

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – 30 July 2026

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2026 Important Dates

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

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3, supporting the children as they settled back into their familiar preschool routines following vacation care or time away from preschool.

In the Bungaree Room, our program this term focuses on whale migration. The children are exploring this fascinating topic through a range of STEM experiences, art and craft activities, and thoughtfully designed learning environments. Throughout the term, the children will also engage with the local community by participating in excursions to look for whales, providing meaningful opportunities to connect their classroom learning with the natural world.

In the Bidhu Room the children are excited to be participating in a wonderful community partnership with Sapphire Neighbourhood Services, creating a beautiful tree sculpture that will become part of a community forest displayed during National Child Protection Week in September. The children have been exploring a range of creative techniques to paint, print and add texture to their tree while learning about the importance of caring for our environment and working together as a community. Over the coming weeks, the children will continue adding their voices to the project by creating printed leaves that share the people, places and experiences that help them feel safe. We look forward to sharing more about this special project and inviting our families to visit the community "Forest of Trees" installation in Bega during National Child Protection Week.

Manda is working on an exciting project related to ocean and environmental sustainability, following a suggestion from Clem's family. Head down to the Bermagui Wharf either today or Friday to visit Project Interrupt, a boat made from rubbish that has been found in the ocean. For further information visit <https://projectinterrupt.com/>

Did you know? Play and Learning

Play is also considered to be a practice initiated by children, while learning is seen as a result of a practice or activity initiated by an adult (Samuelsson & Carlsson, 2008). Play and learning are not separate things; play is one of the best ways for teachers and educators to promote learning.

Staff Update

We would like to welcome Vivienne Dare and Shannon Charman to our permanent staff roster in the Bungaree Room. Vivienne working Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and Shannon working Monday, Thursday and Friday.

Summer Vacation Care

We would like to inform you of an upcoming change to our Summer Vacation Care program. Moving forward, our Summer Vacation Care program will only be available for children who will be continuing their enrolment at preschool in the following year.

For children who are transitioning to primary school, their final day at preschool will be the last week of Term 4, following their graduation celebrations.

These changes will help us continue to provide age-appropriate programs and ensure we can effectively support children's needs. We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to provide high-quality care and learning experiences for all children.

Working Bee and Maintenance Levy

A huge thank you to all the families who came together and helped complete the jobs during our working bee. The preschool looks amazing, and we truly appreciate everyone's time, effort, and support. We would also like to remind families that, from next year, the preschool will introduce an annual maintenance levy of \$100. Families who would prefer to have the levy waived, can do so by volunteering at one working bee during the year.

It's a great opportunity to be involved, meet other families, and help keep our preschool environment welcoming and enjoyable for all our children. Thank you again for your continued support in helping keep our preschool a wonderful place for our children.

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 child safety related policies, recruitment and employment policies, 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 Impetigo. There are currently no reported cases at Bermagui Preschool. Impetigo is a skin infection that is common in school-aged children. Impetigo appears as flat, yellow, crusty or moist patches or blisters on the skin, usually on the face, arms and legs. The sores can measure 5mm or more. Impetigo spreads easily, even by touching contaminated clothing or other items. The exclusion period for Impetigo is until antibiotic treatment has started, and sores can be covered effectively by waterproof dressing along with the use of appropriate hand-washing techniques. Please see the Staying Healthy fact sheet for more information. [Impetigo \(school sores\) fact sheet | NHMRC](#)

Families Corner

[Kids' Health Explained](#) is a new podcast series brought to you by the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network and hosted by Sophie Delezio. The podcast features conversations with leading clinicians and experts across NSW, helping to translate complex medical topics into simple, practical insights. Tune in and explore issues such as winter illnesses, childhood immunisations, eBikes and asthma.

Community Events...

Tanja Fair

Tanja Fair will be held at Tanja Public School on Saturday August 1st. Please see the flyers below for more details



ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES

The Great Zamboni has been crafting his art as a professional children's entertainer for over 20 years. His **playful magic** both astounds and invokes shrieks of laughter. The audience are the stars of his show as they and his cheeky puppets make the magic happen.



Disturboteque: 'Do you have what it takes to survive a disturbance on the dancefloor?' Join **Mother Earth** at her disco, which is a landscape constantly being disturbed by flood, farming, fire, mining and drought. These natural events and human activities create changing conditions on the dancefloor. Entry is strict! Dresscode applies (your survival depends on it!).

Drag Storytime had rave reviews from the last Winter Fair, so **Drag King extraordinaire, Alexander McKween** is back for another fun and fabulous book reading event; spreading joy, acceptance, and a love of reading. With glitter, giggles, and great children's stories, lets celebrate diversity and encourage kids to be proud of who they are!



Change the Name Campaign! Leaf Litter isn't Litter!

An educational icebreaker communicating the benefits of soil health disguised as a crazy campaign led by a crazy scientist! Plant 'litter' deserves a better name, it's not rubbish! Can you think of a better name that describes all of its wonderful benefits for soil health?

Imogen Semmler of Agricola Projects combines her skills across the arts, ecology and communication, developing creative and participatory science education! Don't miss the **Soil health workshop!**

The National Parks Discovery Trailer is an innovative mobile education centre packed with interactive activities, games, and nature touch-and-feel items, to teach kids and adults about conservation and local wildlife. Visit throughout the day and don't miss the talks!



Support Tanja Public School P&C Fundraiser:

Raffle Tickets - 3 great prizes, tix \$5 ea or 5 for \$20

Face Painting - Tanja Parents making magic **9-10:30am** and **11-12:30pm** \$5-\$10

Fabulous Food - All day til sold out. Famous felafel, Persian soup, sausage sizzle, B&E roll with all the gourmet extras, homemade sweet treats!

Busking Tent - Share a tune or some spoken words and inspire your community

DONATE to the kids school bus, take learning beyond the classroom!



Cobargo Lanterns and Lights Winter Festival

Cobargo is holding it's very first Lanterns and Lights festival on Friday 31st July from 4.30pm-7.00pm. Cobargo's main street and surrounds will come alive with fairy lights, lanterns, late night shopping, market stalls, music, fire pits and plenty of winter warmth. Don't forget to bring your own lanterns and join the street lantern parade, meeting at Cobargo Park at 5.30pm.

Bermagui Public School

The Bermagui Public school is holding two special events on Friday 11th September and Saturday 12th September. Please see the attached flyers below for details



Car Seat For Sale

There is a Maxi Cosi Luna car seat for sale. It is in good condition, 2017, asking \$90. Please call Jo Moxon on 0405 569 127 for more details.