

# Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024



## 2024/2025 Important Dates | Please Note Closure Dates

**End of Term 4:** Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

**Staff Development & Cleaning:** Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 (Preschool CLOSED)

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

**Summer Vacation Care Program:** Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

**Australia Day Public Holiday:** Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 (Preschool CLOSED)

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

**Preschool Orientation Day:** Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 (Families invited for ½ hr appointments)

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

**Start of Term 1 - 2025:** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2025

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

## Programming

Bidhu and Bilima - Our school transitions continue with the children transitioning to Tilba and Narooma Public Schools also starting their visits. Next Thursday is the last visit for the children transitioning to Bermagui Public School, with a reminder to bring your teddy bear for the Teddy Bears Picnic.

With the warmer weather, the children have enjoyed carefully catching moths and lady beetles. Running and catching the "mini beasts", being mindful to briefly observe them and then carefully releasing them has provided great opportunities to learn through nature and play.

Bungaree - Drumming, dancing and musical stories have been a great interest with the children, learning different beats and rhythm. The children are also enjoying nature play and using natural resources for craft.

## Parenting Workshop

Our "Bringing Up Great Kids" Parenting Program was postponed and is now starting Wednesday 13th November. This will be a great informative program, facilitated by two highly skilled coordinators from Sapphire Neighbourhood Services (formally known as Family Support) that will run over 4 weeks every Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Bilima Room. This Program is open to the community, and we welcome all parents, grandparents and carers to come along. Please let staff know if you would like to join.

## Save the Date

We have pencilled in our Graduation and End of Year Celebration for Monday 2nd December. We are inviting the families of the 4/5-year-old children who are transitioning to school in 2025 to attend a special ceremony, celebration and morning tea at Preschool in the Bidhu Room on Monday 2nd December 9am-11am. All other children will have a children's only party and celebration with their teachers and educators throughout the week.

## Help Wanted

Our regular Preschool "Santa" has retired, so we are looking for a Santa to help us out on Monday 2nd December for our End of Year celebrations. If you or someone you know has access to a red suit and can fill the role of Santa for an hour from 10am-11am on Monday 2nd December, it would be greatly appreciated.


## Health Update

To support the health and wellbeing of our children and the community we will be sharing information in each newsletter on illnesses/infections that are contagious and known to spread quickly. Health Fact sheet this week is Conjunctivitis. [Conjunctivitis Staying Healthy Fact Sheet](#) Please note we have not had any confirmed cases at Bermagui Preschool recently.

## Bushfire Season

With summer approaching, we should all review and consider bushfire emergency planning and preparedness. This includes:

- reviewing and updating emergency plans and risk assessments
- using available tools such as NSW RFS bushfire prone land mapping tool, bushfire survival plan and Know your risk website to monitor local conditions

We would also like to remind families, in accordance with Bermagui Preschool Bushfire Emergency Plan, if Bermagui area has a **Catastrophic** or **Extreme** Fire Danger Rating, please keep children at home as Bermagui Preschool will be closed. Bermagui Preschool will also be closed or close immediately if a Watch and Act  Bushfire Alert is activated.

If there is a day with a **High** Fire Danger Rating and/or dangerous fire conditions in the local area surrounding Bermagui, you will need to:

- Consider not sending your child to Preschool
- Monitor local radio, NSW RFS FIRES NEAR ME app and phone alerts
- Have a plan in place to collect your child immediately, if necessary
- Leave contact numbers where you can be reached at all times during the day

Thank you for your support and understanding in keeping our children, families, teachers and community safe.

## What's on in the Community

**Tressilian Support** are running a 'Getting to Know You' group for mothers with babies 0-6 months on the 12th of November in the Library Hall. It then runs for the consecutive 2 Tuesdays 10:30am-12:30pm. Parents can log on and refer themselves at [Tresillian.org.au](http://Tresillian.org.au). Parents can go to courses and then to the section for parents.

Hi to all mums with children under 3 years of age, our names are Maria (Child and Family Health Nurse) and Sasha (Aboriginal health worker). We work for Tresillian who are part of NSW Health and are free under Medicare. Our Centre is based at Moruya, but we now provide an outreach service to Catalina, Narooma, Mogo, Bermagui and Wallaga Lake. We will be in the information centre car park of Bermagui every second Thursday from 31/10/24 and the alternate Thursdays at Little Yuin Preschool Wallaga Lake in a giant T2U van.

We can provide support with feeding (breast, bottle, solids), sleep and settling, routines, toddler behaviour, toilet training, and how you are feeling about parenting. Anything you would like support with really! Enquiries can be made at (02) 4412 4940 or go to [Tresillian.org.au](http://Tresillian.org.au) and you, your CFHN or GP can make a referral. If you are uncertain, you can just knock on the van door, and we can have a talk.

Looking forward to meeting you and supporting you. Kind regards, Maria Robinson (RN, CFHN),  
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