Yesterday I had confirmation that Calvin Tromp will remain on leave from Skipton PS for Term 1, 2020. I am excited to confirm that I will continue in my role as Acting Principal during this time and look forward to planning with the staff in preparation for this.

I am aware that our school and the community are eager to know the direction moving forward for Skipton and I can assure you that I will continue to keep everyone up to date as I become aware of future developments. I appreciate your understanding in this matter, please don’t hesitate to come and talk to me should you wish.

**Child Safe Standards** – “To create and maintain a child safe organisation, all Victorian schools must comply with Ministerial Order No. 870 - Child Safe Standards, which came into effect 1 August 2016.” (DET – education.vic.gov.au)

The Child Safe Standards are compulsory minimum standards for all Victorian early childhood services and schools, to ensure they are well prepared to protect children from abuse and neglect.

A few weeks ago, our school underwent a “Pulse Check” or audit in regard to the Child Safe standards that Victorian schools must meet. I am pleased to announce that our school was found compliant in meeting these standards.

As part of the process, Skipton developed a Child Safety Policy – This week at our school council meeting we reviewed and ratified our Child Safety Policy. This is now available on our school website. The policy is
quite large and lengthy, so should anyone have any questions in regard to this policy please feel free to contact me.

One of the important and relevant standards for our school community to be aware of is 

**Child Safe Standard 7: Strategies to promote child participation and empowerment.**

As a school, Skipton continues to look at current practice as well as future strategies to deliver appropriate education about:

- Standards of behaviour for students attending the school
- Healthy and respectful relationships
- Resilience; and
- Child abuse awareness and prevention.

How Skipton promotes the Child Safe Standards in ways that are readily accessible, easy to understand, and user-friendly for our children.

This is often done through classroom discussions, classroom behaviour agreements, code of conduct as well as The Resilience Project program. We have also found the Kids Helpline website holds a number of valuable resources that can be utilised in the classroom. There is also terrific information on there for families - https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents.

**Talking helps! We’re here for your kids.**

No problem is too big or too small.  
We’re here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**1800 55 1800 Email Us WebChat with Us**

Please don’t hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions regarding how our school ensures Child Safety for all students.

**Kind Regards,**

**Brí.**

**P/1 Report:**

Last Thursday the Prep/One class had their late stay! We enjoyed a wonderful fruit platter and cupcakes for afternoon tea. The students enjoyed playing lots of games outside. They also played some games inside such as Twister, Snakes and Ladders, Connect Four and Bowling. We watched 'Open Season' and students enjoyed a lovely BBQ dinner cooked by Ms Folkes and Michelle. After dinner, we all enjoyed an ice-cream in a cone with sprinkles. Overall, everyone had a terrific time! A big thank you to Miss Folkes and Michelle for giving up their time to help out on the night, we are very grateful!
Scholastic Book Club
Please return Book Club orders to school by 27th November 2019.
Please ensure that all orders are clearly named with a contact phone number.
If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to “Scholastic Australia”.
Skipton Primary School earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards from all Book Club orders. These rewards assist our school to obtain free books and additional learning resources.

Primary Schools’ State Golf Final
Today three of our students from Grades 5/6 are competing in the Primary Schools’ State final at Kooringal Golf Course, Altona North: Sara Kennedy, Cate Connell and George Wills. They will be joining 105 primary school golfers, from various areas of Victoria, who have qualified for the state final. The championship is played over 18 holes, commencing at 8:30 a.m.

Sara at the School Sport Australia National Cricket Championships.
Last week, Sara Kennedy was in Adelaide competing in School Sport Victoria's 12 and Under State Girls Cricket team against other Australian States in School Sport Australia's National Cricket Championships. During the week, Victoria played 5 rounds, where they defeated Western Australia, South Australia, ACT and Queensland, however were defeated by NSW. During the week, Sara played some great cricket and had the opportunity to bowl up to 5 overs each game, stepping up to open the team’s bowling order against ACT.

She had the opportunity to bat in most games as well. Victoria then played off in the grand final against NSW on Sunday, but were unfortunately beaten for the gold medal. Well done Sara on such an amazing achievement, coming home with the silver medal amongst the countries best junior cricketers.
Parents & Friends
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FROZEN 2 fundraiser!

Please come along with your family and friends to our movie fundraiser for Skipton Primary School on this

Sunday 1st December at 11am

Cost $15 per ticket

Please bank transfer to the School BSB 633000 account 162900013 or pay Natalie at the school office by Friday 29th November.

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.

26th Nov – 9th Dec: Michelle Liston, Jane Draffin, Kate Medson, Gemma Molloy
10th Dec – 23rd Dec: Erin Fletcher, Petrina Phillips, Victoria Kennedy, Natalie Clark
24th Dec – 27th Jan: School Council reps