**Principal’s Message**

I trust you enjoyed the extra-long weekend. Yesterday the staff met in the Mackinnon Hall and spent the day learning about the new digital curriculum that has been introduced Australia wide. It enables students to become confident and creative developers of digital solutions through the application of information systems and specific ways of thinking about problem solving. We learned about algorithmic thinking, which is arriving at a solution through a clear series of steps and ‘yes or no’ answers. The power of this thinking is that it allows solutions to be automated, and is the basis of computer programming and coding. Celia from the University of Adelaide led us though the day and signed us up to a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). The uni has also lent us some equipment for next term. We plan to unpack some of this learning and blend it into our curriculum. Some students have already been exposed to the digital curriculum through visits to Earth Ed.

Last Friday nine of our students attended the zone swimming at the Eureka Pool. The swimmers did an amazing job. Cate Connell came 2nd in Butterfly and has qualified for regionals. Noah Connell came 4th in breaststroke and freestyle and has qualified for regionals in both these events. We had four relay teams...
compete with the girls medley and freestyle team coming 3rd in both races and the boys relay team coming 2nd and qualifying for regionals. The last relay team was a mixed relay team which swam off against the other schools for a shield and they came 5th. Was great to see the students of Skipton Primary school do so well. Thanks to Dallas, Ange and Fiona for looking after the students for the event.

This Friday we have the Western Plains Swimming Sports for grades 3 to 6. This is where our children get to compete with children from Rokewood, Lismore, Derrinallum and Linton. The event will be held again at the Skipton Pool and all are invited. A BBQ lunch will again be provided by our wonderful Parents Club. No need for pre-orders, just bring money on the day.

Next Monday our senior grade will be attending the Leadership Conference in Melbourne. Unlike many schools, we send all our children as we consider these students to be in the leadership years. Be aware that it’s another early start and late finish for a very full 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 (not too short please), weeding and sweeping paths.

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**Parents 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.
**SKIPTON TRIATHLON**

**WHEN:** Sunday 17 - March, 2019. Skipton Swimming pool at 10 am (under 8).
**COST:** $5 for individuals and $15 per team.
**REGISTRATION:** Forms available from the Primary School or Pool prior to the 17th of March. Late registrations will be taken at the Pool on the 17th of March from 9:15am.

**Events**

In each age group, there will be events for female individuals, male individuals and teams.

- **8 Years and Under:**
  - Swim, 50 metres (2 laps of pool with kickboard noodle and/or flippers)
  - Ride, 1km
  - Run, 700 metres

- **10 Years and Under:**
  - Swim, 150 metres (6 laps of pool with kickboard noodle and/or flippers)
  - Ride, 1.5 km
  - Run, 1 km

- **14 Years and Under:**
  - Swim, 250 metres (10 laps)
  - Ride, 4 km
  - Run, 1.5 km

- **18 Years and Under/Open:**
  - Swim, 300 metres (12 laps)
  - Ride, 4 km
  - Run, 3km (including Big dipper)

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**CAMPERDOWN SKATE PARK CLINICS**

**Friday 22nd March**

Laurence St, Camperdown
Clinic #1 - 4pm  Clinic #2 - 5pm

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**TIMBOON SKATE PARK COMP**

**Saturday 23rd March**

Bailey St, Timboon
Scooter 11am, BMX 12:30pm, Skate 1:30pm

Free Entry, All Abilities Welcome

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**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

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 Swain - 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 0437099688 by 11 March 2019 to assist with catering.