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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

October
17th Thursday Writer’s Festival Awards
21st Monday Grade 3 and 4 Cricket
21st Monday School Council Meeting 6pm
22nd Tuesday Regional Golf for Qualifiers
25th Friday Junior school council Disco
25th Friday Parent’s club meeting 2pm
– all welcome

Nov
1st Friday Community Walk 2pm
4th Monday Curriculum Day – no students
5th Tuesday Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
6th – 8th Wed – Fri Grade 3 and 4 camp
13th Wednesday Grade 5/6 Cricket
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 – Week 2

What a great start to the term the children have had in their classrooms. I have really enjoyed moving throughout each classroom to see all the children settled and focussed on their learning. Throughout my visits, I have enjoyed hearing some fabulous poetry by the Grade 3/4’s (looking forward to reading their published pieces), whilst the Grade 2’s tested my knowledge of the elven times tables.

I would like to commend all of the students who participated in the Summer Sports on Monday for their fabulous behaviour and sportsmanship on the day – it was noted by many other schools present. Well done!

Coming up this Thursday we are hosting the presentation of the overall finalists from the Writer’s Festival. We look forward to sharing and hearing our neighbouring schools winning entries. I wish all of our finalists all the best for the night.

Good luck to those students taking part in the Regional Golf tournament next Tuesday!

Just a little reminder that as we are a SunSmart school, all students are required to wear a hat if they wish to play outside - “The sun protection times are a forecast from the Bureau...
of Meteorology for the time of day UV levels are forecast to reach 3 or higher. At these levels, sun protection is recommended for all skin types. In Victoria, UV levels regularly reach 3 or higher from mid-August to the end of April.” (www.sunsmart.com.au)

Based on this information, our school policy enforces the wearing of hats towards the end of Term 3 (mid-August) until the early part of Term 2 (end of April) depending on term dates for the year.

Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun. School hats can be purchased from the office for $8.00 each.

Bri Folkes.

**Newsletter Update** – 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.
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

Junior School Council Disco

On Friday the 25th of October, JSC will be holding a disco from 1pm to 3 pm at the Mackinnon Hall. It will be a casual clothes day and you can buy a BBQ lunch (sausages- $2 and hamburger- $3). There are also homemade cakes, slices and ice cream for sale. All of the money is going to a girl named Mia. When she was 4 years old, a terrible illness went into her system and her parents had to make the hard decision to amputate her legs and her arms. Now she has artificial limbs and it is costing her family lots to get new ones because she is continuing to grow. We hope that with our donation we can help her.

Please take a moment to read Mia’s heart breaking story at the website “Movement for Mia”.

Bandannas

From the 20th to the 25th of October, is Bandanna week. Each bandanna is $5. To buy them, you can come to the grade 5/6 room or at 11 to 11:10 am, the office bearers will come around the class rooms. All of the money raised from the sale of the bandannas will go to cancer research. Any leftover bandannas will also be available to buy at the disco.

Skipton Tennis Club Junior Tennis 2019

Junior tennis will run for 6 weeks, commencing this Thursday 17th, 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.
Grade 5/6 Report

Last Friday two of our students, George and Ruby G, participated in the Regional level of athletics at Llanberris, both in triple jump. Tomorrow evening James and George will represent our grade with their writing pieces in the Western Plains Writers’ Festival. Next week eight of our students will compete in Regional level of the Victorian Primary Schools’ Golf Championships at Midlands Golf Course. Our Junior School Council is busy at the moment organising a fund-raising disco for Friday week.