Principal’s Message

Like our students, Scarborough Primary School staff members are required to set goals and work towards achieving these goals. Over the past fortnight I have met with individual staff members to set professional goals based around school priorities, completed classroom observations and conducted follow up reflective meetings on teaching and learning. This term our school focus has been on reading comprehension, with staff participating in professional learning on reading comprehension, actioning learning in classrooms and then reflecting upon teaching.

Whilst conducting classroom observations I have continually been impressed by teachers’ innovative and creative strategies to engage our students in learning. I have seen Kindy students acting as detectives, studying books with magnifying glasses to find the sound of the week; Pre-primary students describing characters and their personalities, reflecting on text to self connections and what characteristics they shared with the characters from the Very Greedy Bear (none of the pre-primary students would admit to eating a whole cake though!); Year 1s reflecting on language from Possum Magic, posing questions about the book and making green lamingtons (lamingtons in the story tying in with St Patrick’s Day – very creative, Mrs Codling!); our Year 2s have been making connections with texts, reading about how honey is made and how to ollie, and then using the iPads to view these activities in real life; our year 3/4s have started looking at monitoring strategies, using thinking and reading hand signals to recognise the monitoring process; and to top it all off, I have watched a ‘meta-cognitive salad’ used to demonstrate monitoring when reading in year 5/6. I am very impressed with a reading comprehension tree, which combines levels of questioning, in reading, with the year 5/6 focus on the work of Klimt in art and the gold rush in history.

Well done, to all of our teaching staff, you are all doing an outstanding job of teaching reading comprehension in creative and contemporary ways!

Anthony Middleton
Sculptures by the Sea

Students from year 1 - 6 visited the Sculptures by the Sea exhibition in Cottesloe yesterday where they were required to look around the sculptures and take photos of different styles, subjects and features. Our students were required to find ephemeral, kinetic, natural and recycled sculptures. Can you identify these from our photos? Students were also fortunate enough to be involved in an Aboriginal dance performance organised in relation to Trish Lee's Water Dreaming sculpture. Thanks to Mrs Jones for organising this very enjoyable excursion, parent helpers for taking small groups around and Trish for organising the Aboriginal dance performance. Read what our students had to say about the excursion on the next page.

Year 3/4 Assembly

Last weeks assembly hosted by the year 3/4's was a very entertaining and informative occasion. Students demonstrated what they had been learning in the classroom, again this was linked to our school priority area of reading and promoted their upcoming geocache event with a very creative skit performance and advertisement. I am still upset about being called old and I will prove that old people can geocache at the upcoming family picnic and geocaching event on Saturday 28 March at Deanmore Oval. Congratulations to all of our merit certificate recipients.

Mathletics

It’s finally happened! Room 2 has lost the title of Mathletics class of the week. After a diligent effort from the Year 2 class, Mrs Potter’s Marvels have taken the trophy. With an outstanding effort of 20 certificates in one week, this record is going to be hard to beat. Well done to our hard working Year 2’s, you deserve your moment of glory!
This has to be everyone’s favourite excursion that we go on as a school. How can you top a wander around the beach looking at and interacting with such an amazing array of artworks?! This visit we had the added bonus of having families from the school involved as artists in this exhibition. The tours started with Trish Lee telling the Water Dreaming story of her sculpture that was based on an aboriginal dot painting. She kindly organised for the indigenous dance group Baldja Moort, to specially perform and work with our students. It was a wonderful sight watching the students dancing on the beach with the indigenous dancers. The task and focus for the students was to locate and photograph sculptures in different styles or with specific features. You will be able to see how much fun they had posing and being behind the lens at Open Night on Monday 30 March 2015.

This is what some of our students had to say about their visit.

