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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

October
14th Monday Summer Sports for grades 3-6
17th Thursday Writer’s Festival Awards
21st Monday Grade 3 and 4 Cricket
22nd Tuesday Regional Golf for Qualifiers
25th Friday Junior school council Disco
   (Date changed)
25th Friday Parent’s club meeting 2pm
   – all welcome

Nov
1st Friday Community Walk 2pm
4th Monday Curriculum Day – no students at school
5th Tuesday Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – no students at school
6th – 8th Wed – Fri Grade 3 and 4 camp to Cooriemungle
14th – 15th Thurs-Fri Grade 2 camp to Queenscliff

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

Principal’s Report

Welcome to Term 4! Hoping all of our families have enjoyed a lovely break, and have returned to school well rested and ready for a busy and exciting end of year.

I am excited to return to Skipton Primary School as Acting Principal this term. I have had the pleasure of working with many of our current families and their children during my previous time teaching here at Skipton between 2013-2016. I look forward to meeting with those families that I have not yet had the pleasure of working with throughout this term. Please feel free to call in and say Hi, and certainly be sure to see me should you have any questions, concerns or queries at all this term.

Bri Folkes.

Newsletter Update – This term we are pleased to announce that our first newsletter will be our one and only “printed” newsletter!

In Australia, we use over 4 million tonnes of paper every year. On average, that’s 230kg of paper per person, and of this 4 million, nearly half isn’t recycled. (Benefits of going paperless – Brad Coen, SkoolBag.com)
In an effort to reduce our impact on the environment, we will endeavour to go “paperless” and utilise the following electronic means to send home our weekly newsletters:

You can access the newsletter by:

- Having the school email it directly to your designated email address (just let Nat in the office know where to send it if you prefer this method!)
- The school FaceBook page
- The school Website
- FlexiBuzz App (Download the FlexiBuzz app from your apple or play store, register and select Skipton Primary School)

We do however understand that some families may not have access to any of the above electronic means, and will therefore still require a hard copy of the newsletter. If this is the case, please contact the office and we will ensure that a paper copy is sent home with the eldest child at school each week. There will also be a couple of copies available at the office for the first few weeks.

By doing this, we will be well on the way to creating a sustainable approach for our newsletter, reducing paper usage and cost, photocopier cost as well as saving time. We appreciate your support in our endeavours to use less paper and have a positive impact on our environment.

**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.

15th Oct – 28th Oct: Kerrie Mulcahy, Lisa Wills, Rosie Weatherly
29th Oct – 11th Nov: Gavin Corbett, Chris Shady, Anthony Mulcahy, Peta Byrne
12th Nov – 25th Nov: Helen Purvis, Megan Read, Tracey Miller, Sally Wills

**School lunch orders**

Don’t forget that the Emu Creek Deli and Café do provide a lunch order service for the students on Wednesdays. Please write your students order on the outside of an envelope with their name, grade and item requested with money inside. Orders are collected from school on a Tuesday and delivered at second lunch on Wednesdays.
Skipton Tennis Club Junior Tennis 2019

Junior tennis will run for 6 weeks, commencing Thursday 17th October (second week back of term 4), and finishing on Thursday 28th November. The junior program will run from 3.45pm-4.45pm each Thursday at a cost of $5 per child per session. Each family of children must be accompanied by an adult, and payment is on a casual basis (ie. only pay when your children participate). We will not be providing a BBQ, however zooper doopers and drinks will be available as usual. We are hoping to maintain the junior tennis program for our tennis club’s future and would really appreciate everyone chipping in to help maintain it with us. This will be a group effort!

Grade 2 Report

Welcome back to our very busy and exciting last term. We have lots ahead to look forward to including; SCHOOL CAMP! CONCERT! CHRISTMAS rotations, Assessments, Transition Day and final Reports, with LOTS of great learning in our normal routine as well. Our big news is we have started Sounds Write spelling, four sessions a week. So, there aren’t any spelling words to learn at home or test at the moment. Please continue home reading. Congratulations to our Ruby for her success with the water poster she did in art with Georgie. Good luck to Octavia for her entry in the final round of the writer’s festival which will be announced next Thursday evening.

Grade 5/6 Report

On Monday it was welcome back to 24 of our 26 students, with Bronte and Lyla still touring the Northern Territory. During the holidays, Sara received some wonderful news that she was selected for the State Primary Schools Cricket team. She will participate in the National Championships in Adelaide next month. Congratulations, Sara. Keeley and Sara were also selected in the Central Highlands under 14 cricket squad. Great effort, girls. Now that our assignments have been completed we are back to normal Spelling homework, writing our Term 4 goals and revising our Maths unit of measurement, with a test.
**Sustainability**

Tomorrow Grade 3/4 will be walking to The Common to photograph plants and flowers. I am looking for at least one more parent helper, we will leave school at 11.40am. The forecast is for cold weather so please ensure students have coats, hats and boots for the day.

On Monday Grade 2 will be painting the cubby could those children please wear old clothes for the day.

We are looking for a small bale of straw for the vegetable garden, if anyone would like to donate one we would be very appreciative.

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**Walk to School 2019**

**JOIN IN 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)
- Joining in the fitness circuit on Friday mornings

**TO CELEBRATE THE END OF WALK TO SCHOOL:**

**Skipton Primary School students will have breakfast at school on Friday 1st of November**

**Community walk @ 2pm on Friday 1st of November – ALL WELCOME!**