

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School

SCHOOL PHOTOS—THURSDAY 21ST MARCH, 2019 -

ENVELOPES WILL BE GOING HOME NEXT TUESDAY—SIBLING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

Principal's Report

It was with great consideration that I had to make the call on Sunday to postpone our Year 6 camp. I would like to thank our Grade 6 parents for their unwavering support and our Grade 6 students for their maturity in dealing with their disappointment. I am happy to announce that after several phone calls yesterday, Mrs Hamill was able to secure another spot at Camp Rumbug and the Grade 6 camp will now be going ahead in Term 2, May 6-8.

Aside from our School Strategic Plan goals to focus on excellence in teaching and learning to improve our Literacy and Numeracy outcomes, another major focus for our school this year is on building community engagement. Our first community evening earlier this term was really well supported with a wonderful group of parents who attended our guest speaker session.

We are looking forward to our next community event, [Twilight Sports](#) next week, on [Friday 15 at 5pm](#). I look forward to seeing everyone there. Fingers crossed the weather is in our favour!

Twilight Sports

Friday 15th March 5pm – 6:30pm

Come dressed in your house colours—If you are unsure of your child's house please contact the office.

Families are welcome to bring a picnic tea and enjoy the races.

Sausage sizzle by PTF will be available

The first race will start at 5pm sharp - starting with Preps

(Don't be late or you may miss your event).

Students are to be accompanied and supervised by an adult family member or carer at all times.



We have our School Council election next Tuesday evening and I look forward to announcing the new SC team for 2019 in the next Newsletter.

Our new PTF team have also been busy working behind the scenes and have already completed their shopping for our Mothers Day stall. If you are interested in what is going on at PTF or would like to add your name to volunteer occasionally please join our [SKYE PS PTF & Helpers](#) page on Facebook. Joining the page does not mean you are committing to every event or joining the PTF. We use this page to inform families about upcoming events so that people can help out if they wish. Most of our events rely on parent support and we could not provide great opportunities for our community without the help of our wonderful volunteers. We need some helpers for the Twilight Sports PTF sausage sizzle so please let us know if you are able to lend a hand and maybe cook a snag or two to serve our hungry customers.

Have a great week!

Jane Briffa

David Bridie is coming to Skye Primary School

Thursday 28 March 12.25-1.25pm – Parents Welcome

David Bridie is one of Australia's most prolific and respected songwriters. He has over 5 solo albums and is a former member of the group "My friend the Chocolate Cake". David is also the co-founder of a not-for-profit label Wantok Music, which records and releases music by Aboriginal and Melanesian musicians.



David will be performing a concert at Skye Primary School, with a selection of year 4 guitar students making their debut opening the performance for David Bridie.

Centrelink

Centrelink customers may now ask to pay their school costs through Centrelink

This is a free service for Centrelink customers.

You can access this service online through your own log in or contact a Centrelink office or the school for more details.

Guitars

Orders will close next Friday 15th March for Guitars for all Grade 3 and Grade 4 students plus Grade 5/6 students who are doing the lunchtime program.

If you are interested please contact the office guitars are \$50.



Kitchen Garden

I love hearing stories from students, parents/carers and staff about how the students are cooking the meals they created in their Kitchen Garden class at home. If children are encouraged and guided to cook healthy meals in an enjoyable way this will foster them to develop positive food habits for life.

Last week and this week the Year 3-6 students made delicious gnocchi with tomato and garlic sauce and an imagination salad. The students picked tomatoes, bay leaves, capsicums, cucumbers, beetroots, parsley, chives, oregano and mint from our garden to make their delicious meal.

Almost half of our bath wicking beds have been constructed, and the students have begun planting seeds in them. There is nothing more satisfying than eating a delicious meal created from fresh produce that you have grown from seed and nurtured through to harvest.

It has been lovely to have our first volunteers assist us in the kitchen. The students and I are so very thankful to them for giving up their valuable time. To successfully run this wonderful program we rely on many volunteers. If you are able to assist or would like to find out more about our Kitchen Garden program and how you can help please leave your details at the office.

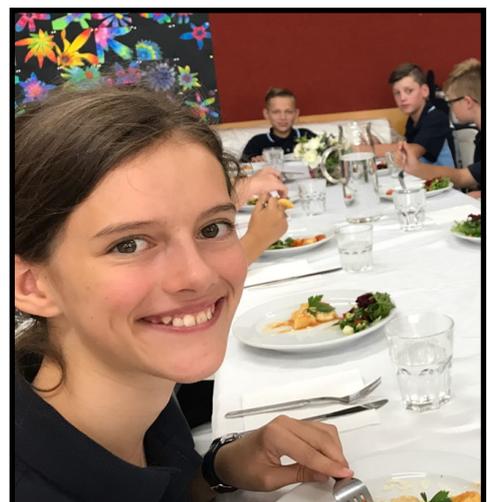
I would like to thank on behalf of the children and the school these wonderful people and businesses that have donated various items to the Kitchen Garden program this year. We are very grateful!

