

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – 17th April 2026



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2026 Important Dates

Preschool Professional Development Day: Monday 20th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Start of Term 2: Tuesday 21st April

Preschool Photos: Tuesday 26th May and Wednesday 27th May

King's Birthday Public Holiday: Monday 8th June (Preschool **CLOSED**)

End of Term 2: Friday 3rd July

Winter Vacation Care: Monday 6th July to Friday 17th July

Preschool Professional Development Day: Monday 20th July (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Start of Term 3: Tuesday 21st July

End of Term 3: Friday 25th September

Spring Vacation Care: Monday 28th September to Friday 9th October

Labour Day Public Holiday: Monday 5th October (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Preschool Professional Development Day: Monday 12th October (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Start of Term 4: Tuesday 13th October

End of Term 4: Wednesday 16th December

Preschool Professional Development Days: Thursday 17th & Friday 18th December (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Preschool Annual Shut Down: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027

Summer Vacation Care: Monday 4th January 2027

Please note that these dates may be subject to change.

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, and many excursions within the community, including the All-Abilities Playground and Oval.

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. Our Active Kids Program will also be running throughout Term 2. This will include excursions to various sports venues around our community to participate in a variety of activities.

Playground Project Update

The playground upgrade is on track and expected to finish by the end of next week. While attending vacation care, the children enjoyed observing both the demolition process and the construction progress. The PROSCAPE team has been outstanding, and everyone is eager to see the completed playground soon.

Staff Professional Development Day (Preschool Closed)

We will be closed on Monday the 20th of April for staff training. For part of the day our staff will be completing mandatory National Child Safety Training. From the 27th February 2026, this training is now mandatory for everybody working or volunteering in an ECEC service regulated under the NQF. The new national training will support all people involved in ECEC to meet their legal child safety obligations, strengthen safeguarding practice, and reduce harm to children.

Bermagui preschool will strengthen their knowledge and skills to continue to embed a child safe culture ensuring that every child feels valued, respected and their safety being the core focus of everything we do.

Working Bee

A huge thank you to Rebecca Ramsay, Jacob Wade, Chin Weerakkody, Jessie Wotton and Leah Rothwell, and Jayne Rothwell and Rose for generously volunteering their time to attend the working bee over the vacation care. We will be holding a working bee during every term break for the rest of the year. There will be more information to come in the following newsletters.

Kirsty on Leave

Kirsty will be on leave from the end of next week until late May. If you have any queries while she is away, please see Lindsay or Narelle.

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 1.08 Publicity and Media, 1.11 Photography, Social Media and Online Safety, 4.13 Illness, and 4.14 Immunisation policies. We are also in the process of developing a new policy called 1.13 Employees Right to Disconnect. 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.

Health Update

To support the health and wellbeing of our children and the community, we share information in each newsletter on illnesses/infections that are contagious and known to spread quickly. Our health fact sheet for this newsletter is about Shingles (zoster infection). Please note that there have not been any confirmed cases within the community. Exclusion period is until blisters have dried and crusted. Adults who can cover the blisters are not excluded (they are excluded if the blisters cannot be covered) please see the [Shingles Staying Healthy Fact Sheet](#) for more information.

Tilly on Work Placement

Tilly is completing her 20 days professional work placement through Deakin University for children aged 0-2 years at preschool. Tilly is making up her hours on Thursdays and Fridays in the Bungaree room until the 7th of May.

Early Childhood Education and Care Families Corner

- The Brighter Beginnings Parent and Carer Information Hub has services and resources to support parents and carers of newborns (birth to 3 months). These include what to expect and where to find help, such as with feeding and settling.
- The Hub has resources to support children and their parents and carers get ready for primary school. This includes what milestones to look for, how to prepare and tools and service to support a smooth transition.

Community Events

Lukes Go-Fund-Me

There has been a go-fund-me page set up for Luke Minett who attended Bermagui Preschool throughout his early childhood years. Luke was tragically involved in an accident on Friday 13th of March when he was hit by a car. He has a very long road to recovery after receiving life-changing injuries. Please click on the link if you would like to donate to Luke and his family to support them through this very hard time.

[Fundraiser for Lee-Ann Mitchell by Donna Jones : Help LUKE and his family](#)

Alongside this there is a trivia night planned on Saturday 2nd May at Bermagui Country Club to also raise funds for Luke and his family. Please contact Bermagui Country Club or click on the Facebook link, if you would like further information regarding the event.

<https://facebook.com/events/s/trivia-night-for-luke-minett/1679607853166039/>