

Bermagui Preschool Newsletter – March 31st 2023



2023 Important Dates

End of Term 1: Thursday 6th April

Good Friday: Friday 7th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Easter Monday: Monday 10th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Autumn Vacation Care: Tuesday 11th April to Friday 21st April

Start of Term 2: Monday 24th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday: Tuesday 25th April (Preschool **CLOSED**)

Please note these dates may be subject to change.

What's On at Preschool...

We have had a busy end to the term with a "Reptiles on the Go" incursion, our Cookbook launch and the Kinderkick Program, supplementing our regular program. A reminder to check out hubhello, the noticeboard at the front of Preschool, our Facebook page or chat with our friendly educators for information regarding our program. Input from our children and families is always welcome to help guide our program.

A reminder to also check your emails (Educate/ Hubhello and newsletter), the noticeboards at the front of Preschool and follow Bermagui Preschool's Facebook page to stay in touch with what's happening at Preschool.

Welcome to Our 2023 Board of Directors:

The following parents/ community members have been elected at the Bermagui Preschool AGM to our Board of Directors for 2023:

- Ella Sayers
- Claire Wheaton
- Tina Pahlman
- Naomi Day
- Louise Hatton
- Adam Millar and
- Chaylee Tyrrell.

These wonderful parents will represent all our Preschool families at our Board meetings for the next 12 months. If you have any information or suggestions, please forward them to your Board Members, Kirsty or Narelle for discussion at the Preschool Board meetings.

A big thank you to our outgoing Board Members from 2022 for all their hard work and support: Maddy O'Connor, Jade Ross Kelly, Ali Borrett and Brodie Wells.

Signing In/Out

A large sign has been placed at the front of each iPad to allow families to see which program their child is enrolled in each day. We hope this will make it easier for families to sign their child in/ out easily each day. For example if you can't find your child on the Preschool iPad/ QR code they will probably be found on the Long Day Care iPad/ QR code as they have attended their 2 Preschool days for that week and have now swapped to Long Day Care. Please see staff if you are continuing to find signing your child in and out (as legally required) challenging.

Thankyou 😊:

- Liz, Eden's mum for donating books to our Parent Library.
- Erin, Will's mum for donating clothes, shoes and toys.

Car Park Safety Concerns at 3.45PM pickup:

It has come to our attention there are safety concerns in the car park for our children and families as they rush to have their children signed out by 3:45pm. Children's safety is our major concern at Bermagui Preschool and we ask that families please consider the following:

- Please park at the front of Preschool on Young Street as this decreases the need for reversing vehicles (a major risk when children are around) and reduces the congestion in the carpark.
- Please ensure your speed is reduced to a minimum in the car park. We understand families have work and personal commitments, however if you are feeling rushed please allow yourself 5-10 minutes to leave work/home prior to picking up your child. An accident or worse as a result of rushing in the carpark would be obviously catastrophic.
- Please be aware carparks can be hazardous and hold your child's hand at all times when arriving or departing the Preschool, including in the laneway, carpark and near the street.

In response to the parents concern regarding dangerous traffic conditions in the car park at 3.45pm pick up, we have drafted a letter to BVSC to consider signage, safety measures to ensure traffic is slowed to a minimum and repairs to the lane way. The parent also raised concerns about the equity of charging late fees, however our Preschool hours are defined by our department obligations and funding. Our educators have legal obligations and duties under the National Regulations, National Law Act and National Quality Standards, all of which need to be completed by 4pm. As you can appreciate 15 minutes each afternoon is precious time that we use to ensure documenting, programming, written reports, cleaning, safety checks, lock up and all other important behind the scenes jobs that are essential for the smooth running of our Preschool are completed. Implications for staff overtime have ramifications for our very tight budget and our affordable fees for all families. If families have any other suggestions to support the safety of our children, it would be greatly appreciated. We appreciate your understanding and support.

On another matter, our letter regarding pedestrian crossings in Bermagui, which many of you signed has been forwarded to BVSC. Unfortunately, the proposal doesn't fit the criteria for community projects, however we will continue to lobby BVSC to address our concerns, including pictures/letters from our children.

Capital Works Project Update:

Our project manager Olaf Thiele and Director Narelle Myers have met with our funding partners to address financial blowouts with our capital works projects now that our DA has finally been approved. Consideration for additional funding and/or project modification is under review. Stay tuned for further information.

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 the **Program and Documenting Policy and the Inclusion Policy**. Copies of the existing policy are available on our website and the proposed Policies are available on request at Preschool for families to review and provide feedback. Please see Narelle for further information.

Vacation Care:

If you require Vacation Care during the next school holidays, please see Kirsty ASAP. We have a few casual vacancies if families require care on additional days.

