“Educating successful leaders, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens”

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

April
25th Thursday ANZAC Day public holiday.

May
1st Wed Western Plains Cross Country @ Skipton PS
8th Wed Grade 2 at Earth Ed
9th Thursday Golf clinic for 3-6
14-16 Tue-Thurs NAPLAN
16th Thursday Golf clinic for 3-6
20th Mon Sovereign Hill for Grade 2, Presentation of the 2018 Annual Report 6pm, Council 6:15pm.
24th Friday Entries close for the Skipton Photo Competition
28th Tue Wide Open Road optometrists.

The website calendar has all the dates for the year and is continually updated.

Principal’s Message
Welcome back to Term 2 – I trust you all had a good Easter season. I managed to get away to Venus Bay in Gippsland for a week at the beach. It’s a beautiful part of Victoria, but like here, they are needing more rain.

This term we are looking at continuing our work on developing our teaching skills in reading and writing. Next Tuesday some of us are visiting another school to look at their reading program (Sounds Write) and then will be having a presenter take us through improving students’ writing skills. We also have mid-year reports at the end of term, but please, if you feel you would like an update on your child’s progress, get in touch with your teacher before then.

The grounds are looking terrific! ‘Chops’ came in over the holidays and fertilised and aerated the lawns. Thank you to the people who did some mowing, weeding and gardening as well – we value your input in this way.

Over the holidays many of you were also involved with catering for the Bradvale Camp Draft. This was a huge effort, feeding so many people, and helping the day be a success. It also raised a massive $3000 for the school, which will be put to very good use. Thanks to all involved, with a special mention to the current and past committee of Parents Club.

Stephanie McKiernan’s Anzac collage
AFL season is well underway at school and there is a huge mixed game each recess on the oval. Some children are getting so involved that they are bringing their footy boots in to play with. Can I ask that this doesn’t happen as it will chop up the grass and as it gets used every day, it will not have time to recover.

Our wonderful swimming program has been recognized on the Life Saving Victoria website with a wonderful article and photos. Make sure you take a few minutes to have a read of our school’s case study.  https://lsv.com.au/toolkit/pdf/LSV-CASE-STUDY-Skipton-PS-v4.pdf

Tomorrow we take a day to remember our citizens who were involved in the various wars over the years. As previous years, many of our 5/6 students have volunteered to come along to the Skipton ANZAC ceremony in order to read the requiem and lay a wreath (thanks Ange for making the wreath). All are invited to participate. We are meeting at the school between 11:30 to 11:45 and then marching down to the memorial for the ceremony at noon. This will be followed by a light luncheon in the hall and if possible could you bring a plate to share.

Garden Roster
We ask that each family take a fortnight to come in when convenient and do some gardening. Jobs include mowing – (including the nature strip), weeding and sweeping paths.

30th April – 13th May: Anthony Mulcahy, Rosie Weatherly, Karlie Kennedy, Sara Hernandez
14th May – 27th May: Sarah Meek, Elizabeth Barr, Dallas Connell, Simone McAuliffe.
28th May – 10th June: Gemma Molloy, Emily Gilliland, Lisa Wills, Kate Medson

Parents Club
Well done to the many helpers who contributed to the success of the Bradvale Camp Draft fundraiser during the school holidays. There was a lot of work involved from cooking meat, vegetables and desserts to serving, cleaning and co-ordinating a two course meal for almost 200 people.

We received many compliments on the high standard of meal presented – well done to all who contributed to such positive feedback. Thank you to everyone who donated food, time and energy for this fundraising event. It was a wonderful team effort, raising just over $3,000 for our school.
**Science**

On Wednesday 8th May Grade 2 will be visiting Earth Ed Science Centre in Mt Clear as part of their physical sciences unit. The students will participate in the Push Pull program. They will travel with Gold Bus, leaving the school at 9.00am and returning at approximately 3.00pm.

Students will need to wear full school uniform and enclosed shoes. They will need all snacks, lunch and drinks for the day (no heated or toasted).

**Sustainability**

For the next two terms Grades 5/6 and 3/4 will be undertaking community projects at the Skipton Common and the Mt Emu Creek they will spend the first two hours of Monday morning on alternating weeks working on these projects. I am looking for volunteers to help with these projects. Next Monday between 9 and 11.00 am Grade 3/4 will be undertaking revegetation and weeding around the platypus viewing platform.

**Art**

Just a reminder that Grade 3/4 are collecting recycled materials to create weaving projects, such as packing straps, wire, bailing twine, packaging, foam, rubber coloured plastic and off cuts. These can be placed in the purple tub in the multi.

**School Lunches from Emu Creek Deli**

School lunch orders from Emu Creek Deli and Gifts have started again. They will be available on a Wednesdays with orders collected on Tuesdays. Money must be placed in an envelope with students name, grade and order written on the front of the envelope. Students then place their orders in the box provided in their classroom Tuesday mornings. Please see the menu available in this newsletter. Thank you Kim for providing this service.
SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
CROSS COUNTRY 2019
Wednesday 1st May, 2019

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