

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School

Calendar

2020

27th February—Grade 6—AO Lang Pho and Arts Centre Tour—Free

2nd March—Grade 2—Audio Adventures at Arts Centre—Free

6th March—School Photos

9th March—Labour Day Public Holiday

10th-12th March—Grade 6 Camp -

Waratah Bay—Payment now due

18th-26th March—Life Education Van—

Whole School \$15.00

20th March—Athon—Whole School

26th March—Grades 3,4 & 5—Charlie & the War against the Grannies—Free

27th March—Last Day of Term 1—School

Finishes at 2.30pm

14th April—Term 2 Commences

CURRICULUM DAY—FRIDAY 24TH APRIL

Principal's Report

It was wonderful to see so many family members at school for our scrapbooking afternoon. The buzz in each classroom was infectious and I found myself drawn in to assisting with stickers and glitter and all the lovely photos that were sent in to make the Notebooks that extra bit special. The Readers and Writers Notebooks are an extremely important tool in our Literacy Program and will be a very important resource for our students in their learning throughout the year. We will be sharing how we use the Notebooks throughout the year.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Please be reminded that the State Government require all government schools to enact the Mobile Phone Policy, banning the use of phones during school hours. In accordance with Department Policy that has been issued by the Minister of Education, all mobile phones (including devices such as Smart Watches) must be switched off and handed in to the office, where they will be securely stored during school hours.

Starting next Monday 24th February all mobile phones need to be handed in at the office. There is a sheet for the students to sign and we will keep the phones in a secure box. Students can collect them straight afterschool from the office. We have had some wonderful students already signing their phones in each morning.

Please remember that when there is a need for parents to contact their child, they should do so by contacting the office directly. You are able to access the full policy on the school Website. Details of instances where exceptional circumstances may apply, are provided in the policy.

SCHOOL'S PRIVACY POLICY

Another policy that can be found on the Website is the School's Privacy Policy. Please take the time to have a read. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS

The next PTF Meeting will be on

Thursday 27th February

9.00am in the staffroom

Everyone is welcome including toddlers.

More news about the PTF is over the page in this newsletter

PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS (PTF)

The AGM was held last Tuesday and it was wonderful to see a few new faces at the meeting. We once again are so lucky to have several grandparents join us on the team. Our students are very fortunate to have their support. Official positions were voted and filled. Congratulations and a huge thanks to Kylie Sorraghan for once again agreeing to embrace the role of PTF President. I would also like to thank and congratulate our other PTF members who have kindly taken on operational roles in PTF – Renee Brennan - Vice President, Kim Jackson - Secretary, Ann Bell - Treasurer .

This year we are moving meetings to first Thursday of the month at 9am. The PTF would like to trial alternate afternoon meetings in the hope that more people are able to attend. Please look out for information as it comes out.

P.T.F. News

What an exciting time it is in our Skye Primary PTF group we have familiar faces back this year as well as some new faces. The first meeting went straight into finalising the Splash-a-thon which is being held on the 20/03/2020, these kind of events are such a great way to get everyone involved and to most importantly have fun.

We are also making a list of fundraising ideas and what we would like to achieve this year which we will be sharing with you all throughout the year.

As always we welcome news faces and new ideas whether this be at the PTF meetings, through the Skye Primary PTF helpers Facebook group or through our PTF email, any help and skill is always greatly appreciated as more hands make light work and make for a great experience at Skye Primary.

We look forward to a great fundraising year for 2020.

School Photos—Friday 6th March, 2020

Envelopes have now come home with each child please read your envelope carefully as it explains the process of ordering school photos.

- * *Please ensure that all students return their completed envelope to school on Photo Day.*
- * *For any split families please contact the office we can arrange to get you a photo envelope.*
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available from the office—this year we are offering parents the opportunity to bring their children to school from 8.00am for sibling photos. Please note sibling photos are for school children only.*

These photos will be taken either in the gym or library depending on weather.

- *School Captains, House Captains, SRC, Peer Support and Play Leaders will need to be at school by 8.45am in order to have their photos taken.*
- *All students must be in full school uniform.*



Tribes and Inspire

At Skye Primary School we run two different wellbeing and engagement programs on a Wednesday afternoon.

