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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

July
18th Thursday  Earth Ed visit for 5/6
19th Friday  School House Athletic Sports
29th Monday  Grade 5/6 depart for camp to Tasmania

August
12th Monday  School Photos
22nd Thursday  Book Week whole school trip to Sovereign Hill
23rd Friday  WPPSA Athletic sports at Llanberris

September
12th Thursday  Grandparents’ Day and Writer’s Festival

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

Principal’s Message
Welcome back to Term 3! I hope you had a relaxing holiday. The students have reported their holidays were great with lots of exciting activities. Ice skating, beach walking, skiing, golf and movie watching just to name a few...

This term we welcome Georgie Finch to the 3/4 Team who will be working with Caitlyn for the first two weeks. Georgie comes highly recommended from Ballan and Warrenheip and has settled well into the 3/4 team. I will be working in the office while Calvin has taken leave. Calvin will be back in Week 3.

This Friday is our Athletic Sports which we will now run just at school. The Skipton Football Oval is too wet for the students to be running on. We are intending on using the side dirt road and the road out the front of the school for some running events. Please park your car around the back and side of the school. I have organised pre-service teachers from Federation University to help at each event. In the past these students have done an excellent job and we greatly appreciate them giving up their time to help us. Please lend a hand to these students while they are running events if you are able to. The weather is going to be 12 degrees but with no rain, so rug up! It should be another fantastic day. (There is a schedule of Friday’s proceedings in today’s newsletter to bring with you).

According to the new Visitor Policy, all visitors to Skipton Primary School are required to sign in on arrival and sign out on departure. As a friendly reminder when picking up your child from school early, please knock and wait for your child’s teacher to ensure there is minimal disruption to the learning and classroom routine.

Look forward to seeing you on Friday!
Amelia
**Skipton House Athletics**

This Friday (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.

9th July-22nd July: Kate Dunne, Wendy Carroll, Petrina Phillips, Kim Haley

23rd July – 5th August: Erin Fletcher, Fiona Collins, Victoria Kennedy, Natalie Clark

6th -19th August: Jess Harding, Sarah Pratt, Georgie Green, Chrissie Cartledge, Zoe Bennett

**MARC Van Term 3**

Welcome back everyone! Hope you all had a restful break and are all refreshed for this Term. I am especially excited for this Term as I am in Term 3 of every year! It is the culmination of the CBCA Book of the Year Awards. We will be reading as many of the Shortlisted Books as possible during our Library sessions and will once again be visiting Sovereign Hill to participate in the reading of books and activities related to the Book Awards in Week 6 of the term. The theme for this Year is “Reading is my Secret Power”. So Let’s Power Up and keep encouraging children to READ!!! Have a great term everyone.

Gayle Munson - MARC VAN

**Earth Ed**

Tomorrow Earth Ed will be visiting Grade 5/6 at school. The students will be using Sphero Robots to create art works. **On Monday the 29th of July** Earth Ed will visit Grades Prep-4, with Dash Robots to do maths activities.

**Sustainability**

On Tuesday the 17th of September Grades Prep-Two will be visiting the Werribee Open Range Zoo to take part in the Extinction Fighters program. This term Grades 3-6 will continue their community projects on the Common and the Creek.

The revegetation project at the Platypus Viewing Platform is growing well, with the good rain.
**Scholastic Book Club**
Please return Book Club orders to school by Tuesday 30th July.
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.

**Grade 5/6 report**
On Monday it was welcome back to Term 3 for 23 of our class. Sara, Sophie & Lillian are still touring different areas of outback Australia. Several of our students also travelled widely, to countries and states such as New Zealand, Singapore, as well as through South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.
We have settled quickly back into our routine and we are presently planning our major assignment on Tasmania, to be completed after our trip, which is less than two weeks away. We are also discussing the itinerary each day.
Our sports captains are also preparing their team events for the Athletics sports on Friday and planning house meetings.
Thank you to parents who attended the Parent Teacher interviews on the last Thursday and Friday of Term 2. If any parents who were unable to attend wish to meet, please contact me.

**Grade 3/4 report**
We were all very busy on the holidays with people visiting lots of different places like Halls Gap, Mount Hotham, Anglesea, Melbourne, Geelong, Uluru, Torquay, Portland, Gold Coast and many more exciting places. It sounds like everyone had a fantastic holiday and are refreshed and ready to learn lots of new things this term. This term we are going to be very busy in the 3/4 Team. We are looking forward to the Athletics Day, Writer’s Festival, Grandparents Day and learning new things in class.

**Grade 2 Report**
Welcome back to grade 2 for third term. This week we have been focusing on setting new goals in reading and writing. We have been completing a week of Mental Maths and will begin an Addition unit of work next week. In Digi – tech, students are “on safari” looking out for computers in all kinds of places. We revisited Emotions in Resilience Project. We are commencing our technology inquiry project. Students are looking forward to the House Athletics on Friday.

**GOOD on YOU**
Well done to all grade 2 students who confidently presented their learning to their parents during Interviews at the end of last term.
Prep/One Report

In Prep/1 we are moving on with our Sounds-write lessons and I am seeing some great progress across the board with reading and spelling. We are going to continue our work on the use of verbs and nouns when writing and this term we are going to begin to explore the use of adjectives. Sentence fragments and complete sentences will continue to be a focus seeing us move into using exclamation, declarative and command sentences. In math, we have begun addition and we will move onto subtraction as the weeks go by. Our focus here is to show our working so that we can develop a range of strategies to problem solve. It’s been lovely to see all the P/1 children again and hear all about their great holidays. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support with home reading and congratulations to the following students;

| Reading more than 130 nights so far this year | Lily Byrne  
| Poppy Byrne  
| Arli Kusanke  
| Georgia Liston  
| Logan Nixon  
| George Read  
| Alfie Sim  
| Freddie Weatherly |
| Reading more than 100 nights so far this year. | Coco Draffin  
| Kaylee Pratt  
| Matilda Tickner |
| Reading more than 80 nights so far this year. | Evie Fletcher  
| Sam McKiernan  
| George Mulchay  
| Austin Read |

Below is the P/1 Show and Tell time table for Term 3. Please send your child with no more than one of two items to discuss.

| Week 2 | Poppy  
| Freddie |
| Week 6 | Max  
| Logan  
| Henry |
| Week 3 | Austin  
| George R  
| Tamati |
| Week 7 | Kaylee  
| George M  
| Matilda |
| Week 4 | Ruby  
| Lily  
| Georgia |
| Week 8 | April  
| Angus  
| Alfie |
| Week 5 | Evie  
| Arli  
| Sam |
| Week 9 | Coco  
| Emily  
| Marlie |

If you haven’t already, please make sure you check out our fantastic photo display. A wonderful show of our student’s talents.