

# Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 9th September 2024



## 2024 Important Dates

**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 Bungaree children are focusing on self help skills and sun safety as we welcome spring and the warmer weather. With support we are encouraging the children to apply their own sunscreen and hats before outside play and having conversations with them about the importance of sun and water safety.

Moodji visits and fire safety have been a focus across the whole preschool leading up to the reframing fire festival. With spring here, the children are really enjoying the visits to the Moodji garden and looking forward to planting and working with Dan for the spring growing season.

## School Transitions

The Bidhu children that are transitioning to Bermagui Primary school next year enjoyed the visits from Mrs Roche and Mrs Vercoe in the last week and looking forward to another visit from Mrs Roche on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30pm and from Mrs Vercoe on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September at 10:30am, parents welcome.

## Reframing Fire Festival Thankyou

Thursday the 5th of September was a night to celebrate as Preschool and Eat Dirt Permaculture came together for the annual fire festival. It was beautiful to see so many families and children attend the event, as well as our preschool neighbours who were welcomed to see the new therapy room for the first time.

A huge thank you to Dan Bakker from Eat Dirt Permaculture, Bermagui Beach Hotel, Honorbread, Sarah Cooper, Caitlin Brown, Narooma High School, the Moodjiteer volunteers, Bermagui Landscape Supplies, Rhiannon Simmonds, Merrimans Local Aboriginal Lands Council and to all the preschool community and greater community for bringing the event together.

The children spent the week before making clay Diwali's that lit the path and surrounded the Mandala for the fire. We have used this time with the lead up to the event to talk about fire safety with the children, and the importance of connecting with the land we reside in.

We hope to be able to run this event again next year and celebrate the Winter Solstice with you all.

## 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 or change enrolments for your child for 2025.

## Bikes for Preschool

We are on the lookout for some smaller trikes or balance bikes for our Bungaree's to use on our preschool bike track. If any families have one that they are looking to pass on, please keep us in mind. 😊

## Parenting program

We are looking forward to our parenting program that will be going ahead in November. Please see the details below for dates and times. If those interested in attending can please confirm with Lindsay at Preschool or contact Kellie or Valerie at Sapphire Neighbouring Services.



## Bringing Up Great Kids

### Parenting Program

**When: 10:30-12:30 Wednesdays**

**6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Where: Bilima Therapy Room, Bermagui Preschool**

**Contact: Val & Kellie at SNS 6492 3411, [admin@snsi.org.au](mailto:admin@snsi.org.au),**

**or Bermagui Preschool 6493 4183**

### This program will help you

- Understand yourself better as a parent.
- Discover what your children need to thrive and grow.
- Identify the messages your children tell you through their behaviour.
  - Build loving and nurturing relationship with your children.
- Learn more about the brain development in children and its influence on their thought, feelings and behaviour.

The Bringing Up Great Kids program was developed and established by Australian Childhood Foundation and has been independently evaluated by the Australian Institute of Family Studies.

## 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](mailto:bermikids@hotmail.com). Please see Narelle for further information.

## Thank You

- A big thank you to Jacob (Grace & Hazel's Dad) for fixing our trampoline 😊