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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

September
6th Friday Skipton Kinder Comedy Night (see info included today)
12th Thursday Grandparents’ Day and Writer’s Festival
13th Friday Eureka Athletics, Llanberris (for those who qualify)
16th Monday School Council, 6pm.
16th Monday Chalambar Golf for grade 3 and 4 representatives
17th Tuesday P-2 Trip to Werribee Zoo
18th Wednesday Footy Colors Day and Pie lunch run by Parents Club
19th Thursday Junior School Council Disco
20th Friday Last day of Term 3, 1:30 finish.

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

Weekly Update

On Monday, the Prep/1 students held a very successful talent quest to raise money for the Melbourne Zoo’s Eastern Barred Bandicoot Conservation Program. It was great to see so many parents and friends in attendance. More than $200 was raised for this worthy cause.

Yesterday 7 of our Year 6 students and 1 Year 5 student travelled to the netball stadium in Royal Park for the Primary Schools’ Netball Championships. The girls played very well and gained valuable experience in a very strong competition from some very large schools. On Friday, Emergency Services Day will be held at the school. Each Grade will be divided into two groups for an hour session and rotate around the four services: Police, SES, Ambulance and CFA.

Next Thursday is Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day. The day will commence at 10:00 a.m. and the first session will continue until 11:00 a.m., when morning tea will be provided in the Mackinnon Hall until 11:45. The second classroom session will be held from 11:45 until 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be held from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

After lunch the successful writers in each of the three categories will be announced for each grade, for the Writers’ Festival.
With regard to the **Acting Principal position**, expressions of interests to our Regional Office close today and a decision is expected soon after, with the incoming Acting Principal **expected to commence in the next week**. We will keep the school community updated with this matter. Thank you for the positive comments we, the staff, have received from parents as we **work together positively in the interests of the students and the school**.

Robin.

**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. It is suggested that the family that is named first be the coordinator of the gardening for that fortnight. Please see Natalie if you require contact details.

- **3rd Sept – 16th Sept**: Emma Smith, Amy Sim, Rebecca McKiernan, Janine Childs
- **17th Sept – 30th Sept**: Kristen Hansen, Elizabeth Kusanke, Alicia Pettigrew, Hayley Pappin
- **1st Oct – 14th Oct**: Ange Gowans, Fiona Meek, Michelle McIntyre, Jess Downes

**GOOD ON YOU!**

To the entire Prep One grade for adjusting to your new teacher so wonderfully!! Well done and thank you from Miss Baird.

(Prep/One: Just a quick reminder that readers will be changed Mondays and Fridays, so please remember to bring to school)

Well done to Ruby Hatzis for 100 nights of reading.

To Hamish Mulcahy for focusing really well and achieving high standards in his learning. Well Done Hamish.

To all grade Two Students for wonderful stamina in writing this week.

To Grace B, Brigette and Olivia for reading 200 nights! Milkshakes courtesy of Ms. Pollock today!

**Zoo**

Reminder that Prep-2 will be visiting Werribee Zoo on Tuesday the 17th of November, return consent forms and money to Nat. The bus will depart at 8.30 am and return at 4.00pm.

**Biodiversity Month**

Thank you to Jane for busing Grade 5/6 to The Common yesterday. The students were filmed and interviewed as part of a short documentary about working with BEN, surveying flora and fauna on The Common. The completed film will feature on DWELP’s web and Facebook pages during Biodiversity Month in October.
Science
Grade 2 students have a small homework assignment about physical changes at home. The finished assignment is due back at school next Wednesday the 11th of September, we will be using the completed assignments as part of our lesson. Thank you.

Talent Quest
Thank you to everyone in the school community who supported the P/1 Talent Show, the students had a fantastic time performing and the audience loved the show. The children have been able to raise a whopping $220.00 to help with the conservation of Eastern Barred Bandicoots.

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.
If you are available to help on the day with serving food and tea/coffee please contact Parent Club President Jess Lang-Mulcahy **0409542186** or Nat Clark at the office. Thank you to the below volunteers who have offered to make soup.

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**Skipton Tennis Club AGM**

The Skipton Tennis Club agm will be held next Monday the 9th of September at 6pm at the Skipton football netball clubrooms. We would love to see some new faces on board to help out with our hot shots program this year. 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. All welcome.

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Our talented Prep One grade raising money for Bandicoots!