

Our 2017 School Targets

- 93% or greater of all students in attendance on any day
- 75% or greater of all students achieving C or better in English, Mathematics and Science

From the Admin Team – Stephen McGoldrick, Louise Simms, Callie Sparling

ROBOTICS

There will be no Robotics for Weeks 8, 9 and 10. Mr Larkin and Miss Spencer have report cards to write! Robotics will start back the first Tuesday of next term. Next term will be busy with the Robocup for the Juniors and the start of the First Lego League competition for the Seniors.

FINDING SCIENCE IN A PUDDLE

Many Science lessons are best reinforced - if not truly learned - through firsthand experiences outside the classroom. Like the garden and the kitchen, the lowly puddle is actually a mini-laboratory for Science explorations you can do with your child.

No child ever saw a puddle he or she didn't want to splash into. Beyond that natural appeal, puddles help raise questions about weather, water, temperature, evaporation and small living things.

Exploring puddles helps sharpen observing and questioning skills. For Science learning, the ability to ask good questions is more important than being able to recite a list of facts.

How Big Is a Puddle?

After the next good downpour, you and your child should venture out with gumboots, note pad, pencil, thermometer and ruler. After measuring several likely candidates, your child can discover whether the puddle in front of the Smith's, near the playground swing or on your own lawn is the deepest, longest and widest.

What temperature is puddle water? Is it the same temperature as the air? Test a sampling of puddles and find out. Help your child record these findings.

As your study proceeds and questions arise, try to be a gentle devil's advocate instead of an expert. If your youngster suggests somewhat uncertainly that puddles are water that comes from the sky in the form of rain, ask "How did the water get into the sky?"

After introducing the idea of evaporation through such questions, conduct a simple experiment to illustrate the process. Set out a dish of water and see what happens to it over a period of time. Another dish of water covered with plastic wrap can produce a fairly good simulation of the rainmaking process.

Encourage your child to keep good records. Systematic data keeping can help him or her discover if all puddles last the same amount of time, if the weather has anything to do with how long they last.

Take a Closer Look

With a microscope - even the most inexpensive model - your child will be able to investigate life in a puddle. Examining a drop of water on a slide, you are likely to find small, one-celled creatures, particularly if you take samples from grass puddles and let them sit in a jar for a day or two before looking at them.

With or without a microscope, there are lots of questions to formulate and investigate. The simple puddle should fuel your child's enthusiasm for learning inside, as well as out of, the classroom. Also, expect a soggy sock or two.

P&C and PCYC DISCO REMINDER

- This disco is for Scarborough State School students only
- Pyjama themed Disco for students on Friday 2 June
- Commencing 5.30 pm

VISIT BY REGISTERED NURSE FOR PREP VISION SCREENING

Information from Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program - Child and Youth Community Health Services - Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening is therefore vital in early childhood, particularly for conditions such as 'lazy eye', which if not detected early can lead to blindness. A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school in 2017 to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children. If you wish to have your child participate in this vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and return this to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

Please note that if your child has had a vision assessment in the past 12 months it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. If this is the case, please complete the consent form and indicate that you do not wish for your child to participate, and ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews recommended by your eye health professional.

Office Housekeeping – Linda, Jo & Angela

BPOINT – UPDATE

If you receive your Invoices via Email, the BPOINT Web link that displays on the bottom left hand side of Customer Invoices has been updated. Parents/Customers can select the link which will open the BPOINT Web Page and pre populate information into the BPOINT Payment Screen. The information pre-populated includes - Customer Reference Number (CRN), Invoice Number and Student Name. The ONLY data that the parent needs to enter is the payment amount.

