Important Dates

Friday 6 March
Student Leadership Conference

Friday 13 March
Year 3/4 Assembly

Thursday 19 March
Sculptures by the Sea Excursion 1—6

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

As is the case each fortnight, there has been a hive of activity at Scarborough Primary School. Our Kindy students are settling well into full days at school, Pre-primary students have been completing the On Entry Assessment, mentors have recommenced with individual students, Edu Dance, surfing lessons and fitness classes have continued and our student leaders headed into the Perth Exhibition Centre for a leadership conference. We have also had our very own Sculptures by the Library. Along with all this excitement, teachers have continued to focus on developing our students literacy and numeracy skills.

I am continually impressed by the number of parents, grandparents and volunteers from the local community I have seen helping out with reading in the mornings. Reading fluency and comprehension are essential skills, and children of all ages need to be reading every day. Younger students need to read with an adult or older sibling and even our senior students, along with reading independently for pleasure and learning, can read aloud to a parent. Reading aloud to a parent enables children to practice their pitch and tone, as well as enabling parents to ask clarifying and comprehension questions along the way. Listening to a page or two of reading by your child is an excellent way to support their literacy development.

Our Year 1 students have been reading the Rainbow Fish and have completed an assortment of reading and writing activities on the book. Keep an eye out for their colourful and descriptive work on the book, throughout the newsletter.

Sculptures by the (Sea) Library

Scarborough Primary School has been lucky enough to have their own Sculptures by the Sea exhibition this week. Caitlin’s dad Martin has again kindly displayed his artistic talents by displaying his very own bearded sea dragon sculpture in our school library. The very impressive metal work sculpture has provided our students with an insight into the art world and how your hobby and passion can be turned into a career. Thanks Martin for sharing your work with us.

Caitlin from Year 1 explaining to her classmates how she helped build the bearded sea dragon.

Anthony Middleton

Anthony Middleton Principal
Aussie of the Month

Each month, a student from our school is chosen as the Aussie of the Month and is presented with an Aussie of the Month badge, certificate and gift, at our assembly. This award is designed to encourage students to be proud of themselves, proud of our school and to understand the responsibilities and rewards of community participation.

In the past, our nominations have come from staff members who recognise positive citizenship and the consistent embodiment of what we agree it means to be a Scarborough Primary School student. This year, we would like to invite the wider school community to be involved in this process. Nomination forms are available at the front desk, or you can send email nominations through to erica.salt@education.wa.edu.au. Please include in your nomination, the child’s name and class, the reason for the nomination and your name.
As I am sure you are aware, Scarborough foreshore and surrounding areas are in the process of being redeveloped. Whilst this is very exciting for the area, it will also raise a few issues and concerns for our school and community. The Scarborough Primary School Board and our senior students looked at the master plan for this redevelopment and submitted our thoughts. Below you can read our students’ submissions about the master plan; follow the link to read our school submission.

As students of Scarborough Primary School, we are keen to be part of the huge changes that are taking place in our area, over the next few years. We have accessed information about the changes, held class discussions and considered the impact on not only ourselves, but the wider Scarborough community. Below are our personal opinions of the changes.

An important thing is I like the idea about the pool because very young kids will be able to learn to swim in the pool because in the ocean they might get dragged out in a rip.

I discovered while watching the clip they will be taking out the car parks at the beach and be replacing them with a road so there will be less spaces in the car parks. Less people will be able to park near the beach, but more people will be coming to Scarborough, so there will be more traffic, so more people will leave the area.

I actually like the idea about the water park because little kids can have lots of fun too!

Liam, age 11

Having watched the MRA video, we are extremely excited to see all the new upgrades happening in Scarborough. We especially loved to hear that you are considering a pool - this is very smart for people who are cautious of the ocean.

Despite this, we are concerned about the huge number of people that will suddenly be arriving in Scarborough - how will we cope with the traffic?

Thank you for your time and effort. We know that we will go to the water park every day after school.... And thank you for making Scarborough beautiful!

Tayla age 11, Mel age 10, Xander age 10

Overall, Scarborough is going to face some major changes in the next few years, hopefully the redevelopment of Scarborough will be a huge success. I absolutely believe that this suburb deserves this, this will rapidly increase the population in Scarborough, but did we really need to spend 57.4 million dollars? I highly regard the idea of putting a swimming pool in because it will attract so many people, yet I thought that we were having problems with using too much water. This plan will be astonishing like the skate park, the shops and restaurants and last of all the amazing Sunset Hill. I thank you for taking your time to read this letter.

