

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

### Principal's Message



### **Grade 5/6 Camp**

For those of you who have children in Grades 5 and 6, you should be extremely proud of them. They represented our school at Cave Hill Creek incredibly well. I hope they came back energised and full of stories from their three-day adventure. I'd like to thank those parents who contributed to the shuttle-run up to Raglan and back – it is greatly appreciated! A big thanks also goes to Robin and Di who forewent time with their families during the week to ensure the program could go ahead.

### **Grade 2/3 Late Stay**

The First Ever Platypus Cup is being hotly contested today, as the Grade 2/3 students get to stay a little later at school this evening. I'm unable to announce the winning house just yet, but I'm sure all students are having a terrific time now as our newsletter goes public. A big thanks to Karen and Jess for their organisation of this event.



### **\$4.2 MILLION TO UPGRADE AND MODERNISE FACILITIES!**



Skipton Primary has received funding, as part of the recently announced Building Works Program. Great news for a great community school!

### **\$4.2 Million!**

In case you missed the Facebook post, our school was included in the list of many in the state who have been allocated funds to “upgrade and modernise” our school. It is some great news for the school community in what has been a difficult year. Please be aware that this upgrading and modernising process may take a number of years and the process will be run by the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA). The school will have a number of opportunities for input and contribution to the process. Please rest assured that this process will be very consultative with community members and I'll keep you in the loop throughout this exciting and long journey.

## Concert

I have more amazing news. The concert items that students have been preparing for can go ahead. I've sought clarification from DET and we will not be bound by the hard cap of 50 people per event, however we will be subject to density limits that apply. All events will be held here at the school on the oval. Each student will be able to invite 4 guests to come and watch their concert. Therefore, I am pleased to announce the schedule for our end of year concerts:

Grade Prep & 1 (together)	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December @ 5:30pm
Grade 2 & 3 (together)	Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm
Grade 4	Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December @ 5:30pm
Grade 5	Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm
Grade 6	Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm



The plan above is the plan for optimal weather. If there is an unfavourable weather forecast, we will re-schedule affected concerts to either of our back up days, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December or Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. This snippet won't answer all of your questions. On Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December all students will go home with a note with all of the specific details regarding ticketing, spacing and what to bring.

## Changes to Restrictions

There have been a large number of changes to the way we conduct things here at school. This is a result of the announcement from the Premier on Sunday. Some of these changes are summarised below:

- Visitors, volunteers and parents are now able to come on-site as they would've prior to any restrictions. Parents are not required to wear a mask whilst outside (for example at pick-up and drop-off), however **if you are coming into the building you are required to have a mask on.**
- Bubble taps can now be used by students.
- School tours and transition programs can resume, almost as per normal.
- Interschool sport can resume (and a full schedule of Western Plains events has already been planned for the 2021 school year).
- Enhanced cleaning schedules in the school will still continue.
- Good hand hygiene is still a focus for students, staff and visitors.

## Our Transition Day

The State-wide Transition Day was initially scheduled for Week 10, however as our school will be in the midst of a concert week, it has been decided that the Skipton Transition Day will be on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This will provide our students and staff a little more clear air when preparing for the new school year. Obviously, some of our Grade 6s may be off at their transitions in Week 10, however we will manage this at a school level.



### School Photo Day

Just a small reminder that School Photo Day is this Monday. Please make sure that the envelopes are returned to Natalie on Monday morning please!

Have a great weekend. Upon reflection, with the concert planning in full swing, most camp programs completed, \$4.2 million coming and some good weather ahead, it's a pretty good time to be part of this school community. Have a great weekend all, Nick.

### The Next Four Weeks @ Skipton:

Week 9		
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Photo Day	At the school
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kinder students visit for a half-day	At the school
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Grade 4 Late Stay & Expo	At the school
Week 10		
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	Prep/1 Concert (5:30pm) Grade 2/3 Concert (7pm)	On the oval
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 4 Concert (5:30pm) Grade 5 Concert (7pm)	On the oval
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	2021 Prep Parents Information Session (9am) Grade 6 Concert (6pm)	At the school On the oval
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Graduation Dinner Grade 4-6 Health & Identity Day	Venue to be confirmed At the school
Week 11		
During this week	Christmas Rotations	At the school
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Skipton Transition Day	At the school
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Sports Day	Outdoors at the school
Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of school for 2020 – 1:30pm finish	At the school
2021		
Week 1		
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Staff return to work	At the school
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>	Students return to school	At the school

## School Photo Day - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov

Please remember your envelopes if you haven't already!

### Garden Roster

We ask that each family take a fortnight to come in when convenient and do some gardening. Jobs include mowing including the nature strip, weeding and sweeping paths. First name in list to coordinate please.

26<sup>th</sup> Nov – 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Michelle Liston, Jane Draffin, Kate Medson, Kim Haley

10<sup>th</sup> Dec – 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Erin Fletcher, Petrina Phillips, Victoria Kennedy, Natalie Clark

Christmas Holidays: School Council

## Parent's Club - AGM and office bearer election

**\*\*\*\*Change of Date\*\*\*\***

Friday 4th December 2020 9am Skipton Primary School  
And/or by Zoom by arrangement with Natalie Clark at the office.

All welcome to attend, please come (even if it's just to hear about what we do).

Parent Club is an enjoyable collaborative committee with the purpose of fundraising for the benefit of the students attending Skipton Primary School.

Many parents contribute in different ways to our fundraising BBO's and other events through the year and we are always looking for more help.

The term of the elected committee falls in line with the calendar year.(December to December).

If you would like to nominate for a position in the 2021 parent club committee, it would be great if you could let one of this year's committee know.

We are all on Facebook messenger or Natalie Clark can forward a message.

This year's committee have been;

Jessica Lang President

Lisa Wills Vice President

Peta Byrnes Treasurer

Jane Draffin Secretary

Gemma Molloy School Council Parent Club Rep

Thanks to all of you and we look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards, Jessica Lang

Parent Club Committee



**\*\*\*Georgie is chasing any large boxes like fridge, dishwasher boxes to use for props for the school concerts. If you are able to help, please drop them off to the front office.**

**Thank you**