LEGAL / CUSTODY

Parents/Carers, reminder that Court documents ***must have the Court Stamp and signature*** or they are not legally binding for Scarborough School. With regards to ensuring school has current information recorded pertaining to Legal / Custody for your student, we request that:

- You check that you have provided the school with your most up-to-date Court documents
- Parents of students who have a mutual 50/50 living arrangement (e.g. one week with Mum and one week with dad) are requested to email the school at info@scarboross.eq.edu.au detailing arrangements

MGM RESPONSE SMS

When replying to a SMS that your student is absent without explanation, could you please provide the following information when replying:

Actual date of absence / Child's name / Class / Reason for absence

Example: 3/5/2017 - Joe Smith 5B - Doctor's appointment

PARENT/CARER GOING AWAY – LEAVING CHILD IN CARE OF SOMEONE ELSE

Parent/Carer, if you are going to be away for a period of time and leaving your child/children in the care of family and/or friends, you **MUST** advise the office of this change.

This will allow us:

- to let your child/children leave with someone else during school hours
- discuss any issues with this person

Please send a written note or email info@scarboross.eq.edu.au with the following details:

- Student Name & Class
- Parent Name & contact phone number
- Destination & dates parent will be away
- Details of Carer who will be looking after child/children
 - Name/s
 - Address where child/children will be residing
 - Phone Number / Email Address

CUSTOMER PAYMENTS

Payment Methods for invoices have been updated – some of which can be found on the bottom of the invoice.

- Phone payment using credit/debit card via BPOINT 1300 631 073. Please quote CRN and Invoice number from the BPOINT box on the bottom left hand side of the invoice
- Centrepay deductions can be arranged through the school office or online through Centrelink
- In person at Scarborough State School Office – via EFTPOS, Cash or Cheque made payable to Scarborough State School
- The BPOINT weblink is on the school website for parents/customers to make payments directly

DENTAL VAN

Due to unforeseen circumstances the School Dental Van will be closed from Monday 8 May 2017 until further notice – the dental ladies apologize for any inconvenience. If you had an appointment for your child, someone from the van will contact parent/carers. For all enquiries or dental emergencies, please contact the **Dental Clinic on 1300 300 850**.

HPE & Sport – Lauren McQueen**SCARBOROUGH STATE SCHOOL ATHLETICS**

The Year 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival will be held at Scarborough State School on Thursday 15 June (half day) and Friday 16 June (full day). Students are encouraged to wear their house shirts on these days.

Music News – Helen Goldsworthy

The **Senior Recital night** will be on this **Tuesday 31 May** starting at 6.30 pm in the school hall. Students will need to be at the hall early to tune their instruments. All instrumental music students who have been learning their instrument for more than 1 year will be performing either a solo or small ensemble item. All performers will be wearing their formal music uniform for this performance including a music shirt, black pants and black shoes.

The beginner strings will also be performing with the string ensemble at the recital night. They will be wearing their school uniform for this event.

The Advanced Music Workshop will be running from the 22nd-24th August. To participate in this workshop, students **must** audition for a place **and be selected** by a panel of instrumental teachers.

Auditions will be videotaped later this month. A letter will be sent out to a number of students, inviting them to participate in the audition process. If your child wants to attend the Advanced Workshop, please speak with the appropriate instrumental music teacher about the requirements of the audition. The Choir will be performing a selection of songs on Assembly on Wednesday 7th June. If your child is in the choir, you may wish to arrange your schedule so you can come and hear them singing next week.

Library News – Julie Peasey

BOOK CLUB

Reminder: All Book Club orders and payments for Issue 4 need to be made by Friday 2 June. Orders and payment can be made online or cash payments can be handed in to library staff.

SPOTLIGHT



Imagine being an author-illustrator *and* being your own boss!
Can *The Very Hungry Bear* catch any food *and* find polar bear a new home?



AUTHOR PROFILE Nick Bland

- Nick Bland is an award-winning author and illustrator. He is the creator of the hugely popular *The Very Cranky Bear* series.
- Nick's first book was published when he was 30 years old, after sending Scholastic a draft copy for a story called *A Monster Wrote Me a Letter*.
- He believes the best thing about being an author and illustrator is that he gets to be his own boss! But if he wasn't writing and illustrating, he would like to be an Industrial Engineer.
- Nick is colour blind. While he can see colours, he sees them slightly different from most people.

FUN FACT

Nick once said in an interview that he thinks most kids know someone who's like the Very Cranky Bear—who do you know that's cranky?

