"Educating successful leaders, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens"

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

March
1\textsuperscript{st} Friday Skipton Primary School House Swimming Sports
11\textsuperscript{th} Monday Labour Day Public Holiday
12\textsuperscript{th} Tuesday Curriculum Day (Student Free Day)
15\textsuperscript{th} Friday Western Plains Swimming Sports Gr.3-6
18\textsuperscript{th} Monday Young Leaders Excursion Grades 5 & 6
25\textsuperscript{th} Monday School Council (6pm) and Parents Club AGM (2pm)

April
5\textsuperscript{th} Friday Last day of Term 1: 1:30 finish
23\textsuperscript{rd} Tuesday First day of Term 2
25\textsuperscript{th} Thursday ANZAC Day public holiday.

May
1\textsuperscript{st} Wed Cross Country

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

Principal’s Message

The swimming program has been going very smoothly, thanks to the efforts of the swimming teachers, parents and the childrens’ positive attitudes. It has been special to see the growth in confidence and skills across the grades, with some children, for example, unwilling to even get in the pool and are now floating. The teacher to pupil ratio in the pool is outstanding, often 1:1. If we had sent the children to Ballarat there is no way that would be the case.

Building swimming confidence and skills, as well as water awareness and safety, is so important. The figures for drowning are terrible. Royal Lifesaving reports that from July 2017 to June 2018 there were 249 deaths of which a quarter were in rivers, creeks and streams. Then there are the non-fatal incidents which can have ongoing health implications for a person. This is why our school values the program so much and devotes two weeks to it. Thank you to our teachers for the extra effort put in, especially Amelia and Di who have been the key organisers.

We are looking forward to the house swimming sports this Friday. Dress up your children in their house colours and look forward to a great day. Parents Club are hosting a BBQ; no pre-orders of food is necessary.
The following Friday is the inter-school swimming program where schools from the district come together to compete. Again, Parents Club will be providing a BBQ and drinks. Parents Club are looking for new volunteers to join this year. Please consider this request.

**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. *The new mulch also needs to be spread from it’s pile, to under the playground equipment please.*

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**Parent’s Club**

Parents Club have been given the opportunity to cater at the Bradvale Camp Draft on Saturday 13th April, 2019. We will be cooking and serving a roast meal followed by dessert on the Saturday night.

We are looking at raising $2,000+ from this event. We need people to help with cooking food, serving food, washing dishes etc. Camp Drafting is a unique event that is worthwhile seeing at least once! So if you haven’t been before, this could be your opportunity, whilst helping the school raise some funds for things such as our lovely green oval and newly painted classrooms. Please contact Margot on 0418 125 321 if you can help out.

**Easter Raffle Donations**

Every year the primary school organise an Easter Raffle. We are asking all families to please donate one chocolate Easter item for the raffle to help us make up the prizes for the raffle. A bunny, an egg or a bag of small eggs for example, would be greatly appreciated. All items can be **dropped off to the school office by Wednesday the 6th March**, and placed in the box provided.

Thank you for your kind donations, Skipton Primary School Parent Club
If you are able to attend the grand re-opening of the Skipton Tennis Club, please contact Natalie in the office to help with catering purposes please.

**SFNC Under 12 Football**

Training for the Skipton Football Netball Club Under 12 Football will start on Thursday the 14th of March at 5pm.

All current and new players welcome to come along. If you have any questions please call James Draffin on 0407 860 997.

**SFNC Junior Netball**

Training for all Skipton Football Netball Club junior netball teams will start on Thursday the 7th of March. The under 13bs, bring coached by Margot Barr, will walk across from school together and train until 5pm. This is all girls born in 2008 or later (grades 4 and 5 generally), with new players welcome for the 13b team. Please also pack an extra snack for your child for afternoon tea.

The under 13a, 15 and 17 girls will all train from 5pm to 6pm. An email has been sent with your coaches contact details so if you are unable to make it, please let them know.
Stawell 5/6 Primary School Eco Ninjas

Georgie Green
Skipton Primary School

Dear Georgie and students,

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your tour of Skipton Primary School last week. We all really enjoyed the tour and seeing first-hand the fantastic programs you have initiated. We will soon deliver a presentation about our tour to the rest of the Grade Three and Four students. Our favourite programs from the tour were the habitat gardens, the lake, the indigenous plants and the art. All of the Grade Three and Four students are really looking forward to the presentation, and improving the sustainability of Stawell 5/6 Primary School.

Thanks again Georgie for sparing the time to show us Skipton Primary School.

From the Grade 3/4 Eco Ninjas
Lismore Swimming Pool Committee Presents....

Saturday 2nd March

LISMORE POOL MOVIE NIGHT

Screening....

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Pool opens at 12pm

FOOD VANS from 6pm for delicious dinner/snack options. The Dumpling Man (providing dumplings, sausages & hamburgers in bread & crepes) & Coffee/Slushie/Popcorn Van.

Plenty of activities before the movie: Nerf on the Hill, Giant Jenga, Games Table, Basketball etc

Cost
$15 per family (2 adults, 2 kids)
$5 single
Under 3 - free

Free glowstick for each child upon entry!

Movie will begin at dusk

Ice-cream in cones & kiosk facilities available.

(BYO Picnic rug, chair, beanbags, blankets)

Contact Lismore Pool: 55962212 or Laura: 0448324331 for further details

Beaufort Community Bank® Branch and Skipton agency along with Rural Bank

Getting to know us and what we can achieve together

Beaufort & District Community Bank® Branch, Skipton Agency along with David from Rural Bank invite you to join us for a social evening of meet and greet and explore our communities future.

Guest speakers will be sharing insights on Agribusiness and Community Banking.

BBQ & Drinks provided

Guest speakers:

Vicki Hancock - Manager, Beaufort & District Community Bank® Branch
David Swan - Relationship Manager, Rural Banking

Date Wednesday 13 March 2019
Time 5.30pm for drinks with BBQ dinner to follow around 6pm
Venue Skipton Football Club
15 Smythe St, Skipton

Phone 03 5349 2322 or 0437099668 by 11 March 2019 to assist with catering.

SKIPTON KINDERGARTEN

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT KINDER, SKIPTON POST OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY SHOP

$7.50 PER PACK

ORDERS DUE BACK BY 27TH MARCH AND WILL BE READY TO COLLECT FROM KINDER ON WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL
Skipton Primary School
House Swimming Sports

Friday 1st of March, 2019

Commencing – 10.30am
Lunch – 12.30-1pm
Finishing approx. – 2pm

We believe our swimming sports are unique because of the invaluable role our House Captains play in the running of the day. We are immensely proud of our school leaders, who select and manage their teams and events.

Partly for this reason, we choose to use a running-sheet, rather than a fixed program, as it is easier and allows more flexibility for the students to manage. A running sheet also allows our starter to adapt the program immediately, to allow for students’ stroke ability, numbers entering in each event and weather conditions.

- Students will stay in their house groups on the school side of the pool
- Students participating in stroke events cannot also partake in the Kickboard events

**ANDERSON**
**MACKINNON**

**BOLTE**
**RUSSELL**

***Please note the start time is now 10.00am***