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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

June
27th Thursday  Last Day of Term – 1.30pm finish
Final reminder for uniform orders for Term 3
(a copy of the form is on the website).

July
15th Monday  First Day of Term 3
18th Thursday  Earth Ed visit for 5/6
19th Friday  School House Athletic Sports
16th Tuesday  Wide Open Road optometrists (final visit)
26th Friday  Reserve date for house athletics.
29th Monday  Grade 5/6 depart for camp to Tasmania

August
12th Monday  School Photos

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

Principal’s Message

Last week we had Winter Sports which went well by all accounts. It was another opportunity for our students to mix with students from other schools. This is an important part of the day and ultimately helps with transition to college as our children build confidence in relating to others. Thanks to Jane Gardner for her bus services.

The senior students also showcased their Makey Makey projects that they have been working on in Art and Music (videos on FB). Thanks, as well, to the Parents Club for providing us all with a baked potato lunch – it was delicious!

Tomorrow is the last day for classroom programs. In keeping with tradition, the children are allowed to wear casual clothes. We will also have an assembly at 12:30 before the 1:30 dismissal.

This will be followed by the parent-teacher-student interviews. We ask that you arrive on time and keep the discussions to questions about the report sent home yesterday. If you need a longer time for a wider discussion, please arrange a time for early next term.
The interviews are a time to talk about your child’s progress. They enable both the teacher and the parents to work together towards your child’s learning and social wellbeing. It is an expectation that all discussions are conducted in a manner that respects your child’s teacher as a professional who has your child’s best interest at heart. If anything other than respect is experienced, the interview will be ceased immediately.

We hope you find the new format of conducting interviews over two days convenient, and the interviews worthwhile.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff for their work and dedication to the children over the semester. We do not always get things right, and each of us have strengths and weaknesses (including me), but be assured that everyone at SPS is working for your child’s best interest and putting in long hours both at school and home. School is a very busy place and we all strive to be as productive and effective as possible.

I would also like to thank the people who have committed extra time to the school. This includes serving on council or one of the sub-committees, Parents Club, Kids Matter and assisting in the classrooms. I also want to acknowledge the external services that contribute, such as the Skipton Opportunity Shop, Stockyard Hill Wind Farm, Mount Emu Delicatessan, and the sporting facilities and Mechanics Hall that we have used.

Have a restful winter break. Can I ask again that you restrict you emails and texts to emergencies over the school holidays to give the teachers a well-deserved break, and another reminder to keep communication to reasonable hours during the week of term.

*Calvin Tromp*

**Skipton House Athletics**

On the first Friday next term (19th July) we have the Skipton House Athletics. This year we have organised all the athletics to be held in the one term, rather than spread it out over two terms as in previous years. We will be starting with a whole-school house sports, followed by a P-2 and 3-6 Western Plains sports. The term will finish with qualifiers competing in the Eureka Athletics. Last year we had a couple go on to compete at higher levels in Term 4. The dates for each event is on the calendar and more details will be published as the events arrive.

**Garden Roster**

We ask that each family take a fortnight to come in when convenient and do some gardening. Jobs include weeding, sweeping paths and general tidy.

25th June – 8th July: Sarah Meek, Jessie White, Megan Read, Dave O’Neil
9th June-22nd June: Kate Dunne, Wendy Carroll, Petrina Phillips, Kim Haley
SKIPTON PRIMARY ATHLETIC
SPORTS

Friday 19th of July 2019
FIELD EVENTS @ SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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LUNCH – 12.10PM – 1:00PM
BBQ Lunch by Parents Club (money required)

TO OVAL & HOUSE PROCESSION- 1:00– 1:15 PM

1.15PM – 2.30PM @ SKIPTON RECREATION RESERVE

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2.30PM – RELAYS

3.00PM – PRESENTATIONS

Please ensure your child/children comes to school:
- In warm clothing (named)
- With a drink bottle & snacks in a named bag or lunchbox
- Money for lunch - $2. Sausage, $4 Hamburger (no pre-order needed)

We are looking forward to a wonderful day! See you there!