurants and construction using large blocks to build walls, houses and even Landcruiser's. In the Bilima Room the children have enjoyed pretend hospital play, puzzles and learning about turtle habitats. In the Bungaree Room the children painting, learning about shapes and pretend post office play.

Remember to check out your HubHello/Educate emails and like us on the Bermagui Preschool Facebook page... Great ways to see what we've been up to at Preschool!!!



Preschool Classes for 2025

Preschool class planning for 2025 has commenced. We are slowly working through our waitlist and placing children when vacancies become available. For 2025, the Bidhu room will be aimed at 4/5-year-olds, the Bilima Room aimed at older 3-year-olds and the Bungaree room 3-year-olds and under. Kirsty will contact you in the coming weeks to ask if you would like to confirm, change or add places for your child for 2025.

PJ Day

Thank you to all children, families and staff for showing your support for a wonderful cause and donating money on PJ Day/Week and wearing your pyjamas to Preschool. We were able to raise \$35.50 for the Pyjama Foundation to support children in foster care. For more information, please visit thepyjamafoundation.com

Book Week

Book Week is an annual event dedicated to the celebration of books and their importance in a child's development. It serves as an opportunity to cultivate a love for reading among early learners, igniting their imagination, creativity, and cognitive growth. Check out the winners of this year's Book Week awards here <https://cbca.org.au/winners-2024/>

Thank You

😊 Claire (Liam's Mum) for donating a sleep soother machine to our Preschool for rest times.

Interest in Parenting Program

We are hoping to run the following Parenting Program at Bermagui Preschool and are taking expression of interest. Please see Lindsay in the Bungaree Room if you are interested in attending or would like further information.



Bringing Up Great Kids

Date & Time:

Wednesdays 10:30am-12:30pm
Starting November 6th
For 4 weeks

Venue:

Bilima Room at
Bermagui Preschool

Cost:

Free

Contact:

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Overview

A mindful, reflective and respectful parenting program with a focus on building loving and nurturing relationships between parents and carers and their children.

The program supports parents and carers to understand both themselves as parents and their children through the nurturing and supportive environment of the group.

The group offers the opportunity for parents and carers to reflect on their parenting journey and to build a mindful, attuned, nurturing relationships.



Program Content

The Bringing Up Great Kids program supports parents and carers to:

- Reflect on the origins of their own parenting style and how they would like to parent.
- Consider what is going on in the child's brain and the relationship to their behaviour.
- Explore communication between parents and children.
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent they would like to be.
- Learn about the importance of parents/carers taking care of themselves, to be able to support their children to feel good about themselves.

Partnership with



*Happy Father's Day to all our fabulous Dads and Father Figures
for Sunday 1st September*



School Transition

For children transitioning to Bermagui Public School next year in 2025, families should now have received their enrolment packages. These need to be completed and returned to Bermagui Public School as soon as possible. For families with children transitioning to schools other than Bermagui Public School, please contact your chosen school for details on their transition programs.

The following information, including important dates was included in the Bermagui Public School Orientation Package.



GANANDHIMILA-NJ - WE LEARN

2025 Kindergarten Transition – Orientation Program

The orientation sessions below will all take place at Bermagui Public School.

Term 4, Week 1 Wednesday 16.10.24 12.15-1:45pm	All Kindergarten 2025 students Kaleidoscope Preschools are invited to visit the school between 12.15-1.45pm to view the artwork.
Term 4, Week 2 Thursday 24.10.24 10:00 – 11:00am	All Kindergarten 2025 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tour of the school - Story/Craft - Songs in Dhurga (one of our local Aboriginal languages)
Term 4, Week 2 Thursday 24.10.24 5:30-7:00pm	Parent/Carer Information Session
Term 4, Week 3 Thursday 31.10.24 10:00-11:00am	All Kindergarten 2025 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting to know your school 'Year 5 buddy' - Outdoor games (run by Year 6 students)
Term 4, Week 4 Thursday 7.11.24 10:00 – 11:00am	All Kindergarten 2025 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting to know your school 'Year 5 buddy' - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
Term 4, Week 5 Thursday 14.11.24 10:00 – 11:00am	All Kindergarten 2025 students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teddy Bears Picnic with current Kindergarten students

Please note that Bermagui Public School teachers will also be visiting the preschools in Term 3.

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 4.11 Snakes, 4.12 Incident, Injury and Trauma, and 4.13 Illness Policies. Copies of the existing policy are available on our website and the proposed Policies are available on request at Preschool for families to review and provide feedback via email bermikids@hotmail.com. Please see Narelle for further information.

Bermagui Preschool Moodji Reframing Fire Festival

Thursday 5th September.

On Thursday 5th September at 5pm, we will be celebrating all things Moodji!!! Preschool families are invited to join us for our Reframing Fire Ceremony on Thursday night. Our evening will begin with delicious soups made by Sarah Cooper as well as Honor Rolls from Honorbread. Please remember to bring your own bowl & spoon or cup for soup. Please note we are unable to meet specific dietary requirements for this event. Please see Narelle for further information.

Our ceremony will commence with our Preschool children's Acknowledgment of Country, paying respect to our First Nations people and the land on which we gather. Guided by our children, we will then wander up to our Moodji Farm where our fire ceremony will have been prepared earlier. Around the circle, dawali candles and fire-gazing (as well as maybe the sighting of a spirit bird!) will be enjoyed, as the amazing sounds of the children's Walawaani Song drift with the smoke.

Please detach and return to Preschool by Wednesday 4th September
or email bermikids@hotmail.com

My family will be attending the **Bermagui Preschool Moodji Reframing Fire Festival** on Thursday 5th September at 5pm.

Child's Name: _____

Contact Number: _____ and /or Email: _____

I can help with the following job/s (please tick one or more):

- Sorry, I am not available to attend/ help
- I will be attending this event with _____ adults and _____ children
- I can help with Prep for this event (4.30pm-5pm)
- I can help with clean up after this event (6.30pm-7.00pm)

Please remember to bring your own bowl & spoon or cup for soup.

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