

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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

March

6 th	Friday	Skipton Primary School House Swimming Sports
9 th	Monday	Labour Day Public Holiday
12 th	Thursday	Western Plains Swimming Sports Grade 3-6
12 th	Thursday	Hot Cross Bun Orders Due In
19 th	Thursday	Hot Cross Bun Delivery
20 th	Friday	Young Leaders Excursion Grades 5 and 6
26 th	Thursday	Last Day of Term usual <u>3.25pm</u> finish 2.30pm Assembly and presentation from Cricket Victoria (note this is a day earlier than originally advertised)

April

13 th	Monday	Easter Monday
14 th	Tuesday	Curriculum Day – student free day
15 th	Wednesday	Term 2 school resumes
18 th	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

New staff -It is our pleasure to announce that Ashlea Trezise is now a permanent part of the team here at Skipton Primary until the end of the year. Ashlea works as education support across the prep to grade 4 classrooms. Congratulations and welcome Ashlea.

School council nominations have now closed. We look forward to announcing our new school council in our newsletter next week. Thank you to those who have applied.

Eureka Swimming– Congratulations to our wonderful swimmers who represented us so well in Ballarat on Thursday. Good luck to those of you who made it through to the next level at Horsham.

Compass– So far so good with the roll out of our new system, Compass. Class rolls are marked at 9am so if your child is absent or a little late



you will receive a text message just after 9am. If your child is ill or not attending school the text message will contain a link which enables you to enter an absence note. If they are arriving late, please make sure they are signed in so Natalie can adjust the rolls. We are also updating all sorts of information on the news feed to keep you up to date! If you still need help please see Natalie.



Kind Regards,

Bri.

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

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

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.

Skipton Football Netball Club Under 12 Football

Our new under 12 football coach, Les Meek, would like to welcome our under 12 footballers to begin training on Thursday the 19th March at 5pm. Boys and girls from 8 years and over are welcome to come along. Our season starts on Saturday the 18th of April. If you have any questions please contact Les on 0427 505 509. Auskick will also be running in TERM 2 for our younger budding footballers.

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.

Scholastic Book Club

Please return Book Club orders to school by **Tuesday 10th March 2020**. Please ensure that all orders are clearly named with a contact phone number. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to "Skipton Primary School".

Skipton Primary School earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards from all Book Club orders. These rewards assist our school to obtain free books and additional learning resources

PREP/1 CLASSROOM

The Prep/One children are building their stamina in reading, currently building towards 9 minutes of Read to Self. Read to Self is the first of four elements of CAFÉ reading which across the year, will form a framework for teaching the students different strategies and skills. We have also begun the daily Sounds Write Program, which teaches children to decode words phonetically. They learn to read, spell and write words. Students are becoming familiar with a recount or retell text type. We have read examples and are learning that the purpose of this text is to tell/write about something that has already happened. Grade Ones are beginning to practice this writing style regularly when they write in their journals each week. Both



grades have started a handwriting book. They are learning the “rainy day” patterns and letters of l, i and t. Grade ones have enjoyed “quick writes” where they write on a given topic for 5 minutes. Prep students will be introduced to this soon.

Students have completed their first maths unit in number, where they wrote and matched the numerals, words and collections of objects, preps to five and ones to twenty. The grade ones then

went on to count and record collections up to 100. We are beginning to sequence numbers and count by ones and tens. Most recently, we have been looking at length. We sorted our dinosaurs in sequence from tallest to shortest and longest to shortest. Now we are measuring with dinosaur footprints.



HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE ORDER FORM



BAKERS DELIGHT SEBASTOPOL would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase yummy Hot Cross Buns and make a profit for your School.

For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns you order (Traditional Fruit, Chocolate Chip, Mocha, Fruitless or Apple & Cinnamon),

BAKERS DELIGHT SEBASTOPOL will donate **\$2.00** to **Skipton Primary School**.

Simply fill in the attached form and select which **Hot Cross Buns** you would like to order, ask your friends and family if they would like to order some too.

Bring your order form, together with full **CASH** payment back to **School NO LATER THAN Thursday 12th of March, 2020**.

Your Hot Cross Buns will be baked fresh and ready to collect from **School**, on **Thursday 19th of March, 2020**.

NOTE: Items must be ordered in packets of 6. Each 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns is **\$7.50**

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

School Nurse, Liz Leahy, will be visiting our school within the next 2 weeks to conduct free health assessments for our Foundation Students.

- Parental Consent is required before any health assessment is undertaken
- Foundation Students would have received a large white envelope with the health Questionnaire

Please complete the Questionnaire and sign the Consent and return to school within the next week.

If you decide that you do not want a health assessment for your child, please sign the non– consent part of the questionnaire and return to school within the next week