"Educating successful leaders, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens"

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

May
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)
28th Friday  Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish

Note: We have changed the school photos date to August 12 to try and get as many families involved as possible.

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

Principal’s Message

This morning I, along with some other staff, are attending training on Autism. At Skipton we endeavor to meet the needs and address the learning of every student and so look to continually update our knowledge and skills.

Last week the new Parents Club met and did some planning for the year. An election BBQ has been organised (what’s an election without a ‘democracy sausage’). They are also planning a hot lunch for later in the term. Parents Club do an excellent job contributing to improving our school’s resources and they are always looking for new people to join in.

Thank you for the positive response to my request in last week’s newsletter to minimize absences from school. Again, I understand that we are at a distance from Ballarat (I commute it every day) and so an early pick-up can be unavoidable. However, thank you for your efforts to ensure your child is at school as much as possible, fully rested (a good sleep is vital), and provided with healthy food. Again, please ensure that your child has the reading habit.

Next Monday is School Council. Before the meeting we have the presentation of the 2018 Annual Report, which is an open and public meeting. If you cannot come to the meeting, a copy is available on the website. Please make some time to read the report as I am proud of what our school achieves overall.
Last year Skipton Primary was nominated as a School of Influence due to our great data. This means that over that past three years we have continued to exhibit high growth for our students, have positive student, parent and staff survey data, and have a low absent rate when compared with other government schools. The report also has some financial data.

I encourage you to get your child involved in the Skipton Photo Competition. In the primary years it is great for your child to have a go at lots of activities, and this one is a beauty. Everyone carries a camera on their person these days. In fact, when I was touring the States last year, my mobile camera became my preference over my heavy and bulky DSLR. The photos your child can take, with some guidance, will amaze you – especially if they do a bit of post shot processing (cropping and colour correction). See Karen’s article for more information.

I found this article in one of my journals:

Model gratitude

Instead of pestering your children with questions such as, “How was school?” and, “What did you do today?” teach them to reframe their day. The following is a game I learned from a friend, who played it with his daughter over dinner. Everyone must answer three questions:
1) What did someone do today to make you happy?
2) What did you do to make someone else happy?
3) What have you learned today?

I love this simple exercise for how it helps us all find the positive in every day. It teaches gratitude, nurtures optimism, and recognises kindness. It doesn’t matter what may have happened at work or school, or how stressed any of us may have felt when we sat down at the table; the whole mood seems to lift once we’ve played this game. I learn things about my kids that they’d probably never have thought to tell me otherwise. Try it. It might just become the highlight of your day.

Acknowledgement: Principal’s Digest May 2019, Six Ways to Raise a Resilient Child, Dr Rangan Chat-terjee, author of the Stress Solution

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.

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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.
Student Photography- Due Next Week. Thursday 23rd June 3.30pm to Mrs Crosbie. Lunch time help at school.

If you or your children are planning to enter photos in the Skipton Photography Show we are taking entries until Thursday 23rd. 3.30 pm. delivered to Mrs Crosbie. If you need help, we will be repeating mounting and entry support at lunch time on Wednesday 15th May 1.40pm to 2.15pm and again Wednesday 22nd May, same lunch time. Your support helps us keep this great event going. We are one of the largest shows in Victoria.

Myself, Karen Bradshaw, and our ‘seasoned’ student photographers are volunteering to help mount student photo entries at lunch time in the school hall. Perhaps you as a parent of a student planning on entering may like to also attend to help or gain more information?

This is a fabulous opportunity for those wishing to enter that may require help. However we ask that students remain and help with their own photos.

Our student entries have been increasingly successful at Skipton, Beaufort and Lismore. At Lismore last year our students were up against 300 other student entries!

Students have now gone on, into Secondary school studying Photography.

I have entry forms if required and mounting board.

Pyrenees Arts Photography entries at Beaufort close this Friday if planning to enter as well.

Thank you

Karen Crosbie.

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**2019 SKIPTON PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW**

**Date of Show:** Sunday June 2nd 2019

**14th Skipton Photographic Show**

Presented by the Skipton & District Photographic Club

Open, Novice & Youth Sections

**Entries close on Friday May 24th @ 5.00PM**

For further information contact: Karen Bradshaw on 0439630884

E-mail: skiptonphotographicclub@gmail.com

Thank you to our sponsors for their generous donations
Art
Grade 2 have their wonderful nature weaving on display in the hall. Prep/ also have wonderful nature collages on display.
Just a reminder for grade 3/4 to bring in their recycled materials for weaving.
On Tuesday next week Grade 5/6 will visit the Art Gallery of Ballarat to learn about the role of curators in the gallery. There is no charge for this excursion as it is part of the Education Week Future Careers Program.

Sustainability
Grade 5/6 will visit The Common on Monday warm clothes, boots and a change of socks are highly recommended. I am also looking for 2-3 parent helpers for this between 9.00am and 11.00am.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS
LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE EVERY WEDNESDAY THIS YEAR. CHILDREN’S ORDERS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM THEIR CLASSROOM ON THE TUESDAY, SO WE HAVE TIME TO PREPARE & ORDER THEIR LUNCHES.

PIES- $4.50
PASTIES-$4.70
DIMSIMS-$1.00
S/ROLLS-$3.00
C&B S/ROLLS-$3.20
PASTA BAKES-$5.00
FOCCACIA-CHICKEN, AVO, ONION, CHEESE & SPINACH-$7.50
SALADROLL CHICKEN OR HAM-$6.50
TUBS OF FRUIT-$4.00
FRUIT MUFFIN OF THE WEEK-$4.00