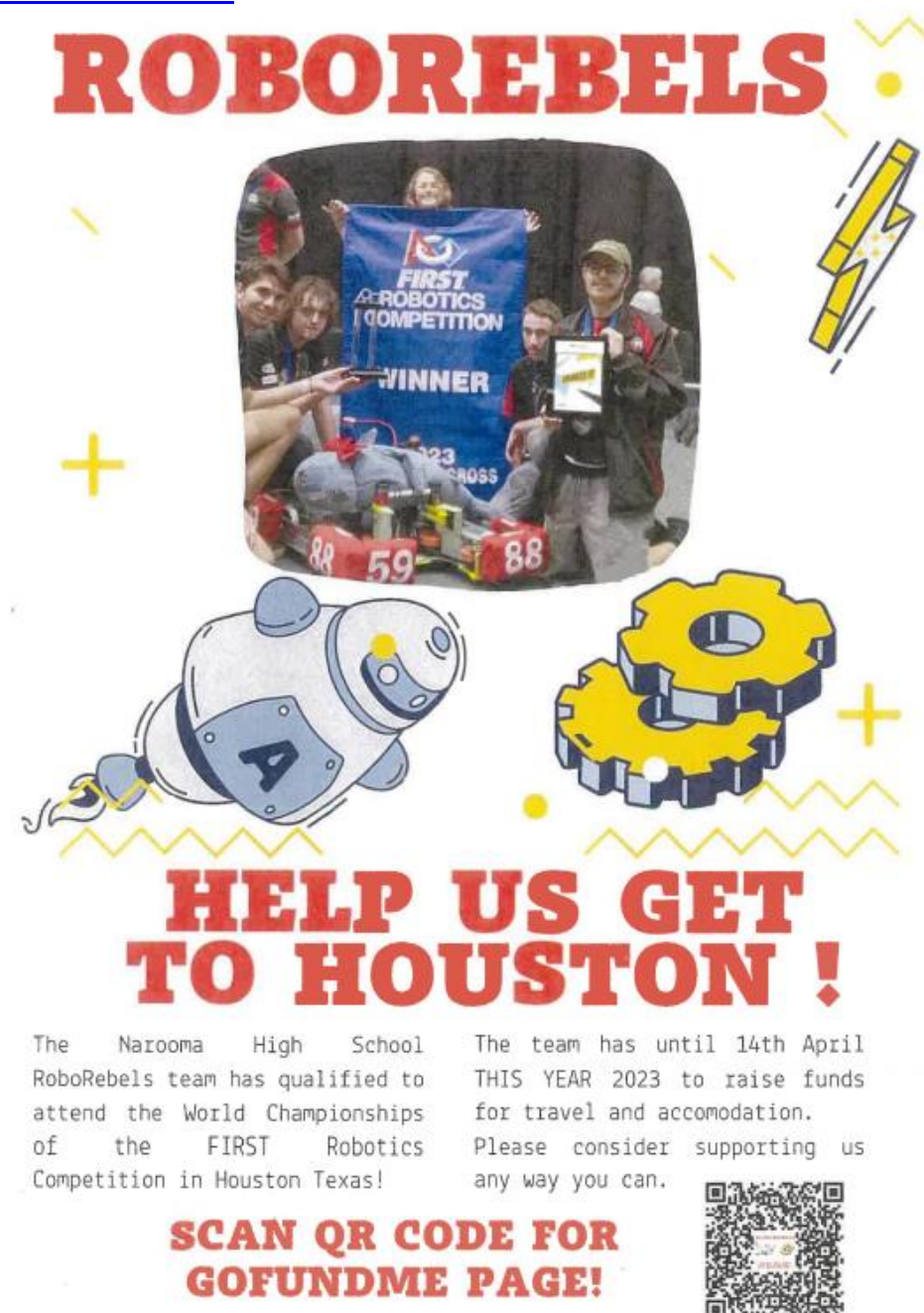
RoboRebels Go Fund Me Fundraiser

Narooma High School's robotics team, the RoboRebels, has qualified to attend the World Championships for the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition to be held in Houston Texas in April 2023. Qualification came after competing successfully in the South Pacific Regional FIRST Robotics Competition held in Wollongong over three days this March.

It is quite an achievement to qualify to attend the World Championships for the FIRST Robotics Competition to be held in Houston, Texas in April 2023. The team has been working after school twice a week and every Sunday since January to design, build and program their 2023 competition robot. For this competition the team focussed on coding the robot to achieve a specific task: to balance itself on a see saw bridge.




Now the team is seeking financial support to help make the dream of travelling to the international competition a reality. If you are able to support your donation will assist in the many costs involved in travelling abroad. Let's get behind this young team and the teachers supporting them and make it happen! For more information visit

<https://gofund.me/bad32653>



The poster features a central photograph of the RoboRebels team holding a blue banner that reads "FIRST A-ROBOTICS COMPETITION WINNER". The team is surrounded by their competition robots, which are red and white with the number "59" on them. The background is white with yellow decorative elements, including a lightning bolt, a plus sign, and a gear. Below the photo, there is a cartoon robot and a gear. The text "ROBOREBELS" is written in large, bold, red letters at the top. Below the photo, the text "HELP US GET TO HOUSTON !" is written in large, bold, red letters. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text "SCAN QR CODE FOR GOFUNDME PAGE!".

ROBOREBELS



HELP US GET TO HOUSTON !

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The team has until 14th April THIS YEAR 2023 to raise funds for travel and accomodation. Please consider supporting us any way you can.

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