May
8th Wed Grade 2 at Earth Ed
9th Thursday Golf clinic for 3-6
10th Friday Parents Club meeting 9am in the Mackinnon Hall – all welcome
14-16 Tue-Thurs NAPLAN
16th Thursday Golf clinic for 3-6
17th Friday Eureka Cross Country
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)
27th Thurs School Photos by MSP
28th Friday Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish

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

Principal’s Message
Reading, Reading, Reading…never underestimate the influence you have on your child’s learning as their parent. And the most important one is the promotion of reading and developing a love of books. Books, magazines and newspapers should be readily available in your house, and keep re-reading the favourite books with your child.

A recent American study from the Ohio University has found that young children whose parents read them five books a day enter kindergarten having heard about 1.4 million more words than kids who were never read to. Even kids who are read only one book a day will hear about 290,000 more words by age 5 than those who don’t regularly read books with a parent. Kids who hear more words are going to be better prepared to see those words in print when they enter school, as they will have a larger vocabulary.

So, please, make the provision of books a priority. They can be borrowed from the MARC Van, the library, or bought cheaply from the Op Shop. We also have the Scholastic Book Club at school and shops in Ballarat have regular sales of popular titles. Finally, the school has been busy updating our home readers. Remember, you also provide a powerful role model when your child sees you read.

Today the Grade 2s have visited Earth Ed for their science program. They are studying physics, in particular the forces of push and pull. These experiences are vital in developing an
appreciation for the laws a gravity, momentum, friction and the like. The state government sponsors these programs, including the significant transport cost. This week we had our 5/6s help two naturalists count and monitor the plants and animals on the Skipton Common using a grid method. We also had a successful Cross Country event for our local schools. We have 17 children qualify for the Eureka Cross Country event on Friday week.

As mentioned last week, we have a policy subcommittee. As part of that we are revising how we tackle the issue of head lice. One of the areas is that when the school gets a report about a child having lice, the other children in the grade receives a note. This requires you to check your child’s hair, but does not mean that they have lice or nits (eggs). If lice are found, then there is a note to return to school outlining the treatment you have undertaken. The school also requires a follow-up note confirming that another treatment has been undertaken seven days later (in order to catch any lice that have hatched in the meantime). I have edited the note in order to make it clear on what your response needs to be. Council will also be looking at other options at our next meeting.

Tomorrow and next week we have Tony Collier coming out to teach golf skills to our 3-6s. Tony is passionate about the sport and is great at passing on his passion as well as skills.

Next week our grade 3s and 5s will be sitting the NAPLAN test. Please ensure your child is present for those days.

We have quite a lot of children getting picked up early or missing school for various reasons. I understand that it is difficult to get appointments outside of school hours, particularly when driving time is factored in, but can I ask for your assistance in limiting the number of days your child is away from school. Regular attendance makes a huge difference in their progress, and teachers are getting frustrated as late arrivals or early departures often mean the child is missing out on key content. Of course, if your child is ill, staying home is the best option. Mr. Tromp.
Woolworths - Shop, Collect, Give

For every $10 you spend you’ll get an Earn & Learn sticker

Collect as many stickers as you can between now and 25th June

Give your stickers to Natalie in the office so we can redeem them for new equipment. There are also collection boxes at Sebastopol, Delacombe and Lucas supermarkets.

Parents Club

Parent club is meeting this Friday 10th May at 9 am in the Mackinnon Hall. All welcome.

Thank you to the families who are able to volunteer for the Election Day BBQ 18th May. The BBQ will be at the Skipton Mechanics Hall and Polling Station. Apparently everyone likes to vote early so I have rostered accordingly for setting up and the breakfast 'rush'.

We look forward to seeing everyone stop by when they come to vote. Come and say hello and perhaps buy a bacon and egg sandwich or sausage too.

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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

Lunchtime Photography in the hall.

Wednesday 15th 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
2019 SKIPTON PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW
Date of Show: Sunday June 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2019

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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

Georgie Green standing against the wind turbine blade

The children conducted an activity and collected items from the wind turbines.