

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

**Principal’s Message**

**Remote Learning**

The learning program for the next three days has been published. I wish to thank staff again for their flexibility and their work at this tricky time. Supervision is available for vulnerable students and for those whose families are essential workers and no other alternative arrangements can be made. For further detail, please see previous posts and messages from Friday.

**Swimming Program**

I’d like to expressly thank all of the volunteers who have given their time to enable the school’s swimming program. The program is running very smoothly and the weather has turned kindly for us. Public thanks is deserved for Amelia Pollock and Di Britton for their leadership of this program.

At this stage, the school will endeavour to provide the full swimming program over the next two weeks. Further details regarding this will be provided in the coming days.

**School Captain Selection**

I’ve provided a table below that outlines the process for identifying school captains for 2021. This process will be conducted in the coming weeks. Moving forward, the school will conduct this process in November and December, so captains are ready for their role on Day 1. 2021 will be the last school year where the school will specifically appoint one male and one female student. From 2022, the school will appoint two school captains, regardless of their gender. Responsibility for the final outcome will be with the School Principal, so if you have any questions about the process or the outcome I’m more than happy to chat with you.

<b>Part of the Process</b>	<b>Feedback Format</b>	<b>Date for 2021</b>
<b>Speech to the students</b> <i>Candidates make a short speech to the student group. Candidates attempt to convince students they are an excellent advocate for the school.</i>	Students are able to vote for candidates that they believe would advocate for our school most effectively.	Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February @ 9am
<b>Staff Endorsement</b> <i>At a staff meeting, staff are able to provide endorsements for candidates, based on their interactions and teaching.</i>	Staff provide verbal endorsements for candidates that they believe would advocate for our school most effectively.	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February @ 3:30pm
<b>Interview with the Principal</b> <i>Candidates attend an interview with the Principal and answer questions about themselves and their vision for the role of School Captain.</i>	Principal will provide verbal feedback to the candidate on their presentation and interview.	Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March @ 10am

## Extra Support for Reading

The school is making a significant focus on reading this term. The Reading Coaching Program (with Michelle Liston) has begun, with small focus groups for students who made slower growth in 2020. The Parent Readers Program will begin in Week 5, with volunteers coming into the school to conduct extra reading conferences with students. I challenge families to carve out a 20-minute time slot where all members of the family read. It can be just before bed, just after dinner or as soon as you get home from school.

Have a great weekend,  
Nick.

## The Next Four Learning Weeks @ Skipton:

Term 1 Week 4		
Mon Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> to Wed Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	Remote Learning	At school
Mon Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Eureka Swimming	
Term 1 Week 5		
Mon Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming program continues	Skipton Pool
Tue Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	School Review – Day One	At the school
Wed Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Preps Testing Grade 1 & Grade 4 together for a shared day of learning	At the school
Thu Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Preps Testing	At the school
Fri Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Skipton Swimming Sports	Skipton Pool
Term 1 Week 6		
Tue Mar 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grades 2-4 Clean Up Australia Day	At the school
Thu Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	WPPSA Swimming Sports	
Term 1 Week 7		
Mon Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day (no school)	

## 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Feb – 19<sup>th</sup> Feb: Dione Gardiner, Jane Draffin, Emma Smith, Simone McAuliffe

20<sup>th</sup> Feb - 4<sup>th</sup> March: Gemma Molloy, Amy Sim, Billie Irving- Trew, Jane Gardner

5<sup>th</sup> March – 18<sup>th</sup> March: Michelle Liston, Margot Barr, Natasha Frisby, Elizabeth Kusanke



## Parents Club

If any parents would like to receive the minutes from any of the Parents Club meetings for 2021, please let me know and I will arrange to have them sent out to you after each meeting. Thank you.

Congratulations to our Music star, Kathleen Morris for raising an amazing \$2422.08 (so far!) as part of the World's Greatest Shave day for the Leukaemia Foundation. Such a great effort and you look fantastic!