



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

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

April

13th Monday Easter Monday
14th Tuesday Curriculum Day – student free day
15th Wednesday Term 2 school resumes - we will keep you posted

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

Principal’s Message – week 8

Remote Learning: Important information - The first day of Term 2 **Tuesday 14th April** remains a curriculum day. Students return on Wednesday 15th April.

The following is important information in the likely event that schools will move to flexible and Remote Learning for Term 2. Currently all students were sent home with, or have access to remote learning work for the first week of Term 2.

Over the past few days all staff have been working hard to put plans in place and to ensure we are prepared for this to occur beyond the first week of next term should we need to be.

Once again hard copy (paper) packs have been organised for all grades, with work for the second week beginning Monday 20th April. These packs, along with applicable devices, will be able to be collected from school on **Tuesday 14th April at designated times** according to alphabetical surnames. (See table below)

Families with surnames beginning :	TIME:
A - E	10 – 11 am
F – K	11:30 – 12:30 pm
L – N	1 – 2 pm
P - Z	2:30 – 3:30 pm

Please contact the school on this day if times don’t suit to organise an alternative.

Communication – The following sets out how the school and teachers will be communicating with you and your children during remote learning:

- All families now have access to Compass – the school will continue to use this to communicate news, information and newsletters to our families.
- Parents can still email teachers directly and we have included all email addresses on this newsletter for your convenience.
- Families with students in **Grade Prep/One and Grade 2/3** – we are asking for you to please **download the free app “ZOOM” on a device** (phone, laptop, ipad etc) by the end of the holidays.

Mrs. Brittain and Miss Lewis will be using this app to connect with students face to face during the school day (students will have a set time in which this communication will occur – you will be notified of this time by classroom teachers before the beginning of Term 2) Any families who have difficulty with this can let the school know next term and we will organise for you to have access to a school ipad with the app on ready to go.

- **Grade 4 and Grade 5/6** - students will communicate with Miss Pollock and Mr Baker through the “TEAMS” app. Teachers will connect with students face to face during the school day (students will have a set time in which this communication will occur – you will be notified of this time by classroom teachers before the beginning of Term 2) and can collect their individual Netbooks from school on **Tuesday 14th April at their families designated time**. Children in both of these grades have had a lot of prior experience using this app with their teachers.

** Please note – Before any students can collect a school device, a permission form will need your consent via Compass. This has been posted on Compass today.

I am aware that there has been a lot of information included in this newsletter – should you have any questions please email either myself (folkes.briana.k@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Nat Clark.Natalie.E@edumail.vic.gov.au and we will endeavour to help you.

Resources for parents -

Access to free books for children to listen to - <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>



Also check out “Maggie Dents: BONUS—how to talk to kids about coronavirus and guide your family through it” podcast.

Principal Appointment– I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Nick Keating** as the new principal of Skipton Primary school. Nick comes to Skipton with much teaching and leadership experience after working in a large P – 9 school in Tarneit, where he is currently in an Assistant Principal role. Nick is really looking forward to this next challenge, and I am sure he will be in touch with families shortly to introduce himself.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big *Thank you* to the staff, students and families of Skipton PS for allowing me to share the last six months with you all in my role as Acting Principal. I wish you all the very best over these coming weeks, and look forward to a time when I am able to come back out and visit 😊

Thank you also for the well wishes and words of kindness and thanks of which I have received over the past week – It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of this wonderful school.

Take care -

Kind Regards,

Bri.



Parent Reps email addresses:

Prep/One- Kate Medson: Katie_196@hotmail.com
Grade 2/3 – Megan Read: megan@readfarming.com.au
Grade 4- Tory Kennedy: victoriackennedy@gmail.com
Grade 5/6 – Natalie Clark: Clark.Natalie.E@edumail.vic.gov.au

Don't forget to send through your postal address if your child wants a penpal for the holidays!

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.

19th March – 1st April: Fiona Meek, Michelle McIntyre, Helen Purvis

2nd April – 15th April: Jimmy Collins, Tim Dunne, Chris Shady

16th April – 29th April: Anthony Mulcahy, Rosie Weatherly, Nina Swanson

Parent Club

Thank you to all parents for your generous donations for our Easter raffle. We ended up with 14 prizes and made over \$550.00 towards our school. The kids loved listening to see if their name was pulled out with the McAuliffes cleaning up with a couple of prizes. Thanks again and happy easter. Enjoy the chocolates and hot cross buns! Stay safe.

Class Messages

Prep/One

While the end of term has been quite eventful, challenging and strange for all of us, we cannot forget the wonderful, positive start the Prep/One students have made to the year.

We have already shared some great learning together in literacy and maths and they have become well-adjusted to the school routine. They loved meeting their big buddies and were actively involved in the swimming program. They represented their houses proudly at the swimming sports. It is hoped we will all be back together soon but in the meantime, enjoy your break, have fun, relax and make all of your moments together count. When term two commences, know that, as always, we are prepared and you and your students will be well supported, whether that will be here at school or at home. Finally, Happy Easter everyone.

Di Britton Britton.Dianne.R@edumail.vic.gov.au

Dear Grade 2/3,

Enjoy the extended holiday break with your families! If you have any questions please email me after the school holidays.

Email: lewis.jessicak2@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thanks!

Hi Everyone in Grade 4,

We have had a great term of learning. Hope you are enjoying the extended holidays! My email is pollock.amelia.k@edumail.vic.gov.au if you need to contact me.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday. Hope to see you soon! Amelia Pollock

Grade 5/6

I hope everyone is keeping well, and also occupied during our "lockdown." We are busy preparing activities for the second week of term if we are to operate remotely. A pack will be ready for collection on the first day of term, if this occurs. Any computers can also be collected, as well, on that day. I have tried to keep things simple, but certainly contact me if there are any questions. I'm sure the students will contact me if they are unsure of anything. The first outline was for the first week of term, which went home with books and tubs, and the second program, which will detail activities for the second week, will be included in the pack. I will send any notices through Compass. If you wish to contact me through email, my address is:

baker.robin.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Have a restful break, an enjoyable Easter and keep safe and healthy.

Robin.

Art, Science and Sustainability

Hi all I have made up remote learning packs for all students, these are included in your child's classroom package for collection next term. The projects are open ended and designed to be completed over a three week period, it's up to yourself and your child to decide how much time you spend on these projects and when. Grade 5/6 science have a set of electrical components that will need returning to school when we recommence. The students will be sent detailed information about their lesson and I will be available to speak to them through teams.

I am available to speak to all parents via email and zoom. green.georgina.g1@edumail.vic.gov.au

Stay safe and have a happy holiday. Cheers Georgie



The entire staff of Skipton Primary School would like to extend our enormous gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Briana for her amazing support and leadership over the last 6 months. She has gone above and beyond to support all students, staff and parents during her time as Acting Principal. We wish her all the very best for the rest of 2020 and beyond.

Thank you Bri!