



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

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

**September**

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday    | Work Collection & Scrap Book Submission |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Friday   | Work Collection & Scrap Book Submission |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Thursday | Last Day of Term                        |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Friday   | Student-Free Day                        |

**Principal’s Message**

**Survey on Remote Learning Number Two**

I would ask all families to take 5-10 minutes to complete the survey regarding the school’s second attempt at remote learning. This information will be valuable for staff in their planning for the future and also provide us the opportunity to reflect on the teaching and learning program we are currently providing. The survey closes today at 4pm. There are a number of ways to access the survey.

| Type in the URL  | QR Code  | The Website   | Come in to school  |
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| <a href="https://www.survey-monkey.com/r/O7X9HJC">https://www.survey-monkey.com/r/O7X9HJC</a><br>(no gaps or spaces) | Open your camera app and hover it over the box below.<br><br> | The survey is embedded on the front page of the school’s website.<br><br>Google ‘Skipton Primary School’ for the website. | If you are having a challenge logging in, a survey station will be set up in the hallway next Thursday afternoon and Friday. It will be right next to the scrap books.<br><br>When you come in and collect the packs, please also complete the survey! |

**Week 9 – Food Week**

Just a friendly reminder that next week is Food Week and there are a number of recipes that staff have planned for. If you would like any support with the ingredients list, please call the school.

**Week 10 – The Last Week of Term**

Here at Skipton, we are planning for Remote Learning to continue for the last week of term. The last week will look a little different to the other weeks.

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| Monday    | Writing (Preparing the Conference), Maths and Reading   |
| Tuesday   | Writing (Preparing the Conference), Maths and Reading   |
| Wednesday | Auslan, PE, Science, Sustainability, Art, Library   |
| Thursday  | Conferences and Reflection<br><br>For this day, students will be scheduled to present their Term 3 Learning Journey via video conference to their teacher for 8-10 minutes. Families are welcome to attend this also. Please look out for an email from staff for your child’s time.<br><br>There will be no Class Lunch Breaks or Group Conferences on this day. |
| Friday    | Student-Free Day – no learning planned and no on-site supervision.  |

I hope Father’s Day is a good one in your family,  
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.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – 16<sup>th</sup> Sept: Amy Sim, Elizabeth Barr, Elizabeth Kusanke, Alicia Pettigrew

17<sup>th</sup> Sept- 30<sup>th</sup> Sept: Fiona Meek, Michelle McIntyre, Karen Bodman, Helen Purvis

8<sup>th</sup> Oct – 21<sup>st</sup> Oct: Lisa Wills , Rosie Weatherly, Wendy Carroll, Jess Tsoukalas



## PREP\ONE



You're invited to participate in marking this time in our history!

*Skipton Primary School students are writing a letter titled 'Dear Skipton' to remember what life was like in 2020.*



We are all living through a very unusual time in history. The corona virus has forced us to change the way we live, on a daily basis. The last time anything quite like this happened in Australia was just over 100 years ago and it may be another 100 years until it might happen again.

It is important for us to document our experiences, so that people in the future can learn from us. Your task for this week is to write a letter addressed to Skipton. In this letter, you might include some of the following aspects:

- What parts of life have changed?
- How these changes have made me feel?
- What are things that me and my family miss doing?
- What things that we are doing now, that we weren't doing before?
- What are new things that our family enjoy doing?

Teachers have created a clip (found on the School's YouTube Channel) to help you with your ideas!

Below is a QR code that people can open their camera app on their phone to watch the video.

Alternatively, the link to the Dear Skipton video is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJ48aMnN3yM>



You can deliver your letters to the box at the school office.

If you have any questions, please contact Nick on 5340 2002.

## Grade 5/6

Skipton  
Primary School

Lyla Molloy  
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Dear Skipton,

Because of coronavirus, nearly the whole of Australia has gone into lockdown. This means that there are a lot of changes. We are not going to school, instead we are doing Remote Learning, we only go to the shops if we urgently need something, we don't do any after school activities like sport and we are not allowed to socialise or visit other families.

The thing that I miss most is my 2 best friends. We have never been away from each other for so long before so it makes it very hard for us. I also miss going to school and all the fun we have there. Normally, around this time of year my family goes on a holiday together. We will miss out on doing that which is sad and annoying.

Some things we are doing now to keep us safe are staying at home and making our own fun instead of going out, only going to the shops if we urgently need something, not visiting friends and family to stop the spread. Things that are new to my daily routine are washing my hands regularly, not getting up early to get on the bus and always be ready for online meetings for school.

