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**GOOD ON YOU!**

- Girls A Team for winning the regional final and being one step closer to a 3peat!
- Well done to the ¾ team on their excellent behaviour on camp last week.
- Well done to all of our teachers for spending so much time giving our kids the opportunities to do the things they love!

**Principal’s Report – Week 6**

What a busy time of the year it is…. Last week I enjoyed visiting Port Campbell and taking in the 12 Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge with the 3/4 team, tomorrow I am off to Queenscliff with the Grade 2’s. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

Last week, as part of our Curriculum day we spent time reflecting on our Literacy block, with a particular focus on reading. Across the school we have an agreed instructional model for teaching reading and writing drawing on evidence based research from The Big 6 and Daily 5/Café. This year has seen the introduction of “Sounds Write” within our F-2 classrooms to support the explicit teaching of phonics. At Skipton we recognise the importance of providing a balanced reading program and understand that students learn best when teachers adopt an integrated approach to reading that explicitly teaches:

- Oral language
- Phonemic awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
Research supports “…. Reading involves far more than decoding words on the page…. (and that) phonic work is therefore a necessary but not sufficient part of the wider knowledge, skills and understanding which children need to become skilled readers and writers, capable of comprehending and composing text” (Rose, 2006)

Alongside the teaching that happens at school, sits the practice that students do at home. I wanted to share the below information with our families (as I did with the teachers) as the results speak for themselves in terms of the impact reading practice at home can have for our children as readers:

How important is practice?

Students who read:
Less than 1min / day read 8,000 words / year
4.6 mins / day read 282,000 words / year
20 mins / day read 1.8 million words / year

How many words per year does your child read?

Office Hours: Just a reminder that our office hours are 8:15am – 4:00pm. After which the front doors will be locked for safety reasons. Should you wish to speak to staff after this time I would encourage you to make a prior appointment.

Kind Regards,

Bri.

Cricket

Yesterday, our 5/6 girls cricket team headed to Geelong to play in the Regional Cricket Final. The girls played Belmont Primary School, Christian College Bellarine and Ocean Grove. They won all 3 games (331-79, 318-39 and 252-38). The girls made the final and played St Mary’s Colac. They won 285 - 93 and are now off to the State Final. The girls performed so well with fabulous fielding, batting and bowling. Thanks to Mr B for being our scorer and the parents for being the cheer squad. We are now looking forward to the 9th of December! Go Skipton!
3 and 4 Team camp report

Last Wednesday, the 3/4 Team headed off on camp! We were all very excited. We stayed at Camp Cooriemungle which is near Port Campbell. It rained the WHOLE time we were there but it didn’t dampen our spirits! On Wednesday, we saw the 12 Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. We also went to the Port Campbell Information Centre and impressed Mark, the guide, with our knowledge! We had some down time at the camp and played some games. We had Pasta Bake for dinner and Chocolate Pudding for dessert. We went to bed VERY late!

On Thursday, the rain continued to pour. We were able to go on the Giant Swing and do the Commando course, which everyone loved! We also did some Bush Cooking and Art. We were able to play some cards and board games as well as do out diary days when it rained. We had Roast for dinner and Jelly and Icecream for dessert! We watched Mr Popper’s Penguins (which was fitting for the weather) after dinner. We went to bed earlier because everyone was very tired.

On Friday, we were decided to go to Warrnambool to go Ten Pin Bowling because of the rain. It was super fun! We had lunch at Mortlake and headed back to school.

Well done to the 3/4 Team who were very well behaved and represented Skipton Primary School beautifully. A very BIG thanks to Mrs Munson and Ms Folkes for coming with us and to Dale from Meredith Transport for driving our bus!

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.

12th Nov – 25th Nov: Helen Purvis, Megan Read, Tracey Miller, Sally Wills
26th Nov – 9th Dec: Michelle Liston, Jane Draffin, Kate Medson, Gemma Molloy
10th Dec – 23rd Dec: Erin Fletcher, Petrina Phillips, Victoria Kennedy, Natalie Clark

SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, BEAUFORT SHOW ENTRIES.

Sunday 17th November. Sections include LEGO building, Arts and Craft, Cookery, Floral art and Photography: (Open subject, Animals, Fun, and Landscape/Waterscape.) The following is a link to the schedule. Or see Mrs Crosbie. I can deliver entries, but they must be at school by 9 am. Friday 15th November. http://www.beaufortshow.org.au/schedule/ Thank you Karen Crosbie.
HEALTHY WELL CORANGAMITE WORKSHOPS...GET WITH THE PROGRAM

Corangamite Shire Council and South West Primary Care Partnership is hosting a series of community health and wellbeing workshops focusing on the Corangamite Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.

Workshops will be delivered by specialist organisations including Women’s Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West, Camperdown Mental Health Service, South West TAFE, South West Sport, Department of Justice and Community Safety and the South West Primary Care Partnership in partnership with Corangamite Shire Council. If you are a community group, organisation or relevant business you are welcome to come along.

Workshop 1 Reducing the harmful impacts of alcohol and other drugs
Facilitated by Department of Justice and Community Safety and South West Primary Care Partnership
Thursday 14 November 9:30am - 12.00pm
Venue: McCabe Room, Camperdown Library Complex, 210-212 Manifold Street Camperdown

Workshop 2 Improving social and emotional wellbeing
Facilitated by Camperdown Mental Health Centre and South West Primary Care Partnership
Monday 18 November 9:30am -12.00pm
Venue: McCabe Room, Camperdown Library Complex, 210-212 Manifold Street Camperdown

Workshop 3 Reducing family violence
Facilitated by Women’s Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West and South West Primary Care Partnership.
Tuesday 19 November 11:30am - 2.00pm
Venue: Corangamite Shire Council Civic Centre, 181 Manifold Street, Camperdown

Workshop 4 Advantageous opportunities for education
Facilitated by South West TAFE and South West Primary Care Partnership
Wednesday 20 November 3:00pm - 5.00pm
Venue: McCabe Room, Camperdown Library Complex, 210-212 Manifold Street Camperdown

Workshop 5 Improving physical health
Facilitated by South West Sport and South West Primary Care Partnership
Tuesday 3 December 10.00am - 12:30pm
Venue: Killara Room, Camperdown Library Complex, 210-212 Manifold Street Camperdown

Service providers, businesses, community organisations and groups are warmly invited to attend.

To register call South West Primary Care Partnership
Lynda Smith on 0448 038 042 or email lsmith@swpcp.com.au