

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

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

20 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Teaching & Learning Sub-committee (3:45pm) and Environment (4:30pm)
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	Finance Meeting (8:30am) and Policies Meeting (9:30am)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	Family Conferences 4pm-7pm
24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Family Conferences 9am-3pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	School Council (6pm)
28 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Hot Potato Lunch
<b>August</b>		
25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Spaghetti Lunch

**Principal’s Message**

This week we have welcomed 2 new students to our school. Isabella Vincent has joined our Grade 2 students and Paddy Alexander will be here with us for 6 months as a grade 6 student. We hope that both Paddy and Isabella, and families, enjoy their time at Skipton Primary. It was also lovely to hold our first assembly in quite a while!

**Camps**

Regretfully, I need to inform you that the planned camps to Melbourne (Grades 3/4) and Canberra & Sydney (Grades 5/6) have been cancelled for 2020. After careful consideration, these camps to highly populated cities can’t be supported by the school at this time. The increase in infections in the greater Melbourne area, coupled with border closures to NSW have ultimately forced our hand in this matter. The students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 are being notified today.

The Department is releasing more information regarding camps and excursions in the coming days. As I write this bulletin, I would support a rural camp for the

students who are missing out on the normal big-city camp and our staff are busy identifying local, more isolated options that may be able to accommodate a group from our school. As more information comes to hand, I will share this with you. It is the school’s intention to provide an alternative camp for Grade 4,5 and 6 students in the coming months. If you have any questions in this matter, I am your contact and would gladly speak with you regarding any aspect of the decisions made here.



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Can I please ask families that have not yet booked a conference using the Compass tool to do so by Monday morning? Conferences are being held this coming Thursday night (4pm-7pm) and Friday (9am-3pm). If you



would like support with this, please call the school and we can support you with this. Throughout the days on Monday and Tuesday, Nat and I will make contact with families to confirm if you would prefer video conference or phone interviews.

Also, this week's alternative Friday timetable is included for you (whilst the classroom teachers are available for interviews).

	9am-10am	10am-11am	11:40am-12:35pm	12:35pm-1:30pm	2:20pm-3:35pm
Prep/1	Reading	Introduction to Auslan	Library	Science & Sustainability	PE
Grade 2/3	Reading	PE	Introduction to Auslan	Library	Science & Sustainability
Grade 4	Reading	Science & Sustainability	PE	Introduction to Auslan	Library
Grade 5/6	Reading	Library	Science & Sustainability	PE	Introduction to Auslan

Take care and enjoy your weekend,

Nick Keating



## 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.

9th July - 22nd July: Erin Fletcher, Fiona Collins, Victoria Kennedy, Natalie Clark

23<sup>rd</sup> July – 5<sup>th</sup> August: Georgie Green, Rebecca McKiernan, Christine Cartledge, Hayley Mills

6<sup>th</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup> August: Anthony Mulcahy, Dallas Connell, Damian Bell, Sarah Matthews

## Scholastic Book Club – Issue 5

Please return Book Club orders to school by **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020**.

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.

## PREP/ONE REPORT

In reading we our strategy this week is rereading text to increase our fluency. We have been looking out for *WOW* words. Arthur, Will and Freddie have discovered some good ones through their reading, including Elementary- basic and straightforward or a type of school. Shards - small fragments of pottery, glass or metal. Mulch – to enrich the soil. Our *WOW* word from the Big Book was Welfare – health and comfort.

We collaborated together to write about the seed-growing experiment we did last term in integrated studies.

## PADDOCK to PLATE

### OUR EGG HEADS

We bought some eggshells to school. We decorated our eggs. We wet cotton-wool and put it at the bottom of the egg. We sowed different kinds of seeds on top. Then we watered it. In about 3-5 days some seeds started to sprout. We started to take great care of our eggs. We watered them and they grew. After 3 weeks some were very tall and we took them home.

### What we Learned;

The seeds cracked apart.

Water and sunlight made the plants grow.

Some plants did better in soil and some grew better on cotton wool. Our class group planting showed they grew tall on both but thicker and greener on soil.

Most of our plants grew better than we expected.

