

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School

CURRICULUM DAY TOMORROW—FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST, 2019—STUDENT FREE DAY

Principal's Report

Dear Families,

Just a reminder that we have our final Curriculum Day for the year this Friday, 9th December. Our teachers will be busy at school working together on how we teach vocabulary and morphology to assist our students with their reading, writing and spelling. Some of this work will be shared at our Masterclasses next week.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next round of Masterclasses next Monday 12th. Sessions will kick off at 3:30pm in the Prep, Grade 1 & Grade 3 classrooms. Masterclasses are great events where you get to learn about what your child is learning and how we teach it. Please speak to your teachers if you require any information.

A few weeks ago, Sonya Kilkenny (MP) contacted me to see if we would be interested in supporting Homelessness Week (Aug 4-10). I passed the information on to our Student Representative Council and they jumped on the opportunity to assist members of our wider community. This says a lot about the empathy and compassion that our students have for others. They were very proactive in organising the collection of non-perishable food items by presenting the initiative at assembly and writing information for the teachers to send out in Connect. I would like to thank everyone who have supported our kids in supporting others. All items collected will be donated to the Salvation Army Food Relief and Community Supermarket in Carrum Downs. This charity supports around 250 local families with much needed pantry goods, hygiene product, fresh fruit and vegetables. Everyone needs some help from time to time in many different ways. We are lucky to be part of a community who support each other. In the event that you ever find yourself in need of anything, please do not hesitate to sing out as we have access to many different kinds of support for children and the carers.

In the next week or so, we will be holding the interviews for the Architects who are tendering for the Capital Works project. Once we have appointed the architect we will begin the design phase of the build, which is the exciting work. We will keep you up to date as we move forward with the project.

If you have friends or neighbours who are thinking of enrolling their Prep children at our school next year, please let them know that enrolments are currently being finalised at all of our local schools.

One of my favourite weeks, Book Week, is in Week 6. We have lots of fun days planned starting with our Bookfair starting on Monday 19th, Grandparents and Special Friends Morning on Tuesday 20th and our Book Parade on Wednesday 21st more information is coming out next week.

Have a great week!

Jane Briffa

WE ARE NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR PREPS 2020

Enrolment paperwork is now available for Preps 2020 from the office. If you have already collected paperwork can you please return it as soon as possible so that planning can begin.

Attention—Prep Parents

On **Monday 12th August** from **3:30 – 4pm** the Prep teachers will be holding an informal workshop in the Prep building. At this workshop we will be running through the Prep Phonics sound pack- covering all the sounds and cued articulation we cover in the year. We will also be discussing decoding reading strategies and comprehension questions to support your child in their take home reading program. ***We will have activities in the Prep Building to keep your children busy during this time.*** We hope you can join us please let your child's Prep teacher know or fill in the form that has been sent home with your child.

Lunchtime Activities—Term 3

Lunch time Clubs will be commencing next week . All clubs are open to any who would like to join. SRC leaders will make an announcement each day to remind students what is on and where to go .

Many thanks to the staff members who have volunteered to give up some of their lunch break.

Club	Teacher	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mindful colouring	Mrs Jung			00B class-room		
Soccer	Mr Harrison					Soccer oval
Art	Ms Russo	Art Room				
Japanese	Mrs Critchlow			Japanese		
Library	Mrs Torrington				Library	
Recyclable building	Miss Turner		2B class-room			
Board Games	Mrs Blenkiron		Library			
Disco	Mrs Briffa					Sails Area
Gardening	Mrs Furlong				Meet at Kitchen Garden	
SRC	Mrs Hazzledine			Library Foyer		
Gymnastics (Next Week Only)	Miss Weissenburger, Mr Jackson	3/4 Girls		All Boys	5/6 Girls	
Concert	Mrs Bongers, Miss Eade, Mrs Perrins		6A class-room			
Guitar Club 3- 6	Mrs Hazzeldine				Music Room	
Pets Club	Mr Bob					Science room

Kitchen Garden News

The students were very busy harvesting lemons, parsley, mint, oregano, lettuce, radishes and peas from our garden. They made a delicious meal of Harrissa Chicken with Carrot, Rice and Quinoa Pilaf, Soda Bread and Herb Butter and a Winter Leaf Salad. Recipes available from the office.



