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and active and informed citizens”***

Principal’s Message

NAPLAN

A big congratulations goes out to our students in Grades 3 & 5 who rose to the challenge of NAPLAN testing this week. Teachers commented on how resilient and mature the students were during the week. Results are not expected for a few months yet.

School Photos

School Photos are on tomorrow! Please ensure you send your child in full uniform (and school badges for grade 5/6 students) tomorrow ready to go for photos in the morning.

Eureka Cross Country Event

A big congratulations goes to students who represented the school in the interschool cross country event last Friday. Despite the testing weather, students represented us well once again at representative level. George, Lucas, Gracie and Tom D. will move on the next level to be held on the 31st of May.



To Families of Grade 2 & 4 Students

As a school system, the Department of Education (alongside the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute) is developing and trialling new evidence-based approaches to the teaching of mental health across the state. DET and MCRI are partnering to conduct research in schools and I have nominated us to be a control school – meaning no new interventions or trials will take place at this school. DET and MCRI are looking for families of students in Grades 2 and 4 to participate in a short 15-minute survey, twice in the school year and this data will be used to determine if the new approaches are effective or not (in other schools). I would strongly encourage families of Grade 2 and 4 students to refer to Compass for the survey link. A hard-copy fact sheet will also be distributed to those families this week. It is imperative that as one school, we can contribute to system-wide learning that can lead to more positive impacts across the state of Victoria.

Grade 4 Camp

Jess, Georgie and myself will be attending Grade 4 Camp to Melbourne next week. The school has developed an exciting and busy itinerary for the three days. Grade 4 families – please be aware there is a short Zoom Check In on Monday night, 24th May from 7pm to answer any final questions.

Thanks

I'd like to publicly thank Andy, Anthony, Scott, Kiernan and any others I've missed who supported the school in spreading out the mulch across all of our playgrounds. I do sincerely appreciate the community support here at Skipton.

Apologies for not getting a newsletter out on Friday – circumstances prevented this from happening. There will be a normal Friday bulletin this week.

Have a great week,
Nick

The Next Four Learning Weeks @ Skipton:

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) Gr 4 Camp Parent Check in – 7pm via Zoom
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)
Term 2 Week 8	
Mon 7 th Jun	Teaching & Learning Subcommittee (3:30pm) Environment Subcommittee (4:30pm)
Wed 9 th Jun	Kinder BBQ
Thu 10 th and Fri 11 th Jun	Grade 5/6s overnight @ Sovereign Hill

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.*

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

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

11th June – 24th June: Margot Barr, Kate Dunne, Jessie White, Kate White

Sustainability

Tomorrow Grades 2-4 will take advantage of the break in the weather to plant grasses and trees at Stewart Park. I need at least 1 parent helper for Grade 2/3 @ 2.20-3.25pm.

It is highly recommended that students bring a hat, coat and boots for this activity. Grade 4 students will plant a lower area of the park so a spare pair of dry socks might also be a good idea. Thanks Georgie

Grade 5/6 BioCATS excursion

On Monday the 31st of May Grade 5/6 students will travel to GMHBA Stadium in Geelong to participate in the Bio Lab BioCATS Sports Science Program. Students should arrive at school at 7.45am for an 8.00am departure. Students will depart Geelong at 2.10pm and arrive back at

school for a 3.45pm pick up. Students will need to bring lunch and all snacks and drinks for the day as there will be no opportunity to purchase these. They should wear sports suitable uniform and footwear, bring a jacket and hat as the stadium can become very cold. There is no cost for this excursion. Permission will be required through Compass.

Creative Workers in Schools



Our School is very fortunate to have successfully applied for a Creative Workers in Schools grant. As a result artist Clare Walton will work with our school two days a week until the end of term three.

Clare Walton is a multi-disciplinary artist who works in the community and public art sector. Her work

examines the interconnectedness of community using processes that are accessible and supportive of co-collaboration. Drawing on traditional art processes including drawing, painting, photography, installation, videography and non-traditional tools including measured risky play her co-collaborative projects invite participants to enter a process that excites, questions what could be and celebrates their community. Clare works with schools, festivals, councils, corporations and community organisations to produce participatory works that share and amplify the collective voice.

A key focus in her current work is in supporting children and young people's engagement as active citizens and social agents of change in their community. Using measured risky play as the primary tool her co-collaborators are invited to design and build their own installations, create festivals that celebrate who they are and engage in creating memorable participatory experiences that highlight the capacity children and young people have to re-imagine and create a better community. As the artistic producer and lead artist of the Ultimate Pop Up Junkyard Playground at Siteworks 2016 Clare invited children and young people to engage in the design and creation of their world within that of the adult world. An interactive public performance it invited the audience to sit back and watch the site unfold as the young artists designed and build a world of their imagining.



We are very excited to introduce Clare to our school community, this week Clare will meet and get to know the students in the classroom. Next week Clare will be conduct lunchtime workshops on Wednesday and Thursday she has provided a list of useful materials if you can help with these please let us know.

Pallets, spare timber or timber offcuts, old PVC piping, plastic buckets (all shapes and sizes), branches from trees that would be great for making huts and other various things, clean recycled plastic bottles ribbons, fabric, lace etc, balls of wool or string, old sheets and blankets, old tarpaulins, milk crates, rope, old tires, tin cans of all sizes, old broom handles or dowling, bamboo poles.



About Creative Workers in Schools:

The Creative Workers in Schools program, delivered by Regional Arts Victoria in partnership with Department of Education and Training and Creative Victoria through the support of the Victorian Government's Working for Victoria initiative, is providing the opportunity for 150 creative industry workers to undertake a six-month residency in Victorian government schools, including special schools.

Regional Arts Victoria is the peak body for regional artists and arts organisations, and the leading organisation for regional creative practice in Victoria.



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

