

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – 6th May 2025



2025 Term Dates

Winter Vacation Care: Monday 7th July to Friday 18th July

Preschool Professional Development Day: Monday 21st July (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Start of Term 3: Tuesday 22nd July

Spring Vacation Care: Monday 29th September to Friday 10th October

Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday 6th October

Preschool Professional Development Day: Monday 13th October (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Start of Term 4: Tuesday 14th October

End of Term 4: Thursday 18th December

Preschool Annual Shut Down: Friday 19th December to Friday 2nd January 2026 (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Summer Vacation Care: Monday 5th January 2026

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

Preschool New Email Address

We are in the process of phasing out our Hotmail email address, our new email address for most things related to preschool is admin@bermaguipreschool.com.au. For emails specifically for our Director/Assistant Director please use director@bermaguipreschool.com.au. The Hotmail address will still be monitored for some time but if you could update your records that would be fabulous.

We are aware that our phone at preschool is sometimes not working properly, we are trying to get this fixed as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you are unable to get through, please send an email as these are monitored quite regularly. Sorry for the inconvenience.

What's on at Preschool

Welcome back to all our wonderful families for Term 2. Our vacation care program ran smoothly for the two weeks thanks to our amazing staff, with loads of fun and interactive experiences. This included science days and experiments, Moodji walks collecting and creating nature art and excursions in our local community.

For the beginning of Term 2, we are all working on inclusive practice and family diversity, making beautiful gifts for the amazing women who play a motherly role in our children's lives. In the Bidhu/Bilma Room we have also been getting ready for our visit from Costa Georgiadis, making table runners and handprints for the Moodji Futures fundraising dinner (see attached). These have been great opportunities to explore tactile art, as well as contributing to community events to strengthen our sense of belonging. In the Bungaree room our program is also focusing on shape and colour recognition, obstacle courses for gross motor development and music and movement supporting children's social and emotional development.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

We would like to invite our mums/special women who support like mums to join their child/ren for afternoon tea to show our appreciation for bringing up such wonderful children. This will run this week in each room on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3pm. We look forward to seeing you all there 😊

Staff Professional Development Day

At the beginning of term all our staff were able to upskill their knowledge and skills on inclusive practice with training from Cahli from ASPECT and Holly from Playability. Both Cahli and Holly have extensive years of experience and shared with us their knowledge and skills to support our children at preschool. Cahli shared with us a website called Envisage, an informative network just for parents and carers looking for support for children's developmental concerns and disabilities. The link to the website is [About Us - Envisage Families](#)

Moodji Fundraiser Help Needed!!

We need your help for our Moodji Futures Dinner with Costa Georgiadis and Paul West. If you can help with the following jobs, even just for an hour or so your support would be greatly appreciated...

- Food with our wonderful Preschool Mum, Tora Jong on Thursday 8th May from 12pm at the Bermagui Surf Club
- Harvesting Moodji Garden produce for the Fundraising Dinner on Thursday 8th May from 9am
- Setting up for the Fundraising Dinner at the Bermagui Surf Club on Friday 9th May from 12pm
- Food service during the Fundraising Dinner at the Bermagui Surf Club on Friday 9th May from 5pm
- Cleaning up after the Fundraising Dinner at the Bermagui Surf Club on Friday 9th May from 7pm

Please see Preschool staff if you can help on any of these days or contact Dan Bakker on 0427 746 980

Expression of Interest

We are looking for expressions of interest for a parenting program run by Kate Gentle, "Let's Talk Everything Kids", a series of conversations led by Kate Gentle, a local child psychologist who has been working with children and their families for the past 37 years. Topics to be explored will include but are not limited to:

- supporting children who may be struggling with anxious feelings
- how to respond to challenging behaviours
- tricky transitions for children
- any topics which families specifically would like to discuss

Kate is keen to know what topics you would like to discuss and is very open to your suggestions and wants to make the conversations useful, informative and supportive of you as parents/caregivers. Please talk to our preschool staff if you are interested in attending and/or have topics you wish to discuss.

Statement Of Entitlement

You will be receiving a regular Child Care Subsidy (CCS) Statement of Entitlement, it outlines how the CCS is being applied to your child's fees. This will be sent out fortnightly, if you have any questions please see staff.

Donations

We are still on the lookout for dress up shoes or children's shoes that families are looking to pass on. We are also looking for pop-up toddler toys if families have any they are looking to pass on.

Health & Wellbeing Update

To support the health and wellbeing of our children and the community, we will be sharing information in each newsletter about contagious illnesses and common health concerns. Please note there are no identified cases in the community at present.

In this edition, our Health Fact Sheet focuses on **Hand, foot and mouth disease**. This condition is highly contagious, and the exclusion period is until all blisters have dried up. For more information about this please click on the following link. [Hand, foot and mouth disease Staying healthy fact sheet](#)

Thankyou

- Huge thank you to Jason Snell (Hazel's dad) from **Tilba Welding** for modifying and installing our handrail to include a rail a little lower for our children to use, very much appreciated.
- Thank you to Macie for donating books for preschool
- Thank you to Clemetine and Viggo for their appreciation and kind gesture gifting our staff chocolate at the end of last term.

Policy Update

As required by the Education and Care Services National Regulations, services must notify families of any changes to policies affecting the provision of education and care to any enrolled child or a family's ability to use the service and fees or fee collection procedures. Families will be given 14 days' notice before any changes take effect. Bermagui Preschool is currently reviewing the following policies: 4.15 Death and 4.16 Emergency Procedures (Evacuation and Lockdown). Current policies are available on our website, and proposed updates can be viewed at Preschool for families to review and provide feedback.

Talking Circularity at the Moodji Futures Dinner & Panel Discussion

... an evening of local food, discussion and future finding





Costa Georgiadis
ABC Gardening Australia



MC Paul West
River Cottage AU



Andrew Taylor
Regional Circularity
Cooperative



Rhiannon Simmonds
Sunny Urban Farm

WHEN: 5pm Friday 9th May 2025
WHERE: Bermagui Surf Club
COST: \$65.00
BOOK VIA





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