♦️ I liked climbing on the sea anemone (Marley Year 1)
♦️ I liked the tide pool… the things inside it were very shiny and I like shiny stuff (Gia Year 1)
♦️ The sculptures were awesome (Jordan Year 1)
♦️ We were looking for different types of sculptures. My favorite was the red man (Sama Year 2)
♦️ We saw the aboriginal people dance and they showed us their secret dance. It was fun because we got to join in. Then we went to see the sculptures the best bit was the kangaroo with the rifle. (Nate Year 2)
♦️ My favorite sculpture was the big house with a bridge connected to another house because it looked cool to climb on and it looked like something I have never seen before (Millie Year 3)
♦️ My favorite sculpture was the stairs because they used recycled materials like old stairs and tennis rackets so the artist didn’t waist them (Lois Year 3)
♦️ The sculptures were made out of all different kinds of materials. The sculptures were all different types of shapes and sizes. My favorite was the old car because it was made out of recycled materials (Molly Year 3)
♦️ I liked the sphere legs because they looked really funny (Grace Year 5)
♦️ I liked the green glass because it reminded me of the ocean (Jemma Year 6)
♦️ I liked the sea anemone because you could go in its weird bottle cap shape or you could go inside its cylinder shape center (Joel Year 5)

Thank you to all the parent helpers who gave up their time to be with us for this awesome visit!
Hi everyone, I’m Arjie and I am in Year 6. I have a bubbly and cheerful persona. Some of my interests include; drawing, singing and dancing. Today I wanted to write about how fun and active recess and lunch can be but mostly I would like to talk about the variety of equipment and the fun activities we do!

Let’s talk about the equipment; what I really like about the equipment is how many different games we can play. On the equipment I like to play tag because I can navigate through twists and turns like the back of my hand. The playground gives a chance for everyone to play but on the spider web it’s much more challenging and a lot more fun.

Some of the equipment I would like to have, or bring back, is the swing and the cricket net. It would be nice for a pair of swings, especially for the younger students. It would also be great to bring back the cricket net! Some of you may know I’m not a cricket fan but hear me out, this would be great because the students that play cricket would have a place for themselves, the ball would not fly everywhere and it would give more space for more activities.

Speaking of activities, the activities that we play are fun, even if it’s just hanging out with mates or playing sporty endeavours. Free time is actually fun, just drawing, sitting or just hanging out with mates. Now, dodge ball is one of my favourite school time activities because it’s for all ages and it’s thrilling even if you’re just running away. Soccer and other team sports are fun because you can co-operate with others and it makes you connect with others that you normally don’t talk to.

Finally, the library is available for people that don’t feel like going outside. Just reading a good book or playing some board games is enjoyable - you just have to learn how to enjoy it.

Although these are great activities I would like to see people use the Four-Square courts. They’ve been here since I was in pre-primary and everyone enjoyed it but recently people have been giving the game the cold shoulder. So please use it even if it’s just once a week and remember the school lets you use the equipment for free, so acknowledge it.

Thank you for having the time to read this article, I hope you enjoyed it as much as I have in making it and I hope to release other articles in the future.

Best wishes, Arjie
Dear Parents

The Snack Shack has been open for the last three Fridays and our kids are certainly enjoying the fresh food that Qays is providing. We remind all parents that orders need to be completed on a lunch bag and placed in the basket in your child's classroom with correct money when possible, change will be returned with lunch when required. Children may order items for recess directly from the canteen at recess time.

To continue running the canteen successfully we will require parent volunteers to help out. If you are bale to help out for a morning or even just a couple of hours please speak to Qays in the canteen or log onto the Snack Shack volunteer spot to select a day. http://vols.pt/ELz5ES

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 March in the school library from 6.00pm, please come along and see how you can help us to support the school.

Warm regards, Michelle Innes—P&C President

ANZAC Assembly
To commemorate the 100th year of the Gallipoli landing Scarborough Primary School will hold a special dawn ANZAC assembly on Friday 24 April at 6.30am. Students and families are invited to attend the ceremony and then join us for a BYO picnic on the school oval before commencing the normal school program. We hope to see as many families as possible commemorating this significant milestone in Australian history.

Library open times
As an alternative to playing outside at lunch time each day, students are now offered the opportunity to spend lunch times on Wednesdays and Fridays in the library. With the assistance of the P&C we have purchased magazines and board games for the students to use. This is proving to be a very popular alternative for our students. Thank you to the P&C for providing the extra resources for our students.

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.
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.

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.