**Important Dates**

- **Monday 2 March**  
  Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Friday 6 March**  
  Student Leadership Conference
- **Friday 13 March**  
  Year 3/4 Assembly
- **Friday 27 March**  
  Swimming Carnival Yr 3—6
- **Saturday 28 March**  
  Geocaching family picnic
- **Monday 30 March**  
  Open Night & Edu Dance Concert

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**Principal’s Message**

What a ‘GIANT’ fortnight we have had...councillors assembly, surfing lessons starting, parent information evenings, our first school board meeting, welcome to Scarborough Primary School BBQ/picnic, kindy students starting full days, visiting West Coast Eagles players, fitness program and a city wide phenomena of giants walking around our streets—it has been busy! With all of this activity it has been wonderful to see our students settling into classroom routines and getting down to the core business of school, learning. This week I have been spending some time in with our Pre-primary’s and also our Year 2’s. I have been very impressed with their respective reading and writing skills. Great work students and teachers. Keep an eye out for the Year 2’s recounts and the Pre-primary’s fairy drawings throughout the newsletter.

**GIANTS**

On the weekend I went to see the giants on Saturday. I went with my mum and dad. We all went at 10am. I had so much fun. I also got to ride on her arm too. It was so fun riding on her arm. I also got her clothes, shoes and her poster and her doll that looks just like her. I also got to see the diver. He got in the water. The little girl was dancing. She got to sit on her dads lap. After that she was sleeping. It was cool.

**WEST COAST EAGLES**

On Monday 16 February the West Coast players Matthew Prididis and Shannon Hurn came to Scarborough Primary School. First we played handball. We tossed the ball. Also we played Farmer Sam. I did not win but it was still fun throwing balls. Seb got to wear the stuff. He got a football. It was fun!

**Danielle Year 2**

**Fernanda Year 2**

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**Modelling the new Auskick gear with Eagles players Shannon Hurn and Matthew Prididis.**

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**Pre-primary student Billy modelling the new Auskick gear with Eagles players Shannon Hurn and Matthew Prididis.**

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Spot the differences!
Can you spot the differences between the two pictures? There are ten things that are different! Can you spot them all? Find the 10 differences, write them down on a piece of paper with your name and present to Brooke or Lilly, our school student leaders. We will draw out a random winner who will win a prize. I will give you one hint, our Kindy shade sail has finally arrived!

Reading with Meaning
Many of us spend time listening to our children read but do we know how well they are really understanding the text? A reader is someone that is able to access a variety of materials with ease and interest, can read for varying purposes and can comprehend on a literal level. What we want to nurture, in your child, is a proficiency level beyond this (metacognition), enabling them to acquire new knowledge and understanding, make connections to prior experience and engage in reflection about what is being read.

An emergent reader will focus more on word accuracy than comprehension monitoring, but we expose them to the metacognitive strategies from a young age so that their repertoire is building from the start of their reading lives. The active process between reader and text adds a richer level of comprehension, and through explicit teaching of the strategies, we give children a range of tools to draw from, to aid this process.

This term our whole school will be focusing on the following key strategies: accessing prior knowledge (identifying connections to the text from what has been experienced, read or seen before), visualising (creating a mental image or movie of what is happening in the text) and monitoring (stopping and thinking when meaning of the text is interrupted).

Below are some example questions that you might ask your child, to support them with understanding these strategies:

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<td><strong>(Making Connections)</strong></td>
<td><strong>What pictures do you have in your head as we read this?</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>When you hear about this character, what do they look like in your head?</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>What made you think that?</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>How does the movie in your head help you understand?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Is this making sense?</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Do you need to slow down/speed up?</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>What have you learned from this part of the text?</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>What does this word mean?</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Do you need to reread this part to help make sense of it?</strong></td>
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Erica Salt, Deputy Principal
Mathletics
Congratulations to our Mathleats of the week, Room 2. They have set the benchmark for the rest of the school by achieving the most Mathletics certificates for the week. They are confident they will keep the trophy for the year. The challenge has been set!

Surfing
This morning saw sixteen keen surfers and their parents brave the condition at Trigg beach for our first surfing lesson. Students were instructed about identifying surf conditions and potential hazards such as rips before carving up the waves with the help of Surfing WA instructors and some parents who braved the chilly water. Surfing lessons will continue throughout the term each Friday morning. Thanks Mark Carlton for organising this unique opportunity for our students to improve their surfing skills and utilise our to whilst learning valuable lessons about the ocean and surfing.

Canteen
Great news! We have found a new canteen manager and the Snack Shack will be reopening soon. Keep your eye out for further details and opening days.

Hopscotch
Our playground has recently been upgraded with the addition of some new hopscotch areas. The students have been enjoying playing this traditional game. The line markings for these games where provided free of charge to Scarborough Primary School by Zoe from Pre-primary’s grandfather Mr Stuart Cowles. Thanks Stuart, they look great.

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Thanks, Dillon

THE EAGLES
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Prashant Year 2

STUDENT COUNCIL

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Thanks, Dillon
For the next little while, you will be seeing a new addition to our newsletter. Three senior students, Arjie, Emma and Jemma, have taken on the role of resident journalists for a while. Over the next period, you will see a number of pieces from them which will include news relevant to our school and area, interviews, opinion editorials, sports articles...and a range of others! For this newsletter the journalists sat down to do a Q&A with our new chaplain, Will Veldman, to help you get to know a little bit more about him. We hope you enjoy!

