## <u>Scholastic Author Visit – Mr. Ken Spillman</u>

Scholastic invited the renowned Australian children's author Ken Spillman to TOS for an exciting interaction.

His connection with India begins at his hometown in Perth where he is close to the Indian ocean as it connects the two continents.

Imagination, stories and books: his mantra for budding authors.

The magic of imagination is significant and unique to each.

The imagination is growing leaps and bounds in our minds right from childhood.

We cannot derive the true essence of a story if you only put pen to paper but, as we have a language code associated with our brains it becomes interesting in the language of the reader. BOOKS ARE MAGIC!!!

100 books published, many in Indian settings. He also had teachers from India as a schoolboy and therefore the connection was natural and organic.

He went on to explain his publishing with amazing sound effects that made the children sit up and enjoy.

What if???? The concept that he follows: Once characters and situations in place you can mend your imagination and create new stories even books.

Every story must have a happy ending so do his books but with a twist that is very unconventional.