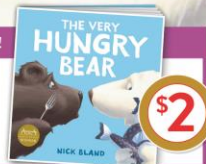


AGES 3+ COMING SOON—LOOK OUT FOR *THE VERY SLEEPY BEAR* ON BOOK CLUB ISSUE 5!

Will bear catch any food?

Bear was in a grumpy mood, he hadn't eaten any food! When *The Very Hungry Bear* goes fishing, he ends up catching more than he bargained for!

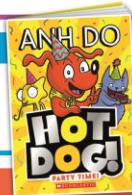
The Very Hungry Bear
Nick Bland
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AGES 6+

Cake, games and magic tricks!

Hotdog and Lizzie are throwing Kev a surprise birthday party, but will a rude rooster and a cranky donkey ruin the day?



Hot Dog: Party Time!
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AGES 8+

Terror at Creepaway Camp

Are the camp counselors really evil humans in disguise? Will the cafeteria food come to life? Join *Zombie*, as he tries to survive at Creepaway Camp.

Zombie Goes to Camp
Zack Zombie
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AGES 8+

More fun, parps and slops!

When a game of hide-and-seek goes wrong, Pig and his friends are lost. Then Cow is kidnapped—can Pig and Duck save her?

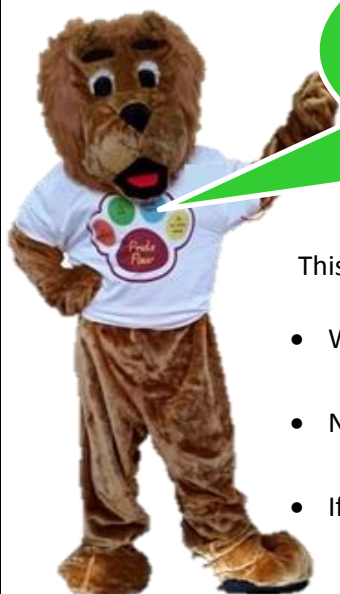


The Seriously Extraordinary diary of Pig
Emer Stamp
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PB4L News

This week Larry says our PB4L focus is **BE RESPONSIBLE:**



We place all litter in bins.
We are water wise and turn off taps.

This means that:

- We hold onto our rubbish until we are instructed to put it in the bin
- No food or drink allowed on the oval
- If a tap is on, we turn it off even if we didn't turn it on



Congratulations!

This week 39 students reached **Level One** and postcards have been posted home to them.

These students have reached **Level Two** and will get a certificate on Parade this week:

Byron Prep A, Jack Prep C, Dunja Prep C, Pippa Prep C, Ben Prep C, Styles Prep D,
Liam Prep D, Isabella Prep D, Charlee 1C, Jamalialia 1D, Jarrod 2A, Kapri 2D,
Kiyame 2E, Ella 3C, Amber 3C, Linnea 4A, Hunter 4D, Bella 5C, Chantaya 5D,
Georgia 6A, Zane 6A, Emmisyn 6C

Wow!



Get involved in the School Banking program.

Scarborough State School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is **Tuesday**. Each week you need to **Place your book in Class Banking Bag, to be taken to The Hub.**

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Welcome back to Term 2 Scarborough State School Tennis

Currently we have a few places remaining on Thursday at 7.30 am.

- # 45 minute tennis lessons
- # \$17 per lesson (fees paid termly)

For further information please contact Redcliffe Tennis Centre

Phone 32842349

Email info@focustennisacademy.com.au

Website <http://www.focustennisacademy.com.au>



Active Holidays will get the kids moving these school holidays (26 June - 7 July) with a range of sport and recreation activities for children and youth aged 3 - 17 years. All activities are provided by qualified instructors in local parks and facilities across the region, providing new challenges for a fun-filled school holiday. Some bookings are required and commence 9am Tuesday 13 June 2017. For a full schedule of Active Holidays activities and more information visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/healthy-active/active-holidays

Should you require further information, please contact the Healthy Communities Team on 3205 0555 or email recreationprograms@moretonbay.qld.gov.au.