- * OBrien Real Estate at Carrum Downs for their generous donation of dirt for the wicking beds (valued at \$522).
- * Daisys Garden Supply at Carrum Downs for their generous donation of scoria for the wicking beds (valued at \$183) and free delivery.
- * Bunnings Carrum Downs for their generous donation of AGI pipe, silicone, irrigation pipe, plugs and taps for the construction of the wicking beds.
- * Mandy Christie for her generous donation of an enormous amount of kitchen appliances and kitchen equipment.
- * GALE Pacific for donating a large quantity of shadecloth for the wicking beds.
- * Jeff and Melinda Shelley for their wonderful donation of a worm farm and a bay leaf tree.
- * Emma Parkes for her lovely donation of three beautiful water jugs that we use each Kitchen Garden session and a large water decanter.

Without our wonderful volunteers and the generosity of our community we would not be able to run this valuable program.

Inger Furlong

Kitchen Garden Specialist



What's Happening at Skye

Preps

To celebrate the end of our first term together, we would love the children to please bring in their favourite 't', 't' teddy bear (but not too precious) to join them for the day on **Wednesday 27th of March**. Please ensure your child comes dressed in school uniform.

We invite you to join us on our Teddy Bear fun filled morning starting from 9am till 10:30am in the Prep Building. We will be completing some bear themed activities together then finishing with a morning tea picnic in the Prep Patch backyard with our teddies.



Whole School— Life Education Van

Payment is now due for this incursion—\$9.00.

Grade 6—Camp— New Dates

Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th May, 2019 at Camp Rumbug.

Whole School—MATHLETICS

Your child will be soon bringing home their NEW Mathletics login details. These are different from what they were issued with last year. Please ensure you use the new details when logging in to Mathletics. Teachers will soon be assigning work to suit your child. There are some wonderful instructional 'how to' videos to watch, which offers support to understand various tasks and concepts. Students can also access the Live Mathletics and the Multiverse, where they can practise their quick recall of maths facts. This is a wonderful resource which really supports your child's learning in Mathematics.

Please contact your student's teacher for a copy of their new login details if you haven't received them by the end of the week.

Also, if you are having difficulties in getting Mathletics to work, please check out their technical support page on <http://www.3plearning.com/tech/mathletics/> for further specific help for the device and internet browser you are using. Flash player needs to be enabled, please follow the advice here: <http://www.3plearning.com/tech/flash/> .

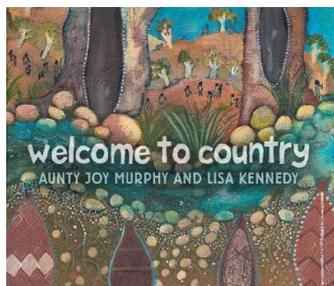
If you are still having difficulties, please contact me and I will do my best to support you to set this up.

Lisa Male

Leading Teacher - Student Tracking & Data Analysis

Library News

This month our school library will highlight our existing Indigenous book collection, as well as showcasing the new books purchased this month. Mr Bob has kindly provided a beautiful collection of Aboriginal artefacts which will be on display for the children to not only look at, but also have a go at playing! (We are hoping that someone can produce the mellow sounds of the Didgeridoo!) We also have a large map displaying the vast numbers of nations, social groups and languages from across Australia.



Our book of the month is 'Welcome to Country' written by Aunty Joy Murphy and Lisa Kennedy. Each Aboriginal Community has its own way of welcoming to country and this beautifully illustrated book talks not only about their traditions and their Elders but also about the animals and spirits.

Scholastic Books order forms have been sent out this week. Orders are made on line and closing date is March 25th (please do not send orders to the school) Thank you to the families who ordered from our last catalogue. It was wonderful to see so many books being sent home with the children.

Happy Reading

SKYE PRIMARY SCHOOL BINGO

\$7 A SET EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT IN MARCH FROM 7.00pm

Session 1 – 9 x Roulette (\$50-\$90)

1 x \$1000

Session 2- 10 x \$100

Session 3 – 10 x \$100

Session 4 - 9 x Roulette (\$50-\$90)

1 x \$1,000

Plus 2 x 50 cent Flyer paying a minimum of \$100 per flyer.

