

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 21 November 2025



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2025 Term Dates

Graduation Celebration (children transitioning to school): Wednesday 17th December, 9am-11am

End of Term 4: Thursday 18th December

Staff Development & Cleaning: Friday 19th December (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Annual Shut Down: Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026 (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Summer Vacation Care: Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 23rd January 2026

Australia Day Public Holiday: Monday 26th January 2026 (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Orientation Day: Wednesday 28th January 2026

Staff Development: Thursday 29th & Friday 30th January 2026 (**Preschool CLOSED**)

Start of Term 1: Monday 2nd February 2026

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

Preschool Update

Our focus for the last few weeks has been transitions, including transition visits for those heading off to school, and visits to the Bidhu Room for those Bungaree children who are moving rooms next year. We have also been working with the children to complete their end-of-year assessments and portfolios, which the children are excited to share with families at the end of the year.

End of Year Graduation Celebration (children transitioning to school)

A formal graduation ceremony (including a visiting performer and presentation of graduation certificates) will be held at Bermagui Preschool on Wednesday 17th December at 9:30am. Graduating children, their families and children enrolled and attending on Wednesday will be invited to attend. This will be followed by a morning tea in the Bidhu Room for the graduating children and their families. Normal Preschool programs will continue from 11:30am for the rest of the day. Families with children transitioning to school in 2026, make sure you save the date!!!

End of year celebrations for all other children will include informal parties at Preschool and the playground for the children on other days. Portfolios and books will be handed to families in Week 9, prior to the last week. Thursday 18th will be the last day of Preschool with the children. Friday 19th December will be a non-contact day for staff.

Request for Good Quality iPhones for Preschool

Our Preschool Teachers/Educators are looking for 3 refurbished iPhones. If any families have recently upgraded their iPhones and have a phone they no longer need, please let us know. Ideally, we are looking for 3 refurbished iPhones (iPhone 14 or above) that are reliable, durable, have good storage and excellent camera quality. The phones will be used in the Bidhu and Bungaree Room to capture children's learning experiences safely and effectively, be used for emergency contact during excursions and support efficiency with the Nominated Supervisor's duties. Thank you in advance for considering this request.

Coloured Sand Recall

Please note, Bermagui Preschool does not have or use the following products. The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has issued an updated recall for several loose coloured play sand products, including items sold individually and as part of a sandcastle building set. The recall follows laboratory testing which detected asbestos in some samples. Asbestos is a prohibited substance in Australia.

Impacted products include:

- Educational Colours - Rainbow Sand (1.3kg)
- Creatistics - Coloured Sand (1kg)
- Kadink - Sand (1.3kg)
- Active Sandtub 14-piece Sandcastle Building Set
- Blue, Green and Pink Magic Sand (sold at Kmart and Target)

Action Required:

- Immediately stop using any recalled product
- Seal, double-bag and store securely out of reach of children
- Do not dispose of the product in general waste
- Follow the safe disposal guidance on the Asbestos and Silica Safety and Eradication Agency website
- Contact the retailer/manufacturer for a full refund
- For full recall details, visit the ACCC Product Safety website.

Request for School Uniforms and Clothing

We are needing school uniforms from Bermagui, Cobargo and Tilba Public School for our dramatic play learning centres. We also need extra t-shirts, shorts and underpants for toileting accidents when families haven't packed spares. If you have any of these items at home that you no longer need, donations would be greatly appreciated.

Preschool Arrival and Departure

A reminder that Preschool hours are 8:15am - 3:45pm. We ask that families and children do not arrive before 8:15am and have left by 3:45pm to ensure staff are able to complete important start and end of day tasks and duties. Thank you for helping our Preschool run smoothly.

A reminder also, only authorised parents and guardians can deliver and collect children from Preschool. This ensures all children are signed in and out electronically each day, that only adults open the gates and that children are supervised effectively and are supported to be calm and safe on arrival and departures. Please ensure that children always remain with you on arrival and departure and that children do not open gates. Thank you for your support in keeping all Preschool children safe.

Nut Free Preschool

A reminder that we are a Nut Free Preschool. We ask that children lunches do not contain nuts or nut products, including nuts, peanut butter, museli bars with nuts, pesto etc. Thankyou for supporting the safety and wellbeing of all our children.

Thank You

- ✓ Hunter and Charlotte's family for donating egg carton and box collage materials
- ✓ Grace and Hazel's family for donating nappies for our baby doll pretend play

Extreme Weather and Fire Ratings

With summer just around the corner we thought it was important for us all to be prepared for potential extreme weather and bushfire. A reminder, if the Bermagui area has a **Watch and Act** Bushfire Alert, please keep children at home as Bermagui Preschool will be closed. If there is a day of **Severe Fire Danger** and/or **Dangerous Fire Conditions** you will need to consider not sending your child to Preschool, monitor local alerts, have a plan to collect your child immediately if necessary and leave a notifiable contact number. We encourage all families to review or develop their own emergency plans to ensure they are prepared in the event of extreme weather and bushfire this summer.

