

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter - 6th March 2017



What's On At Preschool

Bermagui Sculptures on the Edge:	Saturday 4 th March - Sunday 12 th March
Krazy Koala Puppet Show:	Tuesday 7 th March, 11am
Bermagui Sculptures Excursion:	Wednesday 8 th March, 11am
Bermagui Seaside Fair:	Saturday 11 th March (Parade, meet at 9:45am)
Living Safely with Dogs Program:	Wednesday 13 th March
Charity Golf Day:	Friday 24 th March
Bermagui Preschool AGM:	Wednesday 29th March, 3:15pm
Dairy of a Wombat Performance:	Saturday 8 th April, 11am

Bermagui Preschool AGM

We need your help!!!! We have only had a few people interested in joining our Board of Directors for 2017. As Bermagui Preschool is a community based Pre School we cannot operate without a voluntary Board of Directors, so we really need your support. If you are interested, or know someone in the community who may be interested in becoming a board member, further information is attached. A Board of Directors Induction Folder containing lots of information is available in the office or please see Narelle. Meetings are usually twice a term for 1 hour at a time that is mutually convenient. Being a Board Member and a part of the Pre School is a very interesting and rewarding responsibility and a great way to be active in your child's Early Childhood Education.

Bermagui Sculptures

The children have created a beautiful sculpture which is proudly on display in the Bermagui Community Hall. The 4/5 year old Preschoolers will be visiting the hall and the headland to view this and other amazing sculptures on Wednesday 8th March. Please see the attached Excursion Permission Note.

Bermagui Seaside Fair

You and your child are invited to participate in the street parade on Saturday 11th March, meeting opposite South Coast Caravan Parks - Bermagui (Zane Grey Caravan Park) at 9:45am. Children are asked to dress up in line with this year's "Mad Hatters Tea Party" theme. The children have created their own Mad Hats that Narelle will bring to the parade. Don't forget your sun protection!!!

✂ _____

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

- My child & I will be participating in the street parade
(Assemble at 9:45am for a 10am start)
- Sorry, we will not be participating in the street parade

Diary of a Wombat Performance

The Monkey Baa Theatre Company will be performing at the Bermagui Community Centre on Saturday 8th April, 11am. Adults \$22, 18years and under \$12, Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) \$52. For more information and bookings, visit www.fourwinds.com.au/whats-on

Krazy Koala Puppet Show

The Krazy Koala Puppet Show will be performing at Bermagui Preschool on Tuesday 7th March at 11am. Children who attend on other days are welcome to join us with their parents. For more information visit www.krazykoala.com.au

Living Safely With Dogs Program

Following on from our interest in dogs after the dog show in Bermagui last month, Sian and her dog Leroy will be visiting us to run a Dog Safety Program on Wednesday 13th March. Did you know that children aged 0-4 are at the greatest risk of dog attack? Did you know that 80% of dog attacks are by a known dog? Most parents and children don't know how to interact safely around dogs. This session will provide you with this vital safety information which will help you to minimise the risk to your child. This NSW Government's Responsible Pet Education program commences with a parent session at 9:15am, followed by a children's session at 10am.

Charity Golf Day

Swan Plumbing and Bermagui Country Club will be hosting a Charity Golf Day on Friday 24th March, 8am-2.30pm. Get your team together for this 4 person Ambrose Event. Entry is \$25 per person with registration forms available at Bermagui Preschool or Bermagui Country Club. Entry covers golf game, free BBQ lunch, with great prizes and a raffle also available. Contact Tim Holdsworth (0417 298297) or Chris Hearn (64934657) for further information. All proceeds go to Bermagui Preschool for us to purchase Sensory Resources for our Inclusive Practice Program!!!

Belongings from Home...

Our Educators take care to help children look after their belongings and encourage the children to put their things in their bags or lockers, but we cannot take responsibility if items are lost or misplaced. We suggest parents take favourite toys home with them if something is very precious.

Apologies for the paint that has stained some of the children's clothes... We work hard to ensure that the products we buy are natural, sustainable and washable. Children learn through their senses and active hands on experiences, which are quite often tactile, messy and of course lots of fun!!! A Pre School T-Shirt/ Dress is a great idea so good clothes from home don't get dirty or stained.

Please also remember to bring a drink bottle for your child. It is really important that children are able to access their own water throughout the day and remain hydrated. A reminder to also label all drink bottles, lunch boxes and small containers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Paper copy of Newsletters

To support our commitment to Sustainability we would like to offer families a choice of receiving Preschool newsletters electronically. Please email Kirsty (bermikids@hotmail.com) if you would prefer an electronic copy to a paper copy of our fortnightly newsletters. Alternatively, checkout the Bermagui Preschool Facebook page, where our newsletters are also posted. Please advise if you would no longer be needing a paper copy. Thanks!

Thank you

Thank you to the following people who helped out at Preschool:

- ☺ Becky Moresi for her donation of books and art & craft resources.
- ☺ Kerry Binstock for donating collage materials
- ☺ The Van Teulingen family for donating children's clothes

Our Service Program and Hours

Due to the popularity of our Before and After School Program it is challenging for us to take casual bookings. To help us with staffing we ask that families please try to book at least 24 hours in advance.