For more information on extra promotions go

www.carrumdownsbingo.com.au



554-556 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum
Downs, 3201



Skye Primary School offers Private and Dual Instrumental Music lessons during school hours.

Lessons are conducted by local music school Poco Music. Instrumental lessons are offered in Piano, Ukelele, Guitar, Bass, Brass, Woodwind, Strings and Singing. Lessons are taught by fully qualified teachers in a fun environment.

At Poco Music we believe every child deserves the right to start out life with a quality music education.

Lessons offered are private 30 min classes catering to the students' individual needs.

Group lessons of 2 students is offered for all instruments except drums.

Lessons are taught in a fun environment focusing on learning how to read music notation, working through method books and learning fun contemporary songs that engage students.

We also prepare students for AMEB and ANZCA music exam grading.

Once Students are competent with playing a few chords and notes Rock Bands will commence and rehearse weekly at lunchtimes.

COST of lessons: \$38.00 Private 30 min lesson

\$25.00 per child for a dual 30 min lesson

If you would like to enrol your child for lessons please fill out our enrolment form online at www.pocomusic.com.au

For more enquiries please email us at: admin@pocomusic.com.au or call our office on [9584 7341](tel:95847341)

Please be sure to like our Facebook page for more information on Lessons and Bands -

<https://www.facebook.com/PocoMusicTuition/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you have any questions or need an application form please come to the school office.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Dates to Remember - Term 1 & 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 11	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15
Labour Day NO SCHOOL	Subway order forms due		Subway Lunches	NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING TWILIGHT SPORTS 5—6.30PM 
March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22
ASSEMBLY IN GYM LIFE ED VAN P.T.F.—9.15AM	Subway order forms due LIFE ED VAN	LIFE ED VAN TRIBES	Subway Lunches  SCHOOL PHOTOS	LIFE ED VAN
March 25	March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29
ASSEMBLY IN GYM LIFE ED VAN	LIFE ED VAN	LIFE ED VAN	DAVID BRIDIE CONCERT 12.25—1.25PM - PARENTS WELCOME Subway Lunches	GRADE 3 & 4 MILO CRICKET 
April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5
ASSEMBLY IN GYM		<i>Arts Centre - Billionaire Boy</i> <i>Grades 2 & 3</i> TRIBES	<i>Arts Centre - Billionaire Boy</i> <i>Grades 4, 5 & 6</i> Subway Lunches	EASTER HAT PARADE— 9.15AM  LAST DAY OF TERM 1— SCHOOL FINISHES 2.30PM
	SCHOOL	HOLIDAYS		
April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL	Term 2 Resumes NO SUBWAY THIS WEEK		ANZAC DAY NO SCHOOL	

**GRADE 6 CAMP RUMBUG—RESCHEDULE—
MONDAY 6TH TO WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY, 2019**

SKYE PRIMARY SCHOOL BINGO

Tuesday Night – Eyes Down at 7.00pm

7.30pm - \$4 – 15 x Double Roulette – minimum \$80 houses

Flyer - \$1 – minimum \$200 Jackpot

8.30pm - \$7 – 29 x Roulette – minimum \$50, 1 x \$999 Jackpot

Plus Rolling Jackpot if bingo called under 52 calls

\$12.00 FOR ONE BOOK FOR THE NIGHT

Wednesday Day—Eyes Down at 11.00am

11.00am—14 x \$50, 1 x \$500

12 noon—\$50 plus your number (\$51 to \$140)

12.40pm—14 x \$50 plus your number, 1 x \$700

Plus a \$2 Mr Jackpot Flyer

\$13.00 FOR ONE BOOK FOR THE DAY

Wednesday Night—Eyes Down at 7.30pm

7.30pm—15 x Double Roulette (\$80-\$180)

8.30pm—15 x \$50 plus your number (\$51—\$140), 14 x Roulette (\$50-\$90), 1 x \$1200

Plus \$1.00 flyer \$200 Jackpot plus Rolling is called in 50 calls or less

\$13.00 FOR ONE BOOK FOR THE NIGHT

Friday Day – Eyes Down at 11.00am – session finishes at 2.10pm

11.00am - \$3 – 14 x \$50 houses, 1 x \$500 Jackpot

12.00pm - \$3 – 10 x Double Roulette minimum \$80 houses

\$2 Flyer – 10 times Roulette minimum \$400

12.40pm - \$3 – 10 x \$70 houses

- \$4 – 14 x Roulette

- 1 x \$1,500 Jackpot

plus Rolling Jackpot if bingo called under 52 calls

\$15.00 A SET FOR ONE BOOK FOR THE DAY