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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

Oct
11th Thursday Goldfield’s Writers Festival at Canadian Lead Primary School, 5pm.
19th Friday Grade 3 and 4 Cricket at Vic Park
23rd Tuesday Regional Golf
23rd Tuesday Melbourne Cup and Skipton Primary visits Mooramong.
25th Thursday Summer Sports @ Lismore grades 3-6

Nov
5th Monday Curriculum Day – no students
6th Tuesday Melbourne Cup public holiday
7th Wed- 9th Fri Grade 3 and 4 Melbourne Camp
13th Tuesday Grade 5 and 6 Cricket
15-16th Thurs/Fri Grade 2 Mooramong Camp
19th Monday Life Education visit, School

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

Principal’s Message

Welcome back to a new term, and how nice it is to have some rain! We have a terrific term ahead of us. Highlights include three camps, sports, a visit to Mooramong, and our graduation ceremony and school concert. This month the Grade 4s have involved us in the Vic Health ‘Walk to School’ and so each morning your child will be walking around the oval for ten minutes. On Thursdays the buses will drop off the children at the footy club and walk from there.

We welcome two new students to Grade 2: Samuel Ladner and Eloise Hansen. Both families have moved to Skipton and I ask that you give them the traditional warm Skipton welcome. Samuel’s parents are Zoe and Aaron and Eloise’s parents are Kirsten and Paul.

Over the holidays we found out that Toby Coad won a Minor Bursary Award for his computer program entry in the state-wide Science Talent Search. This makes it a “back-to-back achievement as Toby also was awarded this prize last year. Toby wrote a computer program to educate about famous scientists.
We also found out that George Read (2nd place), Lyla Molloy (winner) and Olivia Kennedy (2nd place) had their artwork selected for the Central Highlands Water Wise Poster competition. Well Done!

This Friday we have three students competing in the Regional Athletics: Lauren in the 1500m race as well as Holly and Davey in the high jump. We wish them every success.

This Thursday we celebrate the writing talents of our students who were selected last term to enter the Goldfield’s Writers Festival. Final winners of the festival will be announced tomorrow night at Canadian Lead PS. Our participating students are: Austin Read, Iona Bulford, Olivia Kennedy, Harry Collins, Kobi Richardson, James Read and Alice Liston. We look forward to the event and the announcements.

You may have noticed the grass at the rear half of the school has turned a red-brown colour. This is because it has been killed off in preparation for a revamp of the area, which will include the installation of drainage, irrigation and the sowing of new grass to both large and small ovals.

Calvin Tromp

**Skipton Tennis Club – Junior Tennis**

Skipton 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.

**Scholastic Book Club – Issue 7**

Please return Book Club orders to school by 23rd October 2018 and that orders are clearly named with a contact phone number. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to “Scholastic Australia”. Books may also be ordered through the Scholastic Loops App which also links to our school rewards. The school earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards from all Book Club orders. These rewards assist our school to obtain free books and additional learning resources.
Skipton Cricket Club – Junior Cricket
Skipton Junior U/13 Cricket training starts this Thursday 11th October at 5pm. First game will be at Linton Recreation Reserve on Friday night the 12th October at 5.30pm. (Details have changed since the publishing of the community news and these venues are correct) For any questions please call Coach James Collins on 0407 852 841
Under 16 training also Thursday night at 5pm, game at Derri Saturday 8.45am.

Parent’s Club Dates to Remember
Monday 15th October: Next Parent’s Club Meeting 9am Mackinnon Hall
All Welcome
Tuesday 23rd October: Melbourne Cup Catering at Mooramong
Sat 24th November: State Election BBQ at Skipton Hall
Science Report

Congratulations to Toby Coad who received a minor bursary in the Victorian Science Talent Search for his interactive computer program the Australian Museum of Scientists.

Sustainability Report

Congratulations to Lyla Molloy winner, George Read and Olivia Kennedy runners up in the Central Highlands Water Week Poster Competition.

Ange Gowans has kindly donated some wood chips that Grade 5/6 will use to mulch their indigenous plant garden however, we need a volunteer with a ute or trailer to collect them for us.

Yesterday’s Prep/One garden session had to be cancelled so I am looking for 2 or 3 helpers next Tuesday at 11.40 am. If anyone can help with either of these tasks please let me know.

CFA JUNIORS

CFA Juniors will be back on this Friday the 11th October from 6pm to 7.30pm at the Skipton Fire shed. Open to all kids aged between 11-15 years of age. Any questions please call Ange Gowans 0418341168

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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