Volunteers Needed for our Grades 3-6 Kitchen Garden

We are still in need of volunteers to assist with our Kitchen Garden Program if you are able to spare a couple of hours on either a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday your help would be greatly appreciated.

For more information please contact either the office or Mrs Furlong.



Inspire Kitchen Garden Volunteers Desperately Needed

In order for the P-2 Inspire kitchen classes to run efficiently and effectively we rely on the help of volunteers to lead small cooking groups as they prepare, cook and serve their dishes. These meals are shared by everyone at the end of each session. If you or someone you know would like to be involved in the Inspire Kitchen Garden Program once a fortnight please come and see Ryan Harrison, Inger Furlong or leave your contact details at the office. All volunteers require a current Working with Children's check. This is an easy and free process, simply apply online at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Wednesday 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm
21 st of August
4 th of September
16 th of October
30 th of October
13 th of November
27 th of November

These are the dates for the remainder of the year.

Subway

Just a reminder that Subway orders need to be at school on **Tuesday** so that the school can collate them. Orders are collected by Subway early Wednesday morning and late orders may mean that your child is going to miss out.

School Concert

Our school concert will be on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September at Elisabeth Murdoch College.

More information will be coming home in the next couple of weeks regarding tickets, groups and times.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Congratulations to our wonderful Stars of the Week!



Congratulations to our Raffle ticket winners— **Natalie 3A**, **Gemma 5A** and **Cruz 5A**, **Imagen 5C**, **Chase 5A** and **Elise**.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Shugar Marshall on winning her first gold medal last weekend at the Aussie Gold Cheer and Dance State Spectacular. Shugar's team, Seastars, achieved their first victory last weekend taking out first place in Level 1. They also hit zero for their performance - which means their performance was deemed by the judges as perfect without any faults.



Let's Chat

Mr Anderson is again running the Let's Chat program, it will be held at Bowerbird Pre School. The idea of Let's Chat is to help parents develop strategies to assist their children build strong language which is the key to success in learning to read and write. Please see the attached PDF Flyer .

All parents are welcome to come along.

Attendance Reminder

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible please inform us in advance of upcoming absences. Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parent/carers and schools.

You can notify the school the following ways –

- * Phone the absence line – 9786 1555 press 1 – please leave your child's name and grade and the **reason** they are absent
- * Sentral – log on to Sentral. Click on Absences to record your child's absence and the reason they are away.
- * If you going on holidays or know that your child will be absent write a note to the teacher or notify the office prior to the absence.

If you do receive a SMS from the school regarding an Unexplained absence please respond immediately.

Library News

We are excited to announce that this term the Library is holding a Book Fair to coincide with Book Week. Please lock these dates into your calendar:

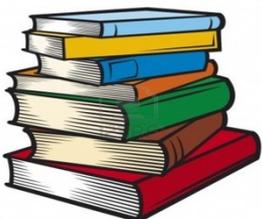
Book Fair – Monday 19th – Friday 23rd August

Grandparents/Special Persons day – Tuesday 20th August

Book Parade – Wednesday 21st August

The Book Fair will be held in the Library and will be open before and after school. We have ensured that there are plenty of price points to appeal to all budgets.

We are super excited to be hosting a Grandparents/Special Persons Day on Tuesday and as we are celebrating Book Week, it would be wonderful if your child's special person could bring along the book they love the most and read it to your child. But don't worry, each classroom will have a lot of books to choose from!



Last year we had some really creative costumes for our Book Parade and we are hoping that you can all get your creative hats on (it doesn't need to cost a lot of money!) – it is such a wonderful parade to watch and the children really love the excitement of it all. Details about the time of the parade will be posted closer to the event.

We have lots of new books in the library – pictures of the covers are on the window near the entrance. We suspect that the book titled, 'Mum's don't fart!' will be a popular book this term but we have also purchased books about famous people to add to our collection. Keep a look out for these ones, they are aimed at the younger readers but have plenty of information for advanced readers too. Some of the titles are – Pablo Picasso, Albert Einstein, Stephen Hawking and Vincent Van Gogh.

