

# Parker

and the  
Litter Bug!



Parker and the Litter Bug  
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Paint Central Coast REaD is part of the Paint the Town REaD initiative, an Early Literacy Community Capacity Building Program aimed at educating parents, carers and the community about the importance of reading, singing, playing drawing and talking with children every day from birth.

The aim of the program is to encourage all levels of the community to support the development of children's early literacy skills from birth, so they are prepared for learning when they start school.

Each time you talk, hug, sing and read with your child, new brain connections are formed and strengthened.

These daily activities lay the foundation for language development and communication skills to grow.

Literacy is a key success in life. Research shows that foundational skills learnt from ages 0-5 years are critical for developing literacy skills at school.





Parker is going to Terrigal Beach. He is looking forward to  
1 exploring the rock pools and searching for sea creatures.



When Parker arrives at the beach, he feels very sad to see litter on the sand. Where has all this litter come from?



There must be a litter bug here!



Parker spots the litter bug leaving rubbish on the beach.



“Stop! Don’t leave your rubbish on the beach.

5 Littering is the wrong thing to do.”





The litter bug looks puzzled. She does not understand why leaving rubbish on the beach is the wrong thing to do.



Parker tells her that leaving rubbish on the ground is  
7 littering. Litter is bad for our environment and waterways.



Parker tells her litter can hurt birds, wildlife and sea creatures.



Litter will end up in the water and it will last for a very long  
9 time.



Birds and turtles can accidentally swallow or get tangled in litter.



This makes the litter bug very sad and she is very sorry.



She now understands the problems littering can cause.



Parker and the litter bug pick up all the rubbish and put it in  
13 the bin.





Being able to play outside is important. Parker loves playing and exploring. And now everyone can enjoy the beach.



Don't be a litter bug, put your rubbish in the bin or take it  
15 with you. We all need to help Keep the Coast Clean.

## Things you can do to 'Keep the Coast Clean'

- Put your rubbish in the bin.
- If there is no bin, take the rubbish with you.
- Keep a bag in your car to collect rubbish.
- Reduce single use plastic.
- Plastic bottles of water take over 450 years to break down.  
Take a reusable bottle of water with you.
- Always pack reusable shopping bags. By bringing your reusable bags with you when you shop you are becoming part of the solution to protect our environment from litter and plastic pollution.
- Say no to straws. Australians use 2.7 billion straws a year.
- Coffee tastes better in a reusable cup.  
Over 1 billion coffee cups end up in landfill every year.
- Use a container or beeswax wraps as an alternative to cling wrap.

## Further Information

Visit [centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/littering](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/littering) for more information on litter prevention and reporting.

Together we can achieve litter free oceans. Visit [taronga.org.au/litter-free-oceans](http://taronga.org.au/litter-free-oceans)

Clean Up Australia Day [www.cleanup.com.au](http://www.cleanup.com.au)

Keep Australia Beautiful [www.kab.org.au](http://www.kab.org.au)

The EPA believes everyone can do something to reduce litter. Visit [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/dontbeatosser](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/dontbeatosser)

Take 3 for the Sea - Always take three pieces of rubbish with you when you leave the beach.

Go to Take 3's website for more information [www.take3.org](http://www.take3.org)



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