Principal’s Message

Welcome Back to 2016. It has been a fantastic start to the year at Scarborough. We have been able to retain the majority of our staff and welcome back Mrs Shannan Cousins into the year 2/3 room as well as welcoming Miss Maddison Pertuzio into the year 5/6 room. Our student enrolment has risen over the holidays with almost 150 students starring the year at our school. I am sure you will join me in welcoming the new faces.

Voluntary Contributions and Charges are an important part of school resourcing. 100% of voluntary charges are used to support the learning of students. In 2015 this money was distributed into learning area resources and allowed staff to purchase literacy books, maths resources, art materials and sporting equipment. The funding is also used to purchase ICT resources used by the students daily. If you have not already made this contribution I urge you to support the school by making the payment as soon as possible.

Nature Playground has been a huge hit with the students this week. I did not get a chance to thank every parent, uncle, aunt or grandparent who turned up at the busy bee. Your contribution has made sure that the children had an engaging and very exciting playground on Monday. We had almost 100 volunteers over the morning! Thankyou to Hayley Hamilton who has co-ordinated the playground research and construction with Mrs Salt.

P&C Meeting Dates for 2016 are detailed later in the newsletter. If you have an hour to spare the P&C would love to have you involved. The P&C now has a spot on the school App. Keep and eye on this space for updates, agendas and minutes.

Parent Info Evenings are the best way to meet the classroom teachers for 2016 and find out what is happening in your child’s classroom. Our information sessions are scheduled for the following times on Tuesday the 16th February. Parents unable to make the session can contact the teachers directly to set up a time to meet.

5.00pm—Year 1
5.30pm—Year 2/3, Year 3/4 and Preprimary
6.00pm—Year 5/6

Jason Crofts
PRINCIPAL
Our staff roles for 2016

Principal:  Mr Jason Crofts  
Deputy:  Mrs Erica Salt  
Corporate Manager Services:  Mrs Robyn Smith  
School Officer:  Mrs Kerry Calderwood  
Kindy:  Mrs Petrou / Mrs Trifunoski EA  
Year 1:  Mrs Potter  
Mrs Johnson EA  
Year 2/3:  Ms Clark / Mrs Cousins  
Mrs Johnson EA  
Year 3/4:  Mrs Bell / Mrs Codling  
Mrs Johnson EA  
Year 5/6:  Miss Petruzio / Mrs Salt  
Library:  Ms Brennan  
Music:  Ms Speelman (Fri)  
Japanese:  Mr McGuffin (Thu)  
Visual Arts:  Mrs Jones (Wed)  
Physical Education:  Mrs Jones (Tue)  
Chaplain:  Will Veldman (Tues & Thu)  
School Psychologist:  Ms Kwan (Mon)  
Gardener:  Mr Gordon  
Cleaners:  Mrs Songma CIC / Ms Almedom  

Nature Play at Scarborough Primary School

Last Saturday saw the culmination of many months of hard work come to fruition. Despite the weather, we had an enormous turnout of helpers — close to 100 people came along to help us, representing both our school and the wider Scarborough community. The enthusiasm and willingness to pitch in was phenomenal and resulted in the Nature Play playground being ready for our students as they came back to school.

Behind the scenes, much preparation has taken place, led by the passion and commitment of Hayley Hamilton—it is impossible to thank her enough for everything she has put into this project. As well, we have had the dedicated team co-ordinating various aspects of the project: Trisha Lee, (parent), Bruce Harvey (parent), Lauren Christensen (parent), David Gordon (school gardener), Roy Skinner (community volunteer) and Ngaire Young (community volunteer).

Please take the time to have a look at the wonderful result of our community’s efforts—as a school we are so proud of what we have achieved. Thank you to everyone who has been involved. Scarborough Primary School Nature Play project is ongoing, with a dedicated P&C committee continuing to develop the area. If you have any ideas or contributions, please get in contact with the team: spsnatureplay@gmail.com

SPS Nature Play needs:
Old pots and pans for our mud kitchens  
Old metal cups with handles  
Old wooden and metal spoons (preferably with loop for hanging)
Uniform purchases for 2016

To ensure your uniform requirements can be met for the start of school 2016, please make an appointment with Sue 0424 055 443 (if you need to be fitted) or place an order to purchase your uniform before Wednesday 16 December. The shop will be open on Friday the 29th January from 10.00am—11.00am, however this is for NEW families only who have not had a chance to purchase in 2015.

Who am I? - A student councillor profile

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P & C Corner

Hi Parents and Friends!

Welcome Back to Scarborough Primary School for 2016.

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 17th February. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

Please forward any topics that you’d like to have raised to our wonderful P&C secretary Shzan on scarboroughpce@gmail.com. Agenda items will be listed on the SkoolBag App (under P&C Assoc.) on Monday the 15th February, so you can see what will be up for discussion. The SkoolBag is also where you’ll be able to access P&C minutes, and keep up to date when meetings are held.

All attempts are made to run meetings within the time restraint of an hour, this can be helped greatly by keeping agenda items presented within a timeframe of a few minutes.

Please also keep in mind that to speak up at the meetings you do need to be a financial member—so please bring along your dollar coin so that you can contribute.

We appreciate your time and all the efforts you put in to making Scarborough Primary such a terrific school. See you on the 17th February.

Irene Madden
P&C Vice-President

The school App is now available for Apple, Android and Windows devices. Search for 'Scarborough Skoolbag' on your app store and download it for FREE! Our app includes: Alerts, Newsletters, News, Absentee form, Term Calendar, P&C News and Events that link your phone’s

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School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit between 8.30-8.50am.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Scarborough Primary School.

These 2 items have been found out the front of the school. Does anyone know who they belong to?

New!!! Join Perth’s newest Multi-Sports based programs for children 3-8 yrs old. Are you looking for a variety of different sports/skills for your children to try? Come join us for a FREE TRIAL! We are opening up our enrolments for 2016 which commences in February. For all enquiries and booking email us at info@popsports.com.au or call 0478 503 252. Popsports.com.au