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and active and informed citizens”***

Principal’s Message

Thanks

Thank you to families for your ongoing partnership this week, with three days of remote learning and two days of face-to-face learning. It was great to see the students bound back into school on Thursday morning!

Swimming Program

To enable the completion of the swimming program, the school is continuing the program into next week. At the time of writing, the program will run for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The school will make a decision regarding Thursday later in the week and will communicate with families via the usual channels.

Swimming Sports Day

This school event is planned for this Friday, February 26th February. It will start at 9:30am at the pool. In line with health and Department of Education advice, parents are welcome to attend, so long as they carry a face mask and wear it when they can’t keep a distance of 1.5m between themselves and others. I ask families to please use their discretion in this matter, even though the event is an outdoor event.

Camp Planning for 2021

I just thought it would be wise to outline the school’s planning for camps in 2021. Grade 5/6 Camp to Tasmania is planned, with dates locked in for July 26th to 30th. The school is exploring the viability of a Melbourne camp at the moment for our Grade 4s. The school is currently investigating options for a one-night stayover for the Grade 2/3 students. All camps are planned and extensive risk assessments are conducted. Camps will only go ahead in line with health and Department advice. The potential for camps to be postponed or cancelled is still a very real possibility (as we had to do in 2020) and the school will always make decisions in the best interests of the health and safety of its staff and students.

Have a great weekend,
Nick.

The Next Four Learning Weeks @ Skipton:

Term 1 Week 5	
Mon Feb 22 nd	Swimming program continues Finance Sub-Committee 8:30am Policies Sub-Committee 9am Teaching & Learning Sub-Committee 3:30pm
Tue Feb 23 rd	Swimming program continues School Review – Day One
Wed Feb 24 th	Swimming program continues Preps Testing Grade 1 & Grade 4 together for a shared day of learning

Thu Feb 25 th	Preps Testing
Fri Feb 26 th	Skipton Swimming Sports (9:30am start)
Term 1 Week 6	
Mon Mar 1 st	School Council (6pm)
Tue Mar 2 nd	Grades 2-4 Clean Up Australia Day
Thu Mar 4 th	WPPSA Swimming Sports
Term 1 Week 7	
Mon Mar 8 th	Labour Day (no school)
Term 1 Week 8	
Wed Mar 17 th	School Review – Fieldwork Day
Fri Mar 19 th	School Review – Final Day

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.

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

5th March – 18th March: Michelle Liston, Margot Barr, Natasha Frisby, Elizabeth Kusanke

19th March – 1st April: Fiona Meek, , Helen Purvis, Laura Leslie, Wendy Carroll



Eureka Swimming Sports

7 of our students represented our school at the Sovereign and Eureka Division Swimming sports in Ballarat today after posting qualifying times in try outs. There were some very pleasing results with many personal best times and some of our swimmers qualifying to the next level.

Noah Connell has qualified for the backstroke and breaststroke and George Collins for the breaststroke also.

The winning relay team of Grace, George, Noah and Tyson also moving on to the next level!

Well done to our amazing Skipton swimmers.

