

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

Principal’s Message

Swimming Program

A massive thanks once again to families and staff who made the swimming program a great success. The Western Plains event is this coming Thursday for our Grade 3-6 students.

Parent Helpers for Reading

This week, a number of parents are coming into the school to begin reading conferences with students. The program officially kicked off this morning, with three volunteers helping students with their reading. If your child comes home and mentions that they read with somebody else today, please don’t be alarmed – this does not mean that your child needs any extra support, or that your child is behind. All students, regardless of their ability level can benefit from extra practice reading aloud and answering some simple comprehension questions. Whilst as teachers we would love to read with each child every single day, it simply isn’t possible and this volunteers program helps us increase the amount of practice your child gets here at school!



School Review Forums

The School Review started last Tuesday. Panel members went into classrooms and spent most of the day unpacking the school’s current position, with a view to creating a new four-year strategic plan for the future. As part of this review, panel members would like to meet with parents in some mini-forums to ensure your perspective is front and centre in the school’s strategic planning. The forums are all on **Wednesday, 17th March** at the following times:

- 2:30pm (8 spots left)
- 3:00pm (8 spots left)

If you would like to volunteer to be in one of these mini-forums, please call the school and book in with Nat.

Building Works for the School

The school has now met with three prospective architects and the project manager from the Victorian School Building Authority. The next step is for the school to choose an architect to work with, which will happen in mid to late March. During this meeting, the school was advised that a likely start date for the works to actually begin is March 2022.

Planning Days

Families should be aware that on Tuesday, March 23rd classroom teachers will be allocated a Planning Day. This is in accordance with the Teacher Agreement regarding entitlements and conditions. Students come to school on this day and will take part in the specialist program (similar to what the school has done for Parent Teacher Conference days).

Have a great week, Nick.

The Next Four Learning Weeks @ Skipton:

| Term 1 Week 6 | |
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| 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 | |
| Mon Mar 15 th | Teaching & Learning Subcommittee 3:40pm Environment Subcommittee 4:30pm |
| Tue Mar 16 th | Finance Subcommittee 8:30am Policies Subcommittee 9:15am |
| Wed Mar 17 th | School Review – Fieldwork Day |
| Fri Mar 19 th | School Review – Final Day |
| Term 1 Week 9 | |
| Mon Mar 22 nd | School Council (6pm) |
| Tue Mar 23 rd | Planning Day for Staff |

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

Clean Up Australia Day

Tomorrow Grades 2-4 will participate in Schools Clean Up Australia Day. We will be collecting litter from Jubilee Park as part of the sustainability program. I still need one parent volunteer for Grade 4, 11.40am-12.35pm. WWC required, gloves highly recommended. All parents will need to have provided consent for their child via compass. If you have any issues with doing that, please contact Natalie.



Thanks Georgie.



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27th February 9am – 1pm

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Contact Heather 0419313667

