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

**Calendar (new items highlighted in red)**

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REMINDER: sign the head lice consent form given last week and return to school. Checks are being conducted tomorrow.

**Principal’s Message**

On Monday we had five runners compete in the *Cross Country* at Warrnambool. Congratulations to Bronte Molloy, Cate Connell, Lillian Barr, George Wills and Noah Connell who ran their best on a difficult course. Then yesterday we had the 5/6s travel to *Earth Ed* for another day of science. This program, including transport, is wholly funded by the state government and our school is taking full advantage of the offer. It is great to see our children getting to use equipment and learn concepts normally reserved for secondary education.

Last week we had *Wide Open Road optometrists* visit the school, and they have one more visit left to go. I trust you found this service very convenient, and judging by the extra testing, it has uncovered some issues that you may not have been aware of. Looking after our eyesight is a vital task and good vision can easily be taken for granted. My father has been blind for a number of years now, due to glaucoma, and it has had a devastating effect on his life and mental health.

Today I am in Melbourne on the annual *principals’ conference*. A range of guest speakers from both in Australia and overseas will be presenting on various topics and I hope to be
able to use their insights and experience back here in Skipton in some way. Tomorrow we have a couple of staff from the hospital conducting head lice checks. Please make sure that your consent form has been returned.

**This Friday is a student-free day.** Our teachers will be finalising their assessments and beginning to write your child’s mid-year report. Remember that **Monday is a public holiday** as well. Then we have the senior grade at the two-day costume school at **Sovereign Hill**. This year, for the first time, our students are staying overnight which means that they can participate in an extra mine tour and see the brand-new sound and light show called ‘Aura.’ This replaces the ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ and covers a very important part of Australian history – the rise of democracy as the miners fought for representation in Parliament. **No taxation without representation** was the overriding concern of the miners, and became the ultimate success and legacy of the Eureka Rebellion. And it all happened on our doorstep. Our students are able to attend the show thanks to sponsorship of the Skipton Op Shop.

**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.

- **28th May – 10th June:** Gemma Molloy, Emily Gilliland, Lisa Wills, Kate Medson
- **11th June – 24th June:** Dione Gardiner, Peta Byrne, Jane Gardner, Margot Barr
- **25th June – 8th July:** Sarah meek, Jessie White, Megan Read, Dave O’Neil

**Grade 5/6 : Please remember both medical and consent forms, along with payment for Sovereign Hill by tomorrow. Thank you**

**Skipton Holiday Program**

- **Bible stories, music, games & craft**
  - Prep – Year 6 Kids!!
  - When: Mon. July 1st- Thurs. July 4th
  - 9:30am – 12:30am
  - Where: Russell Hall

**Contact:** Stewart & Belle McKerrow

**Ph:** 5349 5553

**GOOD ON YOU!**

Well done to Percy Pappin for establishing excellent new reading habits and being very disciplined to follow through. Great reading Percy!

Well done to Lachie, Charlotte, Bella, Mason, Ruby, Octavia, Iona and Tess who completed their inquiry question about the rotary telephone for extra homework.

Brigette Mulcahy - 100 nights reading

Grace Barr, Brigette Mulcahy, Tully Smith, Hayley Gardner for always being so helpful!

Steph McKiernan for always being happy and positive!

Congratulations to our Regional Cross Country qualifiers who gave great efforts at Warrnambool on Monday in windy and cold conditions:

- George Wills and Noah Connell (2km course) and Bronte Molloy, Cate Connell and Lillian Barr (3km course).
Scholastic Book Club
Please return Book Club orders to school by Thursday 13th June. Please ensure that all orders are clearly named with a contact phone number. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to “Skipton Primary School”. 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
Parents Club are running a baked potato lunch on Friday the 21st June. Order forms have been sent home with your child today and must be returned as soon as possible. Please fill the form in accordingly and send back even if your child will not be ordering lunch. Thank you.

Science Report
On the 4th of June, the grade 5/6 students went to Earth Ed. We learnt about temperatures, when liquid freezes, turns into gas, and when solids turn into liquid. We learnt lots of new words and science skills, and we enjoyed having the new experiences that we cannot have at Skipton. We also learnt about chemical change and what the different chemical reactions mean. We acted a role play, being scientists investigating 5 samples of white powders. It was a fun experience and well worth doing.
Sophie Collins

Library Report
Our teachers had the opportunity to purchase books from their very own school hall today! Thanks to Craig Stoddart from Warrnambool Books for coming and providing such a huge range of books for our teachers and students to browse. Students then had the opportunity to help their teachers choose books that they would find interesting as classroom readers. Thanks to Ms. Munson for organising.