Skipton  
Primary School

My family has had a lot more time to spend with each other which is nice. We have been playing board games and doing fun activities and when we have finished school and on the weekends we help out on the farm. Murn and my sister and I normally go on walks or bike rides together and I would like to keep doing that and other activities as well.

When this first started I was annoyed and feeling a lot of different emotions. During this time I have just kept persevering to get through it and haven't really been thinking about how I feel. I don't like doing Remote Learning and I can't wait to get back to school and the things I love. Now I feel excited because we only have 2 more weeks to go before we can get back to school.

When this is all over, the first thing I am going to do is get back to school to see my friends and visit my grandparents.

From, Lyla Molloy

Skipton  
Primary School

Clara Phillips  
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Dear Skipton,

Life has changed dramatically here in 2020, we have had to home school for 16 weeks, wear face masks, socialise 1.5m apart and we haven't been able to see our friends and family. We have had to home school for about 16 weeks, which is equivalent to about 1 semester! All of our sport has been cancelled, which is really annoying because it's one of the best things in the year. We have had to socialise and wear face masks everywhere we go.

I have really missed my friends and family because I've been lonely and have only seen my family and I've seen my class on Zoom, but it's not the same. I also miss school and working as a class, being on the same page and seeing everyone. My family and I have missed out on a lot of things, Birthdays, Weddings, Trips and my family that I only see once a year, in South Australia.

I am isolating at home and I have only gone to Ballarat 3 times to do Nannie & Papa's groceries. Even though I'm not 12 yet I still wear a facemask in Ballarat or when someone comes out to the farm. We are doing home school which is going ok, but I still prefer being at school. My daily routine has changed a little bit because usually when I'm at home I like to be outside when I can but it's very different, because we are inside most of the day. We always start school early in the morning so we can get outside later in the day.

While we have had heaps more time together as a family we have played heaps of games and puzzles, and we have become a better family. When this is over I still want to play games and make the most of the time we see each other because we will probably never have this experience again.

When Remote Learning first happened I got very confused and wasn't really myself. But over the period of Remote Learning I have gained independence, patience, confidence and gratitude. I have missed out on some amazing experiences at Skipton, which is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I think being in Grade 6 right now, is kinda a bummer because it's our last year in Primary School and we want to be together and have a great year while making the most of it.

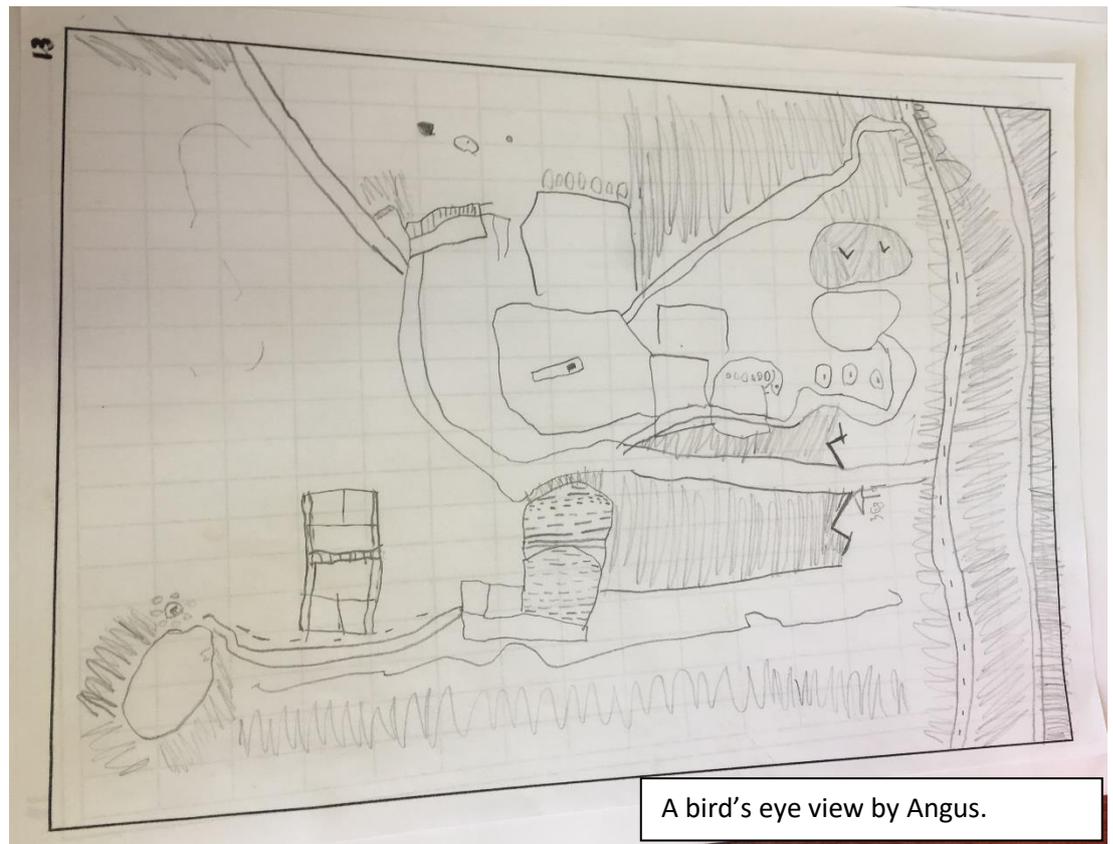
When this is all over, the first thing I am going to do is be grateful of what I have and make the most of it.