TRIBES—run on the even weeks and the students are divided in to one of four Tribal Lands where they interact and develop relationships with students from all levels across the school. They are involved in different team building and resilience building activities. Students DO NOT take their bags to tribes – they return to their classroom before the bell rings.

INSPIRE groups run on the odd weeks. Students get to choose something they would like to do or feel passionate about and they follow this through for the rest of the year. Students DO take their bags to INSPIRE and are dismissed from that area.

Both these program mean your child **will not** be in the usual classroom for this time which can make it difficult if you have to pick them up early. Please allow a little more time if you have an appointment as you will have to go to a different area of the school.

Kitchen Garden

WE ARE MAKING RELISH!

Needed—Clean small glass jars with metal lids
If you have any please drop them off at the office.



Kitchen Garden Dates and Times

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	25 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 6B	26 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 4/5 A	27 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 3B	28 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 2C
Week 6	3 rd of March Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 6C	4 th of March Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 5C	5 th of March Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 4B	6 th of March Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 2A
Week 7	10 th of March Year 6 Camp	11 th of March Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 5B	12 th of March Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 3A	13 th of March Time: 8:55-10:55 Class: 4C Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 2B

Nude Food—Wednesdays

Wednesdays will officially become nude for the first time this year on the **4th March**, and by nude, we mean nude food of course! Every Wednesday all students are asked to bring a completely wrapper free lunch box to school. That means no plastic wrap, no foil, no zip lock bags and no packaged foods. We know this might be a big change for some of us, but don't freak out! We're here to support you and we have plenty of ideas to help get you started.



So...What does nude food look like? You can use your current single compartment lunchbox, with little containers inside. Or you may like to use a nude food lunchbox, which are available for purchase at most supermarkets. These lunchboxes have several compartments and make it really easy to pack a nude lunch – many students are already using these!



Your nude lunch box might include a sandwich, wraps, boiled eggs, sliced meat, fruit, vegetable sticks, biscuits, yogurt, dried fruit, frozen vegetables, cereal, dips, baked beans, muffins, popcorn, cheese, cooked rice, crackers, or spaghetti.

Nude food days are an excellent way to help us reduce the waste in our school and to keep our yard looking beautiful and clean. They are also a great way for our families to save money! You might even find yourself making healthier food choices!

If you are looking for some more ideas about how to pack a nude food lunch box, there are lots of great websites and images on line, so please check them out.

We are all excited to start our Nude Food Wednesdays again this year, and to help get the students excited too, we will be acknowledging their efforts with rewards through a Nude Food Ninja competition. Thank you to all the students who have been patiently waiting for our new Preps to commence their first full week, and thus make



Subway

Subway order forms are due in on Tuesday with lunch being delivered to classrooms on Thursdays.. If you require more order forms they are available from the office or on the school website—

<https://skypeps.vic.edu.au/>

Orders must be in on Tuesday in order for them to be collated by the office.

Subway lunches are delivered to the classrooms on Thursday.

Chicken Monitors

Is your child interested in being a chicken monitor this year?

We are looking for chicken loving, responsible, gentle students to help check on the chickens, collect eggs, feed and change their water, clean the coop and spend time with our beautiful chooks, mainly on Monday's but other days too.

Looking for students especially in the senior grades, 4, 5 & 6 to be the main leaders.

If your child is interested, please ask them to put their name on a piece of paper with their grade and give to Nurse Belinda in sickbay.

Thanks

Belinda Schodde



If your child is absent from School

The Education Department requires all schools to contact parents / caregivers if their child is absent from school as soon as practicable on the day of an **UNEXPLAINED** student absence. It is your responsibility as a parent to ensure that the school is notified if your child is absent as early as possible on the day or earlier if possible.

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.
- * Reply to the SMS you receive immediately with the reason that your child is absent
- * 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.

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.

Respectful Relationships

Students at Skye Primary School participate in the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships learning materials. This material has been designed to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills. The promotion of social and emotional skills and positive gender norms improves health related outcomes and reduces antisocial behaviours including engagement in gender-related violence.

This term students will be focusing on **Emotional Literacy** and **Personal Strengths** during