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 4.21 Reducing the Risk of Allergies and Anaphylaxis, 4.22 Management of Allergies and Anaphylaxis, 4.23 Nuts and Nut Products, 4.24 Needles and Sharps. We are also in the process of developing a Hot and Cold Weather Risk Assessment. Copies of the existing policies are available on our website, and the proposed Policy is available on request at Preschool for families to review and provide feedback via email admin@bermaguipreschool.com.au Please see Narelle for further information.

Preschool Email Update

A reminder that Bermagui Preschool no longer uses the bermikids@hotmail.com email account the new email addresses are:

director@bermaguipreschool.com.au (for any Director related communication)

admin@bermaguipreschool.com.au (for any administration communication, including fees, financial information or general enquiry)

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** identified cases in the community at present. In this edition, our Health Fact Sheet focuses on Impetigo, please [click this link](#) for more information.

Bermagui Public School message from the P&C

The Bermagui Public School P&C are seeking canteen volunteers, and new members for 2026. Canteen is open Mon, Wed, Fri helping from 9:30-11:30, help once a week, or once a month! You will be trained and supported by on-site Canteen Manager, Bec. A great way to be involved in our beautiful school community!

For more information/enquiries email jo.varley@hotmail.com

Early Childhood Education and Care Updates - Families Corner

- These [free and easy activities](#) can be built into playtime, mealtime and bedtime routines to help support the development of children 3-to-5-years-old.
- Visit the [Brighter Beginnings Parent and Carer Information Hub](#) for culturally safe services, helplines and resources to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families in NSW.

A Message from Bega Valley Family Day Care



START-UP GRANTS AVAILABLE

Join Our Team

Become a Family Day Care Early Childhood Educator



BEGA VALLEY
FAMILY DAYCARE
Excellent childcare... At home.

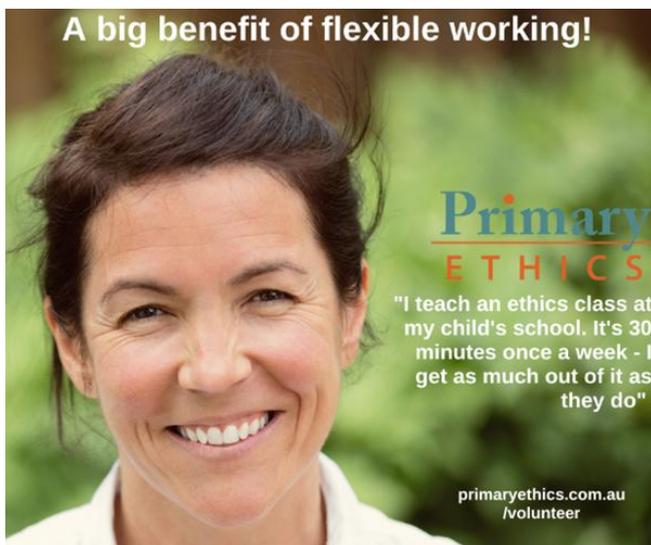
- ★ Operate your own Family Day Care service from home
- ★ Create a nurturing, small group environment for children
- ★ Enjoy flexible working hours that suit your lifestyle
- ★ Make a meaningful impact in your local community
- ★ Be supported by a local and experienced coordination team

For more information, visit www.begafamilydaycare.org.au, email administration@begafamilydaycare.org.au, or call (02) 6492 3788.

Inspire Young Minds — Become a Primary Ethics Teacher in 2026!

Bermagui Public School needs volunteer Primary Ethics teachers for 2026! Primary Ethics classes give children a safe, engaging space to explore moral questions such as fairness, honesty, and kindness through stories and discussion. Volunteers don't need teaching experience—just curiosity, empathy, and to usually be available on Thursday afternoons during term time between 2:15-3pm. Comprehensive online training and ready-to-use lesson materials are provided. By joining, you'll help children develop critical thinking, compassion, and confidence to make ethical decisions throughout their lives. If you believe in nurturing thoughtful, respectful young citizens, this is a rewarding way to contribute to our school community. Learn more at primaryethics.com.au/volunteer or contact coordinator **Cath Renwick 0419 491 104**.

A big benefit of flexible working!



**Primary
ETHICS**

"I teach an ethics class at my child's school. It's 30 minutes once a week - I get as much out of it as they do"

primaryethics.com.au/volunteer