Below is an article from Michael Gross on parenting ideas that I thought you might be interested in—

Refining your parenting style

Kids benefit from a mixture of two parenting approaches. On the one hand, they benefit from an approach that provides nurturance, builds strong relationships and offers strong emotional support. They also need a style that sets behavioural boundaries, challenges them to face their fears and promotes independence from an early age.

This combination of nurturance and firmness is known as an authoritative style according to the work of researcher Diane Baumrind who studied parenting styles in Western countries. A purely nurturing style is known as a permissive style, while a singularly firm style is known as authoritarian.

When discussing the authoritative approach, it's easiest to use a dog and cat metaphor. If you have a dog, you'll know it's usually friendly and wants to show love, affection and attention. The 'dog' style of parenting is relational, empathetic and warm. Cats, on the other hand, are different. They are usually self-sufficient and generally able to live quite happily without you. To develop the metaphor, a 'cat' style of parent is more able to set limits, more likely to challenge kids and encourage them to become self-sufficient. They can separate themselves from their kids, step back and not allow emotions to rule decision-making.

Warm cat, firm dog

Which of these two styles do you identify with? If you defer to one, then you may have to work a little harder on more consciously to bring the other to the table. In reality, many parents working in a partnership with each other will share the dog-cat loads, just as they sometimes play good cop, bad cop when they are less than perfect. Sole parents need to be firm cat and nurturing dog all in one package, which is challenging as we tend to default to one style over the other.

Don't mix the two approaches up

Get your cat and dog wrong and you'll be ineffective. If your first approach when a child is anxious is to be distant and unapproachable, then you're not meeting your child's emotional needs. If you meet poor behaviour with a friendly smile or an indecisive manner, then you will not be providing your child with the guidance they require. Get your response right – meet anxiety with dog-like warmth and poor behaviour with cat-like firmness – and you are giving your kids what's required in each situation.

Keep the approaches separate

A common mistake is the failure of adults to separate the two approaches. Imagine your son coming home from school very upset. You are not sure what's wrong, but you keep an eye out just the same. The next minute he hurls an insult at his younger sister, causing her to come to you for support. You remonstrate with your son, then sympathetically ask what's troubling him. Most likely you'll get a confused response from your son, as you've mixed management – a cat-like behaviour – with counselling – a dog-like trait. It's best to keep the two approaches separate.

In this example, it would be better for you to remonstrate with your son about his behaviour and perhaps send him to his room. Then, when things have calmed down, speak to him quietly about any problems or worries that he may have. This separation will ensure that the firmness of the cat is effective and then gives some time and a different space for the more dog-like approach to work its magic.

The cat-dog framework is a practical way to ensure that your child receives the type of parenting they need to suit different situations.

Belinda Hazzledine

Wellbeing Coordinator



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.

Group lessons of 2 students is offered for all instruments.

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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

\$28.00 Private 20 min lesson

\$20.00 per child for a group 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.

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

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

Dates to Remember - Term 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8	August 9
Assembly in Gym	Subway Order Due	INSPIRE		CURRICULUM DAY—STUDENT FREE DAY
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16
Assembly in Gym	Subway Order Due	5/6 HOOPTIME  TRIBES		Gymbus—Prep to 2
August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23
Assembly in Gym Interschool Gymnastics BOOK WEEK	Grandparents Morning - from 9 to 10.55am BOOK WEEK Subway Order Due	Book Parade—9am INSPIRE BOOK WEEK	BOOK WEEK	BOOK WEEK
August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29	August 30
Assembly in Gym	3/4 HOOPTIME  Subway Order Due	District Athletics Father's Day Stall TRIBES		FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 
September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6
Assembly in Gym	Subway Order Due	INSPIRE		
September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12	September 13
Assembly in Gym	Subway Order Due	TRIBES		
September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20
Assembly in Gym Concert Rehearsals	Concert Dress Rehearsals Subway Order Due	SCHOOL CONCERT	SCHOOL CONCERT	FOOTY DAY PIE/ HOT DOG DAY LAST DAY OF TERM 3—FINISHES 2.30PM

SKYE PRIMARY SCHOOL BINGO

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