



2024 Important Dates | Please Note Closure Dates

End of Term 4: Thu 19th Dec 2024

Staff Development & Cleaning: Fri 20th Dec 2024 (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Annual Christmas Shutdown: Mon 23rd Dec 2024 to Fri 3rd Jan 2025 (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Summer Vacation Care Program: Mon 6th Jan 2025 to Fri 24th Jan 2025

Australia Day Public Holiday: Mon 27th Jan 2025 (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Staff Development Day (First Aid Training): Tue 28th Jan 2025 (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Preschool Orientation Day: Wed 30th Jan 2025 (Families invited for $\frac{1}{2}$ hr appointments)

Staff Development Days: Thu 31st Jan 2025 & Fri 1st Feb 2025 (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Start of Term 1 - 2025: Mon 3rd Feb 2025

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

Programming

In the Bungaree room we are following the children's interest in sensory play. Providing a choice for a variety of sensory activities. So far, we have experimented with "cloud dough" and hammering out "animals in coloured ice." Sensory play in young children supports brain development, enhancing memory and problem-solving skills. It also helps develop fine motor skills with fun tactile play and is a great social experiment for our children to bond and communicate with each other building on their language development. We are also focusing on our First Nations Culture Program at group times. By embedding First Nations Culture into our program from the very early years allows children to build a strong knowledge and weave their appreciation of First Nations Culture into their daily lives becoming an integral part of identity.

In the Bilima Room we are settling back into our program after relocating back into our rooms after the storeroom build. So far, the children are really enjoying nature craft activities, making nature crowns and the construction and art tables are very busy with many different creations being made. Art and craft are a fantastic way for the children to express themselves, boosting confidence, self-esteem and enhancing their overall wellbeing.

In the Bidhu Room we are focusing on school transitions, supporting the children with their visits to primary schools and setting up dramatic play with uniforms and pretend classrooms. This allows the children to adopt different roles, builds their confidence in a school setting and express themselves emotionally while developing their language and social skills. The children are showing an interest in numeracy and language activities playing with white boards, pre-writing activities and group time stories about starting school and what to expect to give them a smooth transition to starting school in 2025.

School Transitions

Our school transition visits have commenced, with the children engaging in the activities for their specific schools for 2025. The children remaining at preschool are being supported with special activities to support the changes they will experience next year. Classes, staffing and term dates for 2025 are being organised.

Preschool Building Update

The storage and study room refurbishment has been completed, we are excited to have our resources and study area installed giving us a much-needed organised space. Our Bidhu and Bilima rooms are now both fully functioning.

Farewell Niamh

Sadly, we will be farewelling Niamh on the 5th of November. We have all loved working with Niamh at preschool for the last few years and she will be greatly missed by all. We wish her all the best on her new adventures in Wollongong.

Parenting Program Workshop

Our 'Bringing up Great Kids' parenting workshop is coming up soon, starting on November 6th from 10:30am - 12:30pm running every Wednesday for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you will be attending by Wednesday 30th October. This program is open to the community so please share and feel free to bring a friend or family member 😊



Bringing Up Great Kids

Parenting Program

When: 10:30-12:30 Wednesdays

6th, 13th, 20th & 27th November

Where: Bilima Therapy Room, Bermagui Preschool

Contact: Val & Kellie at SNS 6492 3411, 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.

Thank You

- A big thank you to Rebecca (Grace & Hazel's Mum) for donating clothes to Preschool 😊

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.