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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

Oct
19th Friday Grade 3 and 4 Cricket at Vic Park
22nd Monday School Council President training
23rd Tuesday Regional Golf @ Midlands
23rd Tuesday Melbourne Cup and Skipton Primary visits Mooramong.
24th Wed Calvin/Claire @ meeting. Di/Amelia @ Royal Lifesaving.
25th Thursday Summer Sports @ Lismore grades 3-6
26th Friday Girls cricket team 1 playing at Victoria Park.

Nov
2nd Friday St Johns to teach First Aid.
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: Boys 1&2 and Girls 2 teams.
15-16th Thurs/Fri Grade 2 Mooramong Camp
16th Friday Trivia Night fundraiser in Mackinnon Hall
19th Monday Life Education visit, School Council

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

Principal’s Message
Last Thursday we had the Goldfields Writers Festival at Canadian Lead PS. There was a good crowd to acknowledge the achievements of all the qualifying writers for each school. The final winners, as chosen by independent judges from Ballarat Books and Boltons Stationery, were: Grade 3 Harry Collins, Grade 4 Kobi Richardson and Grade 5 James Read. The other grades were won by students from Canadian Lead and Miners Rest. Thank you to the
students and the teachers involved in the running of the Festival, including Claire Dowling who was coordinator for our school.

Last Friday we had the Regional Athletics. Lauren, Davey and Holly were entrants from Skipton. All competed with good spirit and congratulations to Holly who qualified for the state level with an equal first in high jump.

We are very pleased that Bendigo Bank has funded St Johns Ambulance to come to our school on Friday November 2nd. They are going to teach each grade an aspect of the First Aid program, the content dependent upon the year level. Thank you to Bendigo Bank for making this possible. We also had a visit last week from the new paramedic, Sean Duggan. Sean will be interacting with the school as part of his new role.

A member of one of our school families was bitten by a Brown snake recently. Due to correct first aid and a prompt ambulance response, he recovered well. There has been many snake sightings in the district because of the time of the year. Please remind your child to wear boots and jeans, leave snakes alone and report sightings to you. An insert has been included with detailed instructions on responding to a bite. It is paramount that you keep pressure bandages and gloves in your house and vehicles for this purpose. Note that over 50% of bites occur around a victim’s home and many bites occur when attempting to pick up or kill a snake.

Parents Club met on Monday and have planned a trivia night for the school. Please set aside Friday November 16 for a fun night. Why not get some friends for a table of ten! The more, the merrier. Parents Club is the major fundraising body for our school (aside from government funds) and are contributing to improve classroom resources and have also committed significant funds to upgrade both ovals. The grass on the oval is still dying off and cultivation and levelling works will begin within a fortnight.

We look forward this Saturday for the official opening of the children’s Pictures of Me exhibition in Ballarat. We have the honour of being the first ever exhibition in the new gallery belonging to the Ballarat International FOTO Biennale – just next to Craig’s Hotel on Lydiard Street. Thanks to Georgie for enabling this for our children. Georgie is seeking some volunteers to spend time supervising the exhibition so that it can be opened on Sunday and for next weekend as well.

Calvin Tromp
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.

Regional/State Athletic Championships

Last Friday Davey Alexander, Lauren Bodman and Holly Draffin competed in the Regional Athletics Championships at Llanberris Oval, Ballarat, against competitors from South-West and Central Victoria. Lauren gave a good effort in the 1500m and Davey reached the very fine height of 1.34m in the high jump to finish in 7th position. Holly gave a superb effort in the high jump to finish in equal first position and qualify for the State Championships in Melbourne on October 29th. This is the first time we have had a representative in athletics at state level over the past 20 years.

Regional Golf

Next Tuesday 12 of our students will participate at Regional level in the Victorian Primary Schools’ Golf Championships at Midlands Golf Course in Ballarat. Qualifiers at this level proceed to state level in November.


**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.

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

**Grade 3 and 4**

Please remember to return your forms for grade 3 and 4 cricket at Vic Park this Friday, along with your Melbourne Camp forms and payment!

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**Parent’s Club Dates to Remember**

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**Garden Roster**

- Weeding
- Mowing front lawn and nature strip if needed
- Paths cleared and swept
- Pressure wash the front steps and undercover area.