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and active and informed citizens”***

Principal’s Message

Facebook Transition

The school currently operates a Facebook group, which requires approval to enter. This was initially used for communication with families, however it has become clear over the years that there are other members of the community who wish to follow the school’s activities. Over the coming weeks, the school will communicate plans to develop a Facebook page (which will be public) and keep the existing Facebook group (which will be accessible only by current parents and guardians). This transition will happen early in Term 3. Photo and video recording permissions will also be re-sent out to families early in Term 3 to reflect the changed communication channels.

Change for Skipton Olympics

This event will be changed to Friday, 23rd July for a couple of reasons. Firstly, the weather looks awful for this week and secondly we hope families will be able to come on-site for that day.

Proactive Emotional Wellbeing 4-6

The school has partnered with Beaufort & Skipton Health Service and staff from the hospital will deliver a three-hour series of workshops focussed on Proactive Emotional Wellbeing for our Grade 4-6 students early in the new term. Further details will be published to families in those year levels in the coming days.

Parent Readers Are Welcome Back

I’m pleased to let you know that the school is able to re-start the Parent Readers Program from the first day of the third term. To the Parent Readers out there, please return on your normal days beginning in the new term. We would love to have you back!

QR Code

For those of you who have attended the school in the past few days, you will have noticed that there is now a QR code at the front door. When coming into the school, please ensure that you sign-in with the QR code and also at the reception sign-in book. Visitors are still required to wear a mask whilst on site.

Happy Holidays

It has been a wonderful term of learning here at Skipton Primary. I am very grateful to all of the staff, students and volunteers for their ongoing support. I look forward to the new term starting and continuing the great work that has been done. The next newsletter will be on Friday, 9th July (just before the students return to school). School finishes at 1:30pm on Friday and the 1pm Assembly will be taking place. If the weather is friendly, it will take place outside and if that is the case, families are welcome to attend if they wish. A reminder that school starts on **TUESDAY, 13TH JULY** for Term 3.



Nick

The Next Four Learning Weeks @ Skipton:

Term 2 Week 10	
Wed 23 rd Jun	School Council (6pm)
Wed 23 rd Jun	School Reports published to families via Compass
Fri 25 th Jun	Assembly @ 1pm School finished @ 1:30pm Last day of Term 2
Term 3 Week 1	
Mon 12 th Jul	Student-free day
Tue 13 th Jul	First day of Term 3
Term 3 Week 2	
Mon 19 th Jul	Parent Teacher Conferences – 4pm-7pm
Tue 20 th Jul	Parent Teacher Conferences – 9am-3pm
Fri 23 rd Jul	Skipton Olympics
Term 3 Week 3	
Mon 26 th Jul to Fri 30 th Jul	Grade 5/6 Camp to Tasmania

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.*

11th June – 24th June: Margot Barr, Kate Dunne, Jessie White, Kate White
25th June – 8th July: Petrina Phillips, Wendy Carroll, Megan Read, Jess Kirby
(please spray running track during holidays, if at all possible)
9th July - 22nd July: Erin Fletcher, Fiona Collins, Victoria Kennedy, Natalie Clark

Sustainability

Last Sunday Aggie from the Glenelg Hopkins CMA invited myself and our Sustainability Captain Lucas to a special planting on The Common. The Skipton Common is home to one of Victoria's most endangered plants The Spiny Pimelea, biologists Debbie Reynolds and Megan O'Shea grew Spiny Pimelea plants from cuttings in a laboratory. The cuttings were taken from other locations in Victoria, the idea behind the project is to increase the genetic diversity of the plants. The new plants have come from drier locations than Skipton and it is hoped that they will reproduce with the existing plants, making them more adaptable to survive the forecast drier conditions as a result of climate change.



👶👶 KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2022 NOW OPEN 👶👶

Every Child who is 3 or 4 years of age before 30 April in their year of enrolment will be eligible for up to 15 hours per week of Kindergarten. Subsidised by the Victorian Government.

Cobden, Simpson, Skipton, Terang, Timboon and Western Plains (Lismore & Derrinallum) kindergartens are now taking enrolments for 2022. Registrations close Friday 9 July 2021.

Register your child via www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Enrolment