

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

Principal’s Message

Assemblies are Back!

Assemblies will be back and on the calendar moving forward. They will be happening outside where possible, fortnightly on Thursday afternoons. The first one will be on 20th May and families are always welcome to attend.

Platypus Education Today

Jess and Emma from the Platypus Education Group visited Grades 2-4 today. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect in with community groups and learn about a creature that is very important in this part of the world



Building Works

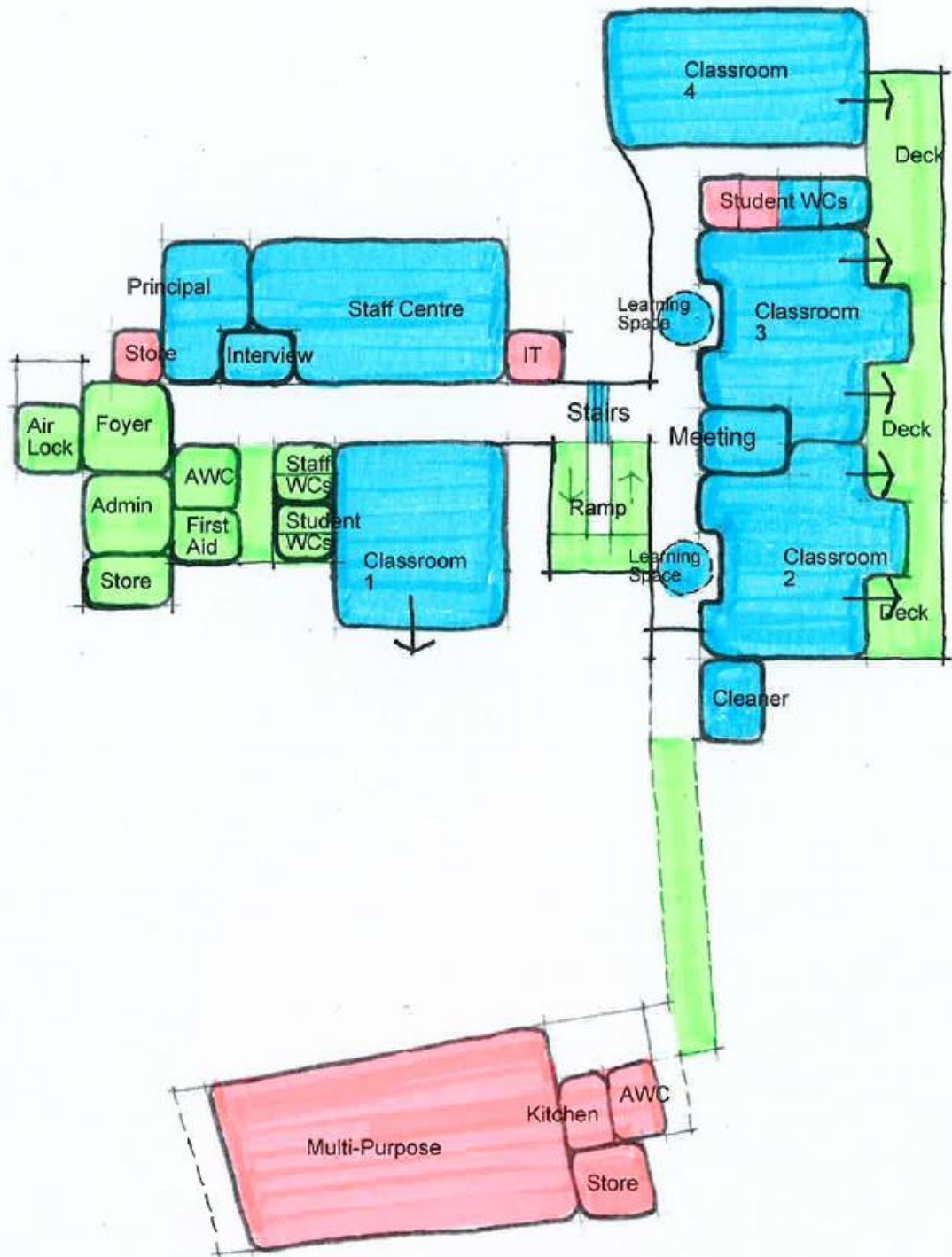
I am now in fortnightly meetings with the lead architect in the planning stages of the building works. I’ve included a sketch drawing of where some of the new buildings might be (in green) and where the existing buildings will be retained (in blue) on the next page. This is the preferred option at this time and as Principal, I endorse this plan at this time. Some reasons for this endorsement include:

- The old schoolhouse brick building is retained (as requested by the community).
- The areas of the school that require the most maintenance are removed (the 5/6 weatherboard classroom and the student toilet block).
- The school becomes more accessible for wheelchairs and people with limited mobility.
- The students have been listened to, with the new plan providing external exits to outside (including three rooms leading to a deck on the eastern side).

I will be sharing the plans and seeking feedback from School Council on Monday. Should you wish to provide feedback, you are more than welcome to seek out school council members or contact myself. I’m also happy to provide walking tours outlining the possibilities – I did this with the Grade 4, 5 and 6s this week and they were very excited. The next phases of the process include schematic design (where we might see some more extensive drawings of what the new spaces look like) and planning for construction (where we work out how normal learning will continue on-site during construction phase).

I will continue to keep you and the students in the loop on this exciting development.

Have a great weekend, in particular to all of the mothers out there!
Nick



Art

As part of the art program this semester students in grades 2 to 6 have been participating in the Ballarat International Foto Biennale Education Program "My Michael Kantor Display". The finished artworks will be displayed in Ballarat as part of the Biennale. For your child's work to be displayed we need parental consent. This has been sent out on Compass and will need to be approved by Monday 17th of May please.

Regards Georgie

The Next Four Learning Weeks @ Skipton:

Term 2 Week 4	
Mon 10 th May	School Council (6pm) with dinner provided
Tue 11 th May to Thu 13 th May	NAPLAN for Grade 3 and Grade 5 students
Fri 14 th May	Eureka Cross Country Event Parents Club Meeting (9am)
Term 2 Week 5	
Tue 18 th May	School Photos Day
Thu 20 th May	Assembly (3pm)
Term 2 Week 6	
Mon 24 th May	Young Leaders Day (Grade 5/6s)
Wed 26 th May to Fri 28 th May	Grade 4 Camp to Melbourne
Term 2 Week 7	
Mon 31 st May	Grade 5/6s @ Bio Lab.
Thu 3 rd Jun	Asian Theme Day – with Lunch Assembly (3pm)

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. First name in list to coordinate please.*

30th April – 13th May: Elizabeth Barr, Sarah Meek, Dallas Connell, Lauren Williams.

14th May – 27th May: Gemma Molloy, Emily Gilliland, Lisa Wills, Kate Medson

28th May – 10th June: Dione Gardiner, Peta Byrne, Jane Gardner, Kim Haley

100 nights of reading celebrations!!



It costs nothing to talk



Rural Outreach Program

This is a free talk being held at the Skipton Recreation Reserve that's open to everyone. Please come along.

20th May

8pm

SFNC Clubrooms