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**Educating successful students, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens**

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

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<td>Eureka Athletics, Llanberris (for those who qualify)</td>
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The website calendar has all the dates for the year and is continually updated.

**Principal’s Message**

Last Friday’s athletics was a terrific day! The weather was kind, the athletes enthusiastic, and the spectators encouraging. I had excellent feedback from other schools about how well the day went and, especially nice, how well our students interacted with each other and encouraged each other in the events. The 800m was special in this regard with Noah going back to encourage the final runner. Well done to our children, our parents and our staff. We have 13 students qualifying for the Eureka District athletics next month.

Last week we also had the 5/6s compete at Mt Xavier for the first round of golf. Mr Baker and Miss Pollock again were very proud of how our students played and conducted themselves on the course. Etiquette is a very important part of the game and our students displayed that in spades. Again thanks to the teachers for giving up their lunchtimes in helping train the students, and thanks for all the parent drivers.
We also celebrated the end of Book Week with a day at Sovereign Hill. The children enjoyed all the activities, as well as the chance to sample the various lollies on offer. Thank you to Gayle Munson who organised this for the school.

Participation in extra-curriculum events does require some patience from you when classroom teachers attend events. However, the staff firmly believe that participation has a huge effect on the overall school culture at Skipton. The students do appreciate these opportunities the school provides and pay it back in extra focus in the classroom as well as manners and inclusiveness in the playground.

This week we saw a change in teacher in the P/1 classroom. I thank you for your patience and understanding during this time of transition. Renae Harper has made a significant contribution to the learning progress of our junior students and I wish her well for her future plans. Thank you to Michelle Liston and Sue Parker who have worked in the class this week, and to Caitlyn Baird who will be their teacher going forward. I know you will give her your full support.

Next Wednesday we have the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning coming to film students at The Common. They have heard about the work our senior students are doing in monitoring rare plants and like to include them in a film. Georgie has more details. We also have our netballers compete in Melbourne at the State Netball Centre – go girls!

Next week on Friday we have an Emergency Services Day. We will have visits from the Police, CFA, Ambulance and SES. These are a vital services that we call upon from time-to-time and it’s a great opportunity for our children to meet the people behind the services and understand more about their important work.

Calvin.

**Garden Roster**

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

- 20th Aug- 2nd Sept: Damian Bell, Karlie Kennedy, Sarah Matthews, Silvia Lupton
- 3rd Sept – 16th Sept: Emma Smith, Amy Sim, Jade partridge, Rebecca McKiernan
- 17th Sept – 30th Sept: Kristen Hansen, Elizabeth Kusanke, Alicia Pettigrew, Hayley Pappin
**Scholastic Book Club**
Please return Book Club orders to school by Friday 30th August.
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.

**GOOD ON YOU!**
Olivia Kennedy for reading 200 nights, well done!
Prep/One grade for practising their bus manners with Sue!

**Sustainability**
On Wednesday Morning Grade 5/6 will travel on Jane’s bus to The Common, DWELP are making a short documentary about the work the students are doing on the common for World Environment Day. The completed film will appear on the DWELP website and community Facebook page.
The Grade 6 girls who are playing netball will be included in the film, with still photos taken on Monday.

**Art**
Could any Grade 5/6 students who have not returned their formative assessment consent forms please do so by tomorrow, thank you.

**Talent Quest**
Grade P/1 would love all students to bring a gold coin and watch their talent show on Monday lunchtime. All proceeds to Melbourne Zoo’s Eastern Barred Bandicoot Conservation Program.

**Grade 2 news**
Grade two have all been working very hard on our writer’s festival narratives. Thankyou to Lisa for her extra help. In maths we have started learning about fractions. In digi-tech we are learning about the input and output of data. Students have performed puppet role-plays to show examples of empathy for The Resilience Project.

And I hear they are also proving to be a group of future golf stars!!
**Golf Tournament at Mt Xavier**

Last Wednesday 17 of our Grade 5/6 students participated in the first round of the Primary Schools’ Golf Championships. Two other schools, Alfredton and St Francis Xavier, also competed. Ninety-three students participated in the day, at Mt Xavier Golf Course. Six boys’ places and three girls’ places were allotted to proceed to Regional level in October. Four of our boys were successful: George Wills, with a wonderful 39, was the winner of the boys’ section. Also qualifying were Cooper Cahill, 45, James Read, 47, and Hamish Draffin, 49. Sara Kennedy, with a superb 40, won the girls’ section and Cate Connell, with an excellent 47, was third. Unlucky girls to just miss qualifying were Keeley Clark, Bronte Molloy and Lillian Barr, all with 53.

**Grandparents and Special Friends Day - Thursday 12th September**

Grandparents and Special friends day is fast approaching so Parents Club are now coordinating catering and parent helpers for the day. It would be appreciated if all families could please send in a plate of morning tea to school (for Grandparents/special person to share). The like of sandwiches, cakes, slice, biscuits and dip or fruit platters are always popular!

You can send your plate to school with your child on the bus or drop it to the Primary School Mackinnon hall before 10 am if you are not attending on the day. Please name your platters so they can be returned home with your child.

We are also needing four volunteers to make a large pot of soup for the Grandparents to have for lunch.

If you are available to help on the day with serving food and tea/coffee or with making a soup please contact Parent Club President Jess Lang-Mulcahy 0409542186 or Nat Clark at the office.

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**Skipton Tennis Club Hot Shots Program**

The Skipton Tennis Club committee are looking for some new committee members to help run the junior Hot Shot program due to their own children moving on. We would love someone new join us in continuing to provide the local community with this very well supported program. It is generally run from approximately 3.40pm to 5pmish Thursday nights during term 4 with a BBQ available for an easy dinner!!

If you would be willing or able to join our committee and help with this great program please contact Erin Fletcher (President) on 0400 998723 or see Natalie in the office.