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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

May
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.

June
7th Friday Student-Free Curriculum Day
10th Monday Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday – no students at school
11th Tues-Wed Grade 5/6 Sovereign Hill (inc. overnight stay)

Principal’s Message

Last week our school was involved in the Skipton ANZAC Day commemoration. What an impressive tribute that the town produced – and how good to see such a large attendance in the hall. I was very proud of our children, their concentration and respect shown for the occasion, and the reading of the Requiem was just beautiful. Another demonstration of how coming together as a community has a powerful effect on the town, and sets such a good example for our children who are our youngest citizens.

Yesterday some of our teachers had the opportunity to spend some time looking at a reading program at Ballarat and Clarendon College. The staff were very welcoming and willing to share their experience with us. In turn, they expressed interest in some of our programs run here at Skipton. Exchanges like this can enrich our schools for the betterment of our children. We also met with an English teacher from Mt Clear College who gave us a great insight on how NAPLAN writing is marked, examining the sort of content and language features that goes into making a polished piece of writing. It was a very useful insight for us, and something that we will be focusing on over the year as we impart skills and knowledge to your child. Writing is a key focus for this year’s Annual Improvement Plan.
This term Georgie has rearranged the **Sustainability program** so that she can take 3/4 and 5/6 for a two-hour block. This enabled the 3/4s to do some planting at the platypus platform last Monday. **Practical actions like this** are an important part of your children’s response to what they learn in class. Thanks to the parent helpers who have made this possible.

On Monday **our policy subcommittee** met to prepare a number of policies for approval at the next council meeting. Victoria Kennedy and I would like to thank Michelle Liston and Lisa Wills for volunteering to be part of this group. I will inform you of new policies as council approves them, and remember that we have many published on the website (downloads menu). Shortly we will be having an **environment subcommittee** meeting, which looks at improvements to our buildings and grounds. If you would like to join Scott Barr, John Connell and myself on that committee, please let me know. The time and day for meeting can be negotiated around work obligations.

Today we celebrate being active and fit with our **Cross Country run**. The whole school is involved in this event. Some children who have a competitive time will progress to the next event in Ballarat in a couple of weeks’ time. Thanks to Ms Pollock for coordinating this event.

This Friday our grade 3/4s will be going to Beaufort to view a blade from a wind turbine. Goldwind has organised an up-close inspection for the community at 10:30am. This is an optional event.

**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
**Scholastic Book Club**

Please return Book Club orders to school by 9th May 2019.

Please ensure that all orders are clearly named with a contact phone number.

If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to “Scholastic Australia”.

Skipton Primary School earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards from all Book Club orders. These rewards assist our school to obtain free books and additional learning resources.

**Parents Club**

Hello there lovely school community, a quick note from the School Parent Club.

It is the federal Election Day on Saturday 18th May and in the past the school ran a fundraiser BBQ at the Skipton Polling Station at the Mechanic’s Hall. As it is a footy bye of sorts (inter league is on), and before we commit to run the BBQ, I need an idea of availability of parent volunteers to help. We imagine we would run the BBQ from 8am (egg and bacon rolls were popular last time) to 2pm (sausages over lunch).

Can you please message me, Jessica Lang (Mulcahy) – 0409 542 186 or Ange Gowans - 0418 341 168 directly if you could be available for two hours Saturday 18th May to help raise funds for our school.

If you haven’t joined the BBQ volunteers before and think you could help this time, I know it would be a great first experience. It is a relaxed pace (usually) and a very friendly and nice atmosphere. Please let me know your potential availability today for 18th May so we can accept or decline the opportunity.

I will let you know if the BBQ will go ahead and work out a volunteer roster.

Kind regards, Jessica Lang, **PC President**

Amy Sim is the PC secretary this year. If you would like minutes from Parents Club meetings please email her on amysim@outlook.com or text details to mobile 0407 040 929.
2019 SKIPTON PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW
Date of Show: Sunday June 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2019

14\textsuperscript{th} Skipton Photographic Show
Presented by the Skipton & District Photographic Club
Open, Novice & Youth Sections
Entries close on Friday May 24\textsuperscript{th} @ 5.00PM
For further information contact: Karen Bradshaw on 0439630884
E-mail: skiptonphotographicclub@gmail.com
Thank you to our sponsors for their generous donations

\textbf{Lunchtime Photography}
Tuesday 7th May 2019
Student session for those wishing to enter The Skipton Photography Competition.
We will help with mounting your entries. Mrs Crosbie and Mrs Bradshaw