

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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

Feb

20th Thursday Excursion to Ballarat Art Gallery Grades 2/3/4

21st Friday School Swimming program starts

March

6th Friday Skipton Primary School House Swimming Sports

9th Monday Labour Day Public Holiday

12th Thursday Western Plains Swimming Sports Grade 3-6

20th Friday Young Leaders Excursion Grades 5 and 6

26th **Thursday** **Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish**
(note this is a day earlier than originally advertised)

April

13th Monday Easter Monday

14th Tuesday Curriculum Day – student free day

15th Wednesday Term 2 school resumes

18th **Saturday** **Bradvale Campdraft – helpers needed for Parents Club catering**

The website calendar has all the dates for the year and is continually updated.

Principal’s Message – week 3

School Captains- After a lot of hard work, 13 fantastic speeches and a close vote count, we are pleased to introduce our school captains for 2020 – Hamish Draffin and Adeline (Addi) Corbett! Congratulations to you both!

Compass -This week our school went live with a new management system called Compass. This is a system used by many schools to cover the following:

- Attendance and Absences online
- Permission notes and payment for school activities / events
- Parent / teacher conferences booking system
- School newsfeed where we can post newsletters / messages / notes etc
- View School reports

We are now excited to be able to invite our families to join us in using Compass, and feel it will make keeping up with the business of school life a lot easier.



The following will be sent home today to each family via the eldest child –

- A parent Login Letter
- A Compass Parent Introductory Booklet

Should you have any questions or queries regarding any of the process please don't hesitate to contact the school so we can assist you.

School council– I would like to say a big thank you to all members of our school council for their work throughout 2019. In particular I would like to thank those school councillors whose term is coming to an end for their commitment and support of the school. We have 5 vacancies for school council for 2020 – 4 Parent Representative vacancies and 1 Community member vacancy.

Nominations for the 5 vacancies opens on **Monday 17th February** and closes at **4pm Monday 24th February, 2020**. Nomination forms have been sent home with the eldest child today, and can also be collected at the school office. Please return nomination forms to the office. School Councillors attend eight meetings per year, held Monday evenings from 6pm. School Council terms of office are for two years.

Should we receive more nominations than there are vacancies, nominees will be requested to supply a snapshot describing themselves and what they can offer as representative of the school parent community. These will then be shared with our community and voting/ballot will occur.

Open Classrooms– Thank you to those parents who came in to say “Hi” to teachers and visit their child's classroom yesterday afternoon (you probably also enjoyed one of Miss Pollock's delicious scone). As always, should you wish to discuss anything with our teachers, please don't hesitate to make a time for a chat or a visit.

Kind Regards,

Bri.

Conveyance Allowance

These forms are now available from the office. To qualify for this allowance you need to travel 4.8km or more to your nearest bus or school. Any queries please contact Natalie Clark in the office. If you have previously received Conveyance Allowance you do not have to fill the form in again, it automatically rolls over each year.

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 (not too short please), weeding and sweeping paths.

1st Feb – 19th Feb: Dione Gardiner, Sally Wills, Jane Draffin and Karen Bodman

20th Feb - 4th March: Emma Smith, Amy Sim, Kerrie Mulcahy

5th March – 18th March: Natasha Frisby, Elizabeth Kusanke, Alicia Pettigrew, Hayley Pappin

EMU CREEK CAFE AND DELI LUNCH ORDERS 2020

Pie	\$4.20	Pasta Bake	\$6.00
Pastie	\$4.20	Tub of Fruit	\$5.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.20	Fruit Muffin	\$4.00
Chicken Focaccia	\$8.00	Dim Sims (steamed)	\$1.10

(chicken, avocado, onion, cheese, spinach)

Please place orders at school on Tuesdays or message me on 0439 359605 for a Wednesday delivery.

Thanks, Kim.

(PS. Lunch orders will not be run during swimming program due to the staggered lunch times for all grades)

Head Lice

We have recently had a return of head lice to the school so please make sure to check your child's hair and treat appropriately if necessary. Also remember that all hair should be tied back to help prevent the spread of lice.

Hankies for Sale!

Grace and Olivia, of Grade 4, are selling homemade hankies for \$1. All the money from the hankies sold, will be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital. The Royal Children's Hospital is in Melbourne and is a place for sick and injured children. So please bring some money to buy a hankie for the sick and injured children. We are selling the hankies in the undercover until there are all gone. There are many great designs to choose from!



Skipton Football Netball Club Under 13B netball!!

Gemma Molloy is coaching our under 13B team this year and is looking forward to meeting you all and getting started. Training will start on Thursday March 19th at 3.45pm - 5pm with girls walking across from school with Gemma. Please make sure your child has an extra snack for afternoon tea. If your child is interested in playing, please contact Gemma on 0417 514 733.

Grade 5/6 Report

Grade 5/6 have made a great start to the year and Grade 5s have settled in very well, whilst grade 6s have been great role models towards them. We started of the year with some maths which were algorithms, including subtractions and long multiplications. Now we are doing division which everyone's gone really well with. In writing we have done our goals, grade 5s have done their leadership pieces and grade 6s did their School Captain speeches. Now, as a whole grade, we are starting an information piece called the Moon Landing. In reading we have been doing novel studies and most grade 5 boys have been doing Silver Sword, and the grade 5 girls have been reading Cathy Freeman or Quicksand Pony, then grade 6s are having multiple choices. For homework we have to do 5 sentences and 2 lots of times tables. Most of us have been doing our homework every night then bringing it to school to get corrected.

So overall our grade has been going very well and we have had a lot of fun (like playing games and doing contests)

Thank you, Grade 5/6

Parent's Club

It's great to see everyone back to school and settled in.

Parent club met last Friday to talk about fundraising events for term one.

We love to have plenty of help with our fundraising events so if you are able to cook at the bbq or help set up/ pack up or anything else please let one of the parent club group know. It is always enjoyable and you can certainly dash off to see your kids swim etc when their race comes up!

Money raised goes to funding projects to benefit the Skipton Primary School children.

This year our aim is to raise money for a new portable sound system and microphones for using at sports/concerts etc.

Parents club committee this year is:

Jessica Lang Mulcahy as President ph:0409542186, Lisa Wills- Vice President, Jane Draffin- Secretary, Peta Byrne- Treasurer and Gemma Molloy as School Council Rep. All parents are welcome to attend all meetings and become involved.

We are all contactable on Facebook messenger or Natalie Clark at the office can pass on any messages.

We have a few events this term we need help to run, if you could please message Jessica Lang your availability to assist for an hour or so on the day?

Skipton House swimming Sports BBQ Friday March 6th

The interschool swimming grades 3-6 BBQ at Skipton, Thursday 12th March

If any one is able to make a coleslaw for the swimming sports BBQ could they text message Jess Lang 0408542186?

We will also run an Easter raffle if school families could donate a small Easter egg to add to the raffle which will be drawn at the end of term. Donations can be left at the office with Nat.

Please save the date for the Bradvale Camp draft at the start of term 2 which is one of our major fundraising events. Volunteers from our school families help to cater to 200+ people for the Saturday's night camp draft dinner on the 18th April.

Thank you to all of you for all your support through the years and we look forward to working with you all again this year.

If anyone would like to have the Parents Club meeting minutes sent to them via email to let me know by contacting me via email jane.draffin@bigpond.com or ph. 0407342045. Thank you.