

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

Principal’s Message

Grade 4 Camp

In what turned out to be a very unique camp, Grade 4 students were able to get to the MCG, the Yarra River and Eureka Sky Deck – where they got a great view of the lunar eclipse on Wednesday night. Unfortunately, the camp has ended early and the school will look to re-schedule the remaining components of camp for another time.



Young Leaders Day

This was a big hit on Monday, with all of our Grade 5/6 students making an early start and heading into the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. The students took notes as the guest speaker’s shared their stories of determination, hardship, challenge and leadership.

Transition to Remote Learning

As mentioned in a Compass post yesterday, the school will be operating in remote learning mode from Monday, 31st May to Thursday, 3rd June. The learning program for this week is attached to the newsletter for your reference. It is also on the school’s website under the Remote Learning tab. If you require a hard copy, please collect one from the front office on Monday. All of the information you will need for the week is included in the attachment.

On-Site Supervision

This is available for families. I’ve included the criteria for this, as outlined by the Department of Education. If you believe that you require this option, please notify the school, either by phone or email.

1. All students will be learning from home from 28 May – 3 June, except for students in the following categories

- Children where both parents and or carers are considered [authorised workers as listed](#) who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made:
 - Where there are two parents/carers, both must be essential workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.
 - For single parents/ carers, the essential worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.
- Vulnerable children, including:
 - children in out-of-home care
 - children deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
 - children identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, (including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service)

Visitors, Pick Ups and Drop Offs

The school will be limiting visitors on-site for the coming week. If you need to come on-site to collect resources, please sign in and notify a staff member (either Nat at the office or by ringing the doorbell next to the glass window). All visitors are required to wear a mask on school grounds – this also applies to families at pick up and drop off times if you are getting out of your car.

Communication With the School

If you need to contact the school during normal hours, the number is 5340 2002. If you must contact the school outside of these hours or over the weekend, the school mobile number is 0422 366 017. Please note that the school mobile number is available over this weekend only. After that, please use the school number as normal.



Some Re-Scheduled Activities

The following events that were planned for this coming week have been postponed and the school will advise shortly of new dates:

- BioLab on Monday for Grade 5/6
- Cross Country for finalists in Warrnambool
- Asian Theme Day and lunch
- Assembly on Thursday



Thank You

Before I finish, I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge some people:

- Thanks to the Grade 4s. Despite your disappointment this week, you kept a positive attitude and were so very grateful for the experiences you did have.
- Thanks to the families of the Grade 4 students, who have been so quick to support the school with messages, gifts, car pools and emails. They have been appreciated.
- Thanks to the incredible staff here at this school, for continuing to remain calm and in control during these uncertain times. It is a privilege to work with you here.

Finally

This week's learning pack has a task in it related to the moon. The Grade 4s had a unique experience, seeing it slowly eclipse and then turn pink whilst on a bridge over the Yarra River.

I encourage you as a family to grab a jacket (and perhaps a doona) and head out one night this weekend to get a good look at the moon. It is still quite large and it might just spark some inspiration for this week's writing task.

Nick.



The Next Four Learning Weeks @ Skipton:

Term 2 Week 7	
Mon 31 st May to Thu 3 rd Jun	Remote Learning
Fri 4 th Jun	Expected return to face-to-face learning
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
Term 2 Week 9	
Mon 14 th Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 15 th Jun	Finance (8:15am) and Policy (9:15am) Subcommittees
Wed 16 th Jun	Assembly (3:00pm)
Thu 17 th Jun	Grades 3-6 Winter Sports Competition
Term 2 Week 10	
Mon 21 st Jun	School Council (6pm)
Wed 23 rd Jun	School Reports published to families
Thu 24 th Jun	Skipton Olympic Day
Fri 25 th Jun	Assembly @ 1pm School finished @ 1:30pm Last day of Term 2

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.*

28th May – 10th June: Dione Gardiner, Peta Byrne, Jane Gardner, Kim Haley
 11th June – 24th June: Margot Barr, Kate Dunne, Jessie White, Kate White
 25th June – 8th July: Petrina Phillips, Wendy Carroll, Megan Read, Jess Kirby

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