From,  
Clara Phillips.

## Grade 2/3 update



Lara and Iona playing shop keeper.



A bird's eye view by Angus.

Dear Mackenzie

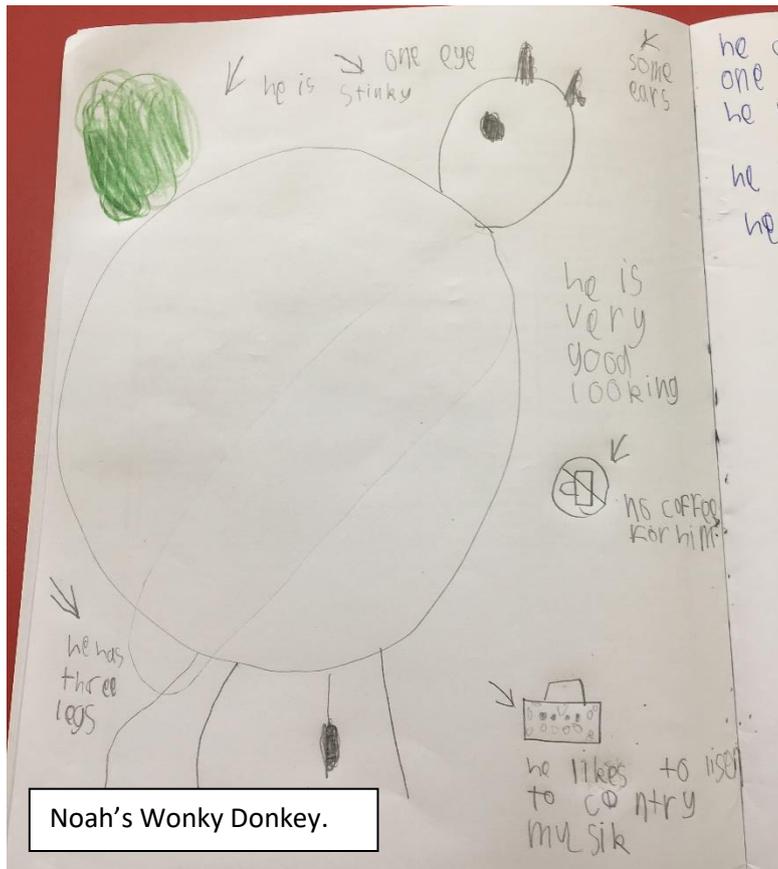
I hope I can see you soon I have been missing you I can zoom you or facetime you. I am at school a couple of days a week we could plan a facetime or zoom on the weekend days. We have been going fishing at the emu creek with dad. we have caught rainbow trout. We have been going for walks on the railtrail with one of my friends. I have been making up a lot of dances up with Grace and some times even dad my favourite song to dance to is wrecking ball. I can't wait to get to the beach and see you again when this is all over.

Evie's letter.

Octavia's ocean creation.



Noah's Wonky Donkey.



Grade 4

Gracie's Birds Eye view



Dear Skipton,

School is rushed in small spaces with timetables and other things but you get used to it extremely fast! For shopping, you can't go on a family mall trip or any cafes. I usually have to stay at home even though we don't have a big property.

I really miss all my friends and going to school. We miss out on family gatherings quite often just as well as parties!

We stay inside to keep safe but we also wear masks! I also think we have school meetings much too often!

We have been able to sleep in as we please for ages and also play computers but I wish we could sleep in before school!

When Covid-19 first came, I felt scared a worried about my parents. I think that school is being pushed to plan everything for students and that it's a bit overwhelming!

When this is all over, the first thing I am going to do is hug all my friends and give my teacher a present!

By Steph McKiernan

