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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

Feb
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 usual 3.25pm 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 4

The Resilience Project – At Skipton we believe in building resilience for our students, our families and our staff. As many of our families are aware, our school has been involved as a Resilience Project School for a number of years now. For our new families you may be wondering what that is and why we are big believers of it!

In 2016 The Resilience Project came to deliver their emotionally engaging program to our school, providing practical, evidence-based, positive mental health strategies to build resilience and happiness. Here at Skipton we continually deliver these strategies in line with our school curriculum, through the use of wellbeing journals and mindful activities to help all of our students become mentally healthy.

I have included a few links below which might be of interest – for both our new families to check out what The Resilience project is all about, how it began as well as where it is heading in more recent times.


The Resilience Project will be delivering one of their amazing presentations at the Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts on **Wednesday 25th March at 7pm**. Click on this link to find out more and book your tickets. [https://wcpa.com.au/events.aspx#425](https://wcpa.com.au/events.aspx#425)

**Mobile Phone Policy** - From Term 1, 2020 all government schools have had developed a new mobile phone policy. The policy means phones brought to school must be switched off and stored securely during the school day. The aim of this policy is to provide:

- a safe environment to learn without inappropriate mobile phone use (including cyberbullying) or distractions
- greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtimes.

You can find our policy on our website (Upload the link from website)


**Compass** - Thank you to all our families for your assistance and patience as we navigate this new management system together. Should you have any questions or queries along the way, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**Kind Regards,**

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**CSEF – Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund**

These forms are now available from the office. To qualify for this allowance you need to be receiving some form of family assistance benefit from the government. It is an annual payment of $125.00 per student. Any queries please contact Natalie Clark in the office. If you have previously received CSEF 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, weeding and sweeping paths.

- **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

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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)

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.

Uniform

We have already had several new school jumpers and hats go missing this year. Can all parents please check cupboards and return any items that may have been brought home by mistake. Please also make sure that all school uniform items are named, preferably on the item itself rather than the tag.

School Council

Nominations for School Council close on Monday the 24th of February at 4pm if we have anyone interested in becoming a School Council Member.

Art Gallery

Grades 2-4 had a fabulous day at the Art Gallery of Ballarat yesterday. They learnt lots about why artists might use animals as their inspiration. They also made animal prints in the gallery studio.
Prep last day off!

Our Prep students enjoy their last Wednesday off on Wednesday 26th of Feb and will start full time as of Monday the 2nd of March.

Grade 2/3 Report

It has been a busy couple of weeks in the Grade 2/3 classroom! Thank you to everyone who has come in and welcomed me to the school. We have 26 in our grade and each student has their own unique personality.

For Valentine’s Day, students focused on friendship and kindness by creating ‘Warm Fuzzies’. Warm Fuzzies allow students to anonymously write compliments to classmates which in turn gives everyone warm and fuzzy feelings! The students put great effort into writing a Warm Fuzzy for each and every one of their classmates. On Monday afternoon, students read the kind messages their classmates had written for them. It was fantastic to hear all of the wonderful comments and see smiles on everyone’s faces!