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

**Sept**
- 20th Thursday: “Pictures of Me” exhibition, 3-4pm.
- 21st Friday: Last Day of Term 3 – Footy Colours Day and Footy Lunch.
  Footy parade at 12:30, followed by Assembly.

**Oct**
- 8th Monday: First Day of Term 4
- 11th Thursday: Goldfield’s Writers Festival at Canadian Lead Primary School, 4pm.
- 23rd Tuesday: Regional Golf. Melbourne Cup visits Mooramong.
- 25th Thursday: Summer Sports @ Lismore

**Nov**
- 5th Monday: Curriculum Day – no students at school
- 6th Tuesday: Melbourne Cup public holiday
- 7th Wed- 9th Fri: Grade 3 and 4 Melbourne Camp
- 15-16th Thurs/Fri: Grade 2 Mooramong Camp
- 19th Monday: School Council

*Please note: the website calendar has all the dates for the year and is continually updated.*

**NO LUNCH ORDER THIS FRIDAY THE 21ST DUE TO EARLY FINISH**

**Principal’s Message**

Another **great term of learning and achievements** for our children. The teachers and support staff are committed to ensuring that your child gets the best possible learning conditions and curriculum, and we are always looking to improve where we can. The Department of Education monitors each school in the areas of achievement, school climate, student attitudes, participation and engagement through surveys, NAPLAN results and attendance rates. Yesterday I was pleased to receive a School Performance Report which classified Skipton Primary as a **school of ‘Influence’**. This means that our performance is ranked very high, which has been maintained consistently over three years, and the school is acting as a system leader. I see this as another confirmation of how our community and staff all work together to provide a high-quality education for our children. I thank everyone for your involvement and dedication.

The **Grandparents & Friends Day/Writers Festival** went really well and we had good feedback. Congratulations to the children for their terrific narratives, and to Austin, Iona, Olivia, Harry, Kobi, James and Alice who will get their stories entered in the Goldfields competition next term. Thank you to the parents for arranging transport for the **Eureka**
Athletics – it was a fine and windy day and all enjoyed competing. Congratulations to Holly and Davey for qualifying for the western region in high jump. We also had a group play golf with George, Keeley and Lillian joining nine of our other students for the regional level next term.

This week we had both School Council and Parents Club. Council approved a major groundworks to renovate both large and mini ovals. As you know the combination of rain, sun and childrens’ feet has taken a toll on the grass and compacted the soil. We have engaged Brad McLean (Chops) and Midland Irrigation to kill the current grass, till the soil, install irrigation and drainage, and then sow new seed. The works will begin over the holidays but then extend into next term. This means that the ovals will not be able to be used to give the new grass time to grow, but the short-term inconvenience will be of long-term benefit. The school is planning the best way to manage the recesses.

Today we have the JSC Disco, and it has been well organised. It is great to see the many ‘disco’ costumes come to school and the children have such a good time in each other’s company.

Tomorrow we have the ‘Pictures of Me’ exhibition, which the children have been working on this term in Art. This Friday sees the last day of term celebrated with Footy Colours Day. I anticipate lots of footy jumpers and lots more fun. Thanks in advance to Parents Club for organising lunch. Come and join us for a footy parade at 12:30, followed by Assembly. Remember it is a 1:30 finish.

Have a great break, everyone, and I will see you bright, fresh and raring to go next term.

Calvin Tromp

Writer’s Festival

Last Thursday we had our Skipton Primary School Writers’ Festival. The children all wrote a narrative about ‘travelling to another place’. It was wonderful to see the improvement in writing and to see how writing changes across the grades. We are all very proud of every student for what they have achieved, as creating this piece takes a lot of time and effort. I would also like to thank all our classroom teachers for making time in the busy schedule to ensure that we could all contribute to the day.

Congratulations to the following winners on the day. It was an extremely tough job to judge in each category. Austin, Iona, Olivia, Harry, Kobi, James and Alice will all have their pieces entered into the Goldfields Writers’ Festival, alongside pieces from Canadian Lead PS and Miners Rest PS early next term. We wish them all the best!

Claire Dowling
Footy Colors Day Friday 21st September is last day of term and will be a chance for our students to show their passion for their favourite football team. Students are allowed casual dress in their football colors and parents club will be offering pies and sausage rolls for first lunch. An order form has been sent home today so please let Natalie know if you didn’t receive it. We will be having a footy parade at 12:30, followed by Assembly before the 1.30pm finish for the day.

