

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 19 June 2026

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2026 Important Dates

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

As we recently acknowledged Reconciliation week, the children have been learning new stories about Country, songs and activities and gaining a strong understanding of Acknowledgement of Country. In the Bidhu room the children are learning about animals all around the world. In the Bungaree room the children enjoy discussions about whales, learning all about the beautiful creatures that are making their way north past Bermagui.

With our Moodji bonfire coming up, the children have been focusing on reframing fire projects, pretend fire play, fire safety discussions and activities.

Moodji Winter Solstice Bonfire

We are excited to announce our Moodji Winter Solstice Bonfire will be held again this year on Thursday 2nd July. Please see the last page of this newsletter for more information. Please RSVP by detaching the slip provided and return to preschool or via email. We hope to see you there.

Staff Update

We would like to welcome Viviene Dare to our team. Viviene is working as a casual employee, bringing over 18 years' experience and knowledge working in early education and care with all aged children from birth to 6 years. Viviene will be floating between both the Bidhu and Bungaree rooms.

Half Yearly Assessments & Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our Teachers and Educators have been working alongside their focus children to assess their learning and development for their half yearly assessment. It gives a snapshot of your child's strengths, interests, challenges and perspectives as assessed against the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) outcomes. It also helps link the EYLF to the Early Stage 1 Syllabus to better understand children's development transitioning to kindergarten. Parents will receive information soon regarding a date and time allocated for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their assessment and learning goals for the remainder of the year.

Work Placement Students

We are welcoming two work placement students who will be completing their work placement with us. Lee-Ann Mitchell will be with us for 4 weeks, Monday to Friday from Monday 29th June and Stevie Wotton will be joining us for 3 weeks in the Bungaree room on Thursdays and Fridays from Thursday 9th July. Please say hi and make them feel welcome 😊

Working Bee

Bermagui Preschool will be hosting a working bee on the last Sunday of each of the next two holiday periods. We encourage families to volunteer at least once per year for a working bee. The next working bee is scheduled for **Sunday July 19th - 9am to 12 pm**. Please respond via email if you are available.

Starting in 2027, Bermagui Preschool Board of Directors have decided to implement a \$100 Maintenance Levy. As encouragement for families to attend working bees in the future, families will have this fee waived by participating in one of the four working bees held throughout the year (generally at the end of each vacation care period).

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, 1.12 Safe and Responsible Use of Digital Devices and Technologies, 4.14 Immunisation policies. Copies of the existing policies are available on our website, and the proposed Policy is available on request for families to review and provide feedback. Please see Lindsay for more information.

Health Update

The health update for this newsletter is about headlice. There are currently no reported cases at Bermagui Preschool. There is no exclusion period for staying home as long as effective treatment begins before the next attendance at the service. Please see attached the [fact sheet on headlice](#) from the Staying Healthy website.

Moodji Fire Ceremony



Join us to celebrate the winter solstice and all things Moodji! Preschool families are invited to join us for our Moodji Fire Ceremony. Our evening will begin with delicious soups using fresh Moodji produce as well as Honor Rolls from Honorbread. We will then wander up to our Moodji Farm for our fire ceremony, as the amazing sounds of our children's Walawaani song drift into the night.

Details are as follows:

- Thursday 2nd July 2026 5pm-7pm @ Bermagui Preschool and Moodji Farm.
- Cost: \$10/adult. Children free
- Remember to bring your own bowl & spoon or cup for the soup. Please note we are unable to meet specific dietary requirements for this event
- Please RSVP and make payment by Wednesday 1st July, either cash to the Preschool office or deposit into the Bermagui Preschool bank account - BSB: 802 124, Acct: 100 040 522, Reference: Moodji & family name

Please detach and return to Preschool by Friday 26th June or respond via email

My family will be attending the **Bermagui Preschool Moodji Fire Festival** on Thursday 2nd July at 5pm.

Name: _____

Attending this event will be _____ adult/s and _____ child/ren.

For the event to be successful we desperately need volunteers to help on Thursday 2nd July. Please let us know if you can help with the following job/s (please tick one or more):

- I can help with Soup Prep (10am -12pm)
- I can help prep the Moodji Fire Circle with Moodji Dan (9.30am- 11.30am)
- I can help with General Prep for this event (4.30pm-5pm)
- I can help with setup and service of the soup (4.30pm-6pm)
- I can help with clean up after this event (6.30pm-7.00pm)
- I can help during the event as a Fire Safety Officer (6pm-7pm)
- I can help during the event as a First Aid Officer (5pm- 7pm)
- I can help during the event to Meet and Greet families and children (5pm-6pm)
- I can help during the event to supervise children (5pm-7pm)
- Sorry, I am not available to attend/help

We also need the following items, please see Preschool staff if you can help...

- Borrow portable lighting for the event
- Donation of Sour Cream
- Donation of Vegetables, Stock, Herbs and Spices for the Soup
- Donation of $\frac{1}{2}$ a cubic metre of sand delivered to the Moodji Farm for the fire mandala