So how did you find out about our school?
Well I’ve lived in Scarborough for eight years now, and love living here. I used to volunteer here a number of years back as a mentor which is how I first got to know some of the staff and students.

What did you do before you worked here?
I’ve been a chaplain at another school for a few years now, and I’ve also been working with Scarborough Baptist’s ‘Brighton Kids’. But before then, I used to run camps for young people who were struggling. They might have been students who had been kicked out of school, or who were going through a really hard time in their life, and we would go away as a group to different parts of WA and teach them a whole lot of skills and help them to do life well through things like hiking, abseiling, fishing, kayaking, mountain climbing and lots of other stuff. It was great.

So a fun question. If you could meet any celebrity – dead or alive – who would it be and why?
Probably C.S. Lewis. I loved his Chronicles of Narnia stories, as well as lots of his other writing. I would love to sit down with him and talk to him about some of his ideas and stories.

What are some of your hobbies, or things you love to do?
Well, I do love creative writing. I love the beach, playing guitar and writing my own music. And I’m also a bit of a nerd and love my Xbox gaming.

Do you have a favourite song or artist?
Ben Howard. Most music with acoustic guitar and great lyrics really.

You don't have to answer this if you don't want to, but how old are you?
28.

What are some of the most common things you face as a chaplain?
I think a big part of being a chaplain is really just helping you guys make school a fun and safe place and an easier place to get through. I think lots of people in different ways can find school to be hard – some people find it easy but for others it can be hard – so trying to help people enjoy school and enjoy life really.

If you could be a sidekick for any superhero, who would it be?
Well the problem is that no one really wants to be a sidekick. You really just want to be the superhero. Ironman would be fun to be a sidekick actually; he would be fun to hang out with. I could maybe borrow one of his suits and when he doesn't have his suit on we could just hang out.

So what are your best moments of being a chaplain?
One of the best things I love is getting to know people’s stories and hearing who they are. I love catching up and chatting with people, and when someone shares with me and I can chat with them and hear their story - and be a part of their story – I love being able to do that and be a part of that. I think we have lots of ways we can care for each other and sometimes just by listening or by sharing we can help others in big and small ways. So yeah, I love those moments.

Describe your life in ten words or less.

If you could be an animal which would you be?
A hawk. I’ve always wanted to fly.

What did you dream about when you were in primary school?
Because it would be pretty unusual if you wanted to be a chaplain. That’s true. I think I wanted to be a writer. I entered into writing competitions and my first writing competition I entered into I pretty much plagiarised ‘The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe’ but just changed the names. So that wasn’t a good start, and I don’t do that anymore! But I wanted to do writing because I loved reading.

Last question for you. If you could have any super power, what would it be?
Teleporting!
Councillor Assembly
Well done to our student leaders Dillion, Josh, Brooke and Emma for putting on a very entertaining assembly this morning. Their skit certainly raised more than a few chuckles amongst the audience. Well done councillors and Mrs Salt for putting your hands up to run the first assembly. It is always a busy time at the start of the year and you did a great job.

Merit Certificate Recipients
Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Certificate at the whole school assembly held on Friday 20 February 2015.

Pre-primary......................Sky & Toloa
Year 1...............................Caitlin & Marley
Year 2 ..................................Caiti, Classic & Prashant
Year 3 .................................Holly & Ryan
Year 5 .................................Taj & Noah

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THE WEST COAST EAGLES
When we played Farmer Sam they hand balled at us. I was one of the winners!

After they had a bag. Seb modelled the bag. In the bag there was a water bottle and a ball and trading cards. Seb got the ball.

I loved it.

Caiti Year 2
Hello to all Scarborough parents

We have had a wonderful start to the new school term!

It was really great meeting a lot of the new parents down at the BBQ/Sundowner a couple of weeks ago. Don’t worry if you weren’t able to make it as we will have more social events either at the beginning or end of the terms, so there will be plenty more opportunities to join us.

Thank you also to the wonderful response we have had from so many parents regarding the running of the Snack Shack, our school canteen. We are yet to confirm definite days as of yet but we’re hoping to be up and running in the next week or two and will send out a copy of the menu for all to have. Having this support especially from so many of the younger year parents is just fantastic and really adds to the warmth and community spirit of our amazing school.

We have many exciting fundraising ideas planned for this upcoming year and cannot do any without the close cooperation between the parents, students and staff. The sail shades and new iPads and WiFi are examples of what can be accomplished with the support of the parents and staff of the school and community members.

The P&C meetings really are one of the best places to find out about what is happening within our school with the aim of course to promote the interest of and make possible the development and further improvements of our school. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 March 2015. Hopefully we will see you there.

Warm regards

Michelle Innes
P&C President

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School Board

The Scarborough Redevelopment Draft Master Plan developed by MRA, City of Stirling and the WA Government has been released and is open for public comment. Scarborough Primary School Board will be making a submission with regard to issues impacting students and the school. Parents and community members who wish to have their comments incorporated into the School’s submission should email their ideas and comments to board@scarboroughps.wa.edu.au.

Please email all thoughts and ideas by Thursday 26 March 2015.

Kind regards
Scarborough Primary School Board