Skipton Tennis Club – Junior Tennis

Starts Thursday 11th October, after school. Program will run for 9 weeks and conclude on Thursday the 6th of December. Cost is $50.00 per child or $100.00 for two or more children. Sausages in bread, drinks and zooper doopers available for a small cost. Parents are asked to help out with the running of the program in whatever way they can. Whether it be walking kids across from school, picking balls up, throwing balls to kids or cooking the BBQ, more hands make light work!

Please contact Erin Fletcher (0400998723) or Natalie Clark (0408359398) with any questions.

Grade Two Report

Well done to all Grade two students for their fabulous effort in writing for the Writers’ Festival. Congratulations to Olivia (overall winner), Grace (best presented) and Charlotte (most improved) for their achievements.

Students enjoyed sharing time with grandparents and special friends on Thursday. Activities included performing a song for them, playing bingo, sharing a story about Grandma and drawing and writing about one of their own visitors.

Thank you to Glenis and the members of the bowling club who gave up their time to show our prep to two students how to play bowls for our PE sessions over the last two weeks. Thanks also to parent helpers who assisted with bowls and to Lisa Wills who also helped with golf. I would also like to add a thank you to Kate, Victoria and Jane who have assisted in the classroom this term.

Our Grade Two overnight school camp to Mooramong has been approved for November the 15th and 16th. Further information will be forwarded early next term.

Have a happy holiday everyone and I look forward to seeing you back for a very busy final term.

Thanks, Di Britton
Writers Festival Results

Grade Prep awards
- Most Improved Writer- Georgia Liston
- Best Presented- Emily Mulcahy
- Most Outstanding- Austin Read

Grade 1 awards
- Most Improved Writer- Ruby Sim
- Best Presented- Bella Gardiner
- Most Outstanding- Iona Bulford

Grade 2 awards presented by Di
- Most Improved Writer- Charlotte Davitt
- Best Presented- Grace Fletcher
- Most Outstanding- Olivia Kennedy

Grade 3 awards presented by Claire
- Most Improved Writer- Laine Scott
- Best Presented- Brigette Mulcahy
- Most Outstanding- Harry Collins

Grade 4 awards presented by Amelia
- Most Improved Writer- Nicholas Bodman
- Best Presented- Clara Phillips
- Most Outstanding- Kobi Richardson

Grade 5 awards presented by Calvin
- Most Improved Writer- Cate Connell
- Best Presented- Keeley Clark
- Most Outstanding- James Read

Grade 6 awards presented by Calvin
- Most Improved Writer- Bowen Corbett
- Best Presented- Andy Wills
- Most Outstanding- Alice Liston

GOLF REPORT

Yesterday another golf qualifying round was held at Chalambar Golf Course, Ararat. Nine of our Grade 3/4 pupils and two Grade five pupils competed in the event, with 95 children from 6 Ararat and district schools. It was an excellent opportunity for our Grade 3/4 to gain valuable experience in a golf competition.

George Wills, with an excellent 42, won the boys’ section and in the girls’ section, Keeley Clark (53) was 2nd and Lillian Barr (57) was 3rd. These three have qualified for the Regional Final at Midlands Golf Course on 23rd October. Our other 8 students also displayed fine potential: Hamish Draffin, 59, Harry Shady, 55, Nicholas Bodman, 64, Adeline Corbett, 77, Grace Barr, 72, Harry Collins, 53, Lucas Byrne, 55, and Caden Clark, 53.

This brings to a total of 12 of our students who have qualified for Regional level, which is an amazing effort from our school. Robin Baker
Pictures About Me Exhibition

Don’t forget tomorrow is our whole school exhibition of our student dioramas. Pictures About Me will be open from 3-4pm, Amelia James from the Ballarat International Foto Biennale will be opening the exhibition at 3.15pm. The students will be preparing light refreshments.
**Eureka Athletics Results 2018**

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**Lost Property**
We have a lot of lost property in the first aid room at present. If you are missing Tupperware containers or school jumpers please make sure you have a look next time you are in. Please also remember to name your child’s items so that they can be returned if misplaced. The lost property basket will be located in the entry hall on last day of term, please have a look for anything you may be missing.

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**Garden Roster**
- Weeding (mowing if needed)
- Clearing weeds from edges and in the playground areas
- Paths cleared and swept
- Pressure wash the front steps and undercover area.

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**Walk to School 2018**

For the month of October, you can join in Walk to School and get a tick on the chart by:
- Walking, riding or scooting to school
- Walking laps of the running track with the whole school from 8:55 – 9:05
- Getting off the bus at the footy club (each Thursday) and walking to school
- Joining in the fitness circuit on Friday mornings

There are lots of great prizes to be won for our school!

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