Please also remember our program times: Preschool & Part Day Long Day Care 9am- 3pm, Long Day Care 7am-6pm, Before School 7am-9am and After School 3pm-6pm. Children enrolled in the Preschool and Part Day Long Day Care Programs arriving early or staying late will be signed into the Before and After School Care Program. There is a \$10 an hour fee with rebates available. Children still at Preschool after 6pm will be charged a late fee of \$35, plus an additional \$1 per minute that the family is late. Please refer to Bermagui Preschools Fees Policy for further information.

Valuing Our Educators

On Wednesday several preschools will be striking to raise awareness of inequalities in early childhood education. Bermagui Preschool will not be striking, however, we will be wearing blue on Wednesday to show our support for this strike action. Children are also welcome to wear blue to show support.

Fees

Families become members of the Bermagui Preschool Cooperative Society when fees are paid and are then eligible to vote at the Bermagui Preschool AGM.

Fee statements were issued in week two and TERM FEES ARE NOW DUE. Thank you to the families who have already made payment. Please note that Preschool fees need to be paid at the start of each term. We would prefer direct payment into our Horizon Credit Union bank account.

Name: Bermagui Preschool
BSB: 802 124
Account: 100 040 522

Please clearly reference your payment as Fees (your child's name). If you have any questions about fees or concerns about payment, please see Kirsty or Narelle, thank you.

Board of Directors

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Volunteers and Members of our Community -

☐ The AGM will be held at Bermagui Preschool on Wednesday 29th March 2017, 3.15pm at Bermagui Preschool, directly after Preschool. All welcome, including children, family members, neighbours etc., as we will be having an afternoon tea immediately after.

☐ You can be involved by putting up your hand to be elected for one of the 7 positions on the Board or by voting for who you wish to be on the Board or simply by coming along to enjoy afternoon tea!!!

☐ The AGM will run for approximately 15 minutes and will be followed by the afternoon tea. The Pre School will provide yummy cakes, slices, tea and coffee, with families invited to bring along something yummy to share. Please remember we are a nut free Pre School. This will be a great opportunity to meet our new families, socialize and just have fun!!!

☐ The AGM will include a brief presentation of reports, followed by all positions of the 2017 Board of Directors being declared vacant. Nominations will be called for the 7 positions for the 2017 Board of Directors. These positions are all equal, with no position having power or more responsibility over others, i.e. there will be no titles such as president, secretary or treasurer.

☐ Nominations will be through a show of hands, so if you would like to be considered as one of the 7 directors, please put up your hand when nominations are called for at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and wish to be considered for election, please complete the attached nomination slip. If more than 7 people are nominated, then all those who are entitled to vote (i.e. all parents/ caregivers who have paid Preschool fees) will be given a ballot paper to record the people they wish to see elected. The 7 people receiving the highest number of votes will become the new Board.

☐ Once elected, the Board members will meet approximately once a month (meeting usually run for about 1 hour) to make decisions related to the "macro" management of the preschool, such as strategic planning, overall directions etc. The date for the first Board Meeting will be set by the newly appointed Board of Directors. Once the Board has been elected, the Annual Meeting will be closed, and the afternoon tea will commence.

Please come along and support your Preschool on Wednesday 29th March 2017, 3.15pm. We need your support and we need your input into the selection of the Board of Directors. It's for our wonderful kids and Preschool!!!!

If you have any queries or wish to discuss what is involved in being a Board Member please see Narelle, thank you. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Please detach and return to Pre School by Friday 24th March

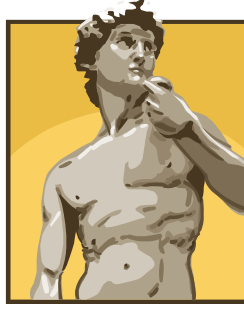
My family will be attending the AGM and Preschool afternoon tea on Wednesday 29th March 2017, 3:15pm at Bermagui Preschool

Child's Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

I will bring the following food to share: _____

I _____ (insert name), would like to nominate for a position on the Bermagui Pre School Board of Directors.



Bermagui Pre School Sculptures on the Edge Excursion Permission Note

Venue: Dickinson Reserve Headland and Bermagui Community Hall
Date: Wednesday 8th March 2017
Departure: 11:00am
Return: 12:00pm
Cost: Nil
Transport: Walking
Supervision: Bermagui Preschool Staff and Parent Volunteers
What to Bring: Appropriate clothing, shoes and lunch as normal
Purpose: Children who attend on Wednesday will have the opportunity to visit the sculptures at Dickinson Reserve Headland and Bermagui Community Hall. These activities will give children the opportunity to be inspired by local artists, join in a major community activity and extend their knowledge, skills and creativity.

Name of Persons who currently hold a first aid certificate are Narelle Myers, Shary Hodgson, Vanessa Ballard

Preschool staff have completed a risk assessment for this excursion, however, we recommend parents visit the excursion venue before giving permission.

If you have any questions about the excursion please do not hesitate to talk to staff.

Please return the authorisation form below so that your child can attend.

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Sculptures on the Edge Excursion at **Dickinson Reserve Headland and Bermagui Community Hall** on Wednesday 8th March 2017 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

My emergency contact number on the day of the excursions is _____

Anything else we should be aware of _____

Name of parent/carer _____

Signed _____ Date _____

I will be able to help with supervision on the excursion Yes / No - circle

Bermagui Seaside Fair Street Parade

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Don't be late, for this very important date...
See You There !!!