Noah, age 9

Overall, I am pleased that the City of Stirling and Western Australia’s government are investing money on my local area. My whole class and I have watched three different videos of the plans for Scarborough and I believe that the skate park is a lovely idea. Although I do have some concerns; I live in a lane on the right hand side with my family and from our house we can see palm trees but, there is a family on the other side with a ten month baby girl called Luella, they are in the R zone so if these plans go ahead they might have to move out of their home. Have you thought about this? As well as this, why are we getting a chlorine pool when we have the ocean right in front of us, sure there are shark attacks but more people die from trees falling than shark attacks every year!

I am very enthusiastic about new facilities for the ones we have right now are quite disgusting. In addition to that, the water park will be very exciting for they have one in Sydney and my brother and I had a blast in it! I am very happy that you are spending time on my local area and am happy with most of what you have done.

Lily, age 11

Follow the link to read all student submissions.
Mathletics
It’s happened again! Our senior class has continued to lead all classes in our Mathletics challenge. For the past two weeks Room 2 students have gained the most Mathletics certificates and continue to keep the trophy. It will take a significant effort from one of the other classes to wrestle the trophy from them. Great work, Room 2!

Be clever with your coins!

School Banking & Financial Literacy
It’s never too early to teach children the value of money and it’s never too late to start learning. Research indicates that it is crucial to develop financial literacy skills from an early age. Last week students from year 1 through to year 6 participated in StartSmart financial literacy lessons. The lessons are designed specifically for primary aged students and empowers them to make wise financial decisions for themselves. With money and financial mathematics being introduced in year 1, students are required to recognise, describe and order Australian coins through to year 6 where they are required to investigate and calculate percentage discounts on sale items and to identify best value. Financial maths is an important part of the curriculum.

Scarborough Primary School is excited to continue to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. Each Wednesday morning, our dedicated volunteers run the banking program in front of Room 2. Thanks, Bronwyn, Deb and Lily for helping our students become sound financial managers. Further details can be found by clicking on the link. Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program.

A Day Made Better

A Day Made Better is a national program that recognises exceptional primary school teachers who go above and beyond. Parents, students and community members can nominate teachers to show their appreciation for their hard work. Ms Debbie Potter is one of those teachers.

Well done Ms Potter on your nomination, it is great to see that your hard work and effort is recognised by the wider school community. Thank you to our community member/s for taking the time to recognise Debbie’s hard work. More information on the program can be found by clicking on the link above.

Ms Potter receiving her nomination certificate from A Day Made Better representative Fiona.
Behind the Office Door: Mr Middleton

What do you love about our school?
I love the diversity, uniqueness and community of the school. Everyone always comments how friendly the staff, students and families are and this always makes me smile.

How is being a principal different to being a deputy?
Greater accountability and responsibility. Unfortunately not as much time in the classroom, but I do try to get into each classroom as often as possible.

What did you dream about becoming when you were in primary school?
I wanted to be a builder because I loved the building blocks, lego and making cubby houses.

If you could meet any celebrity – dead or alive – who would it be and why?
I would like to meet the first Prime Minister of Australia, Edmund Barton, because it was an important time for Australia when he was governing and I think he would have some interesting stories.

What roles did you have before coming to Scarborough Primary School?
I was working in hospitality through university, a hotel and bottle shop, worked in a nickel mine and in a tyre factory, then I worked at Kalgoorlie School of the Air, Nollamara Primary School. Then I stayed at home to be a Mr Mom for a year before I came here.

Which would you rather, be able to fly or be able to read minds?
Definitely fly.

If you had to choose a professional job other than being a principal, what would you chose?
I would choose to be an author, I would like the creativity of being able to write something worth reading.

Behind the principal’s badge, what are some of your hobbies?
Spending time with my children Thomas and Emma and my wife Cathy, going to concerts (I really enjoy live Aussie Hip Hop), travelling, I love camping with my family and I really enjoy visiting new places, playing squash and running. I am currently training for my 8th marathon.

Describe your life in ten words or less?
Diverse, exciting, busy, satisfying, fulfilling, at times challenging, enjoyable and happy.

If you could change anything in the school, what would it be?
I would change the size of the rooms. Make them bigger.

Do you have a most embarrassing moment you want to share with us?
Well……during my wedding ceremony, when we were exchanging rings I accidently might have put Cathy’s ring on the wrong finger. Maybe!

If you were out on the African Savannah – what animal would you want to see?
I would really like to see a rhino as long I didn’t get stomped on!

Interviewed by Arjie, Emma and Jemma
Furniture To Give Away

Scarborough Primary School has surplus preloved furniture to give away. The following items are available:

Student desks – variety of sizes
Art stools
Art drying rack
Under desk drawer which includes drop file drawer
Under desk drawer with pigeon holes
Filing cabinets
Red octagonal cushioned seat
Shade Shelters x 2
Clothes arier
Brown tables—approximately 120 cm x 500 cm
Computer table on wheels
Bookcase on wheels - 2 shelves
Wooden oven, sink and work bench suitable for small children

Please see David our gardener on Monday 9 March or Wednesday 10 March between 8.00am – 9.00am to view items or phone Robyn on 9341 1202. Unwanted items will be offered to Rotary.

Dear Parents

Each of our classrooms has a parent representative who will assist throughout the year in organising class activities such as assembly cake stalls or parent rosters, organise parent contact lists and just generally share information about what is happening in your child’s classroom. Please email your child’s parent representative directly with the following information:

♦ Child’s name;
♦ Parent/guardian/s names, both or either,
♦ Contact phone number, and
♦ Email address.

Classroom representatives are as follows:
Kindy Irene Madden - itoloa@yahoo.com
Pre-primary Jackie Jackson - mooshroom@yahoo.com
Year 1 Melinda Mounsey - minamounsey@westnet.com.au
Year 2 Hayley Hamilton - hayls_78@yahoo.com
Year 3/4 Anna Murphy - alm5@bigpond.com
Year 5/6 Anna Murphy - alm5@bigpond.com

Fundraising—E’Co Australia will donate 35cents per kilo of goods to the P&C

A donation bin is located on Deanmore Road

E’Co Australia...Tr-Aid not Aid Fundraising Program

E’Co Australia are asking you to go through your household and give to this program all your unwanted clothing, linen, shoes and bags. These items go straight to the 3rd world countries that need it. Then they are shown how to clean and repair these goods and sell them at The Market.

All they want from you and your family, friends and colleagues is to band together and give your unwanted items to help us to promote Tr-Aid and not Aid in 3rd world countries.
NEED BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE?
Mulberry Tree Kids Club — based at Scarborough Primary School
Their aim is to provide a safe and caring environment where children can participate in a variety of activities provided by qualified and experienced educators. Children will be offered a tasty and healthy afternoon tea after school from their additive aware menus.

To make an enquiry or to enrol please contact Ash on 9446 9999 or scarborough@mulberrytree.com.au
Before School from 7am – After School until 6pm Government rebates apply

THE SNACK SHACK
SUPPORT OUR CANTEEN
Open every Friday.

Qays Al –Janabi has kindly offered to be the canteen manager for 2015. The canteen menu will be available on the school website next week.

If you are available to help as a volunteer in the canteen please email (scarborough.ps@education.wa.edu.au) the school with your name, phone number and dates that you can assist and we will pass the information on to Qays.
The Scarborough Scout Group is looking to start a new Joey Scout Mob.

Joey Scouts are boys and girls aged 6 and 7 years and Cub Scouts are 8 to 11 years.

This is an exciting time in Scouting – there are over one hundred Groups across Western Australia, and most of them are growing.

If your child would like to try out Joeys or Cubs please send your expression of interest to developmentofficer@scoutswa.com.au so we can contact you later with meeting date, time and location.

We would also be happy to hear from you if you would like to become involved as a Leader or Adult Helper.

You can call us during business hours on 6240 7700 for more information. Scarborough Scout group also has openings in their older age groups of Cubs and

Scarborough Tennis Academy’s Hot Shots program caters to all children, from 4 years up to 12. With classes Monday through to Sunday, or the option for private lessons (groups or 1 on 1) we provide a fun tennis pathway for your child to learn and love the sport.

We also have adult programs including Beginner and Intermediate classes, Friday morning Ladies social and Cardio Tennis sessions.

Contact us on 0430110848 or via email at info@scarboroughtennis.com.au

We also have online booking available at www.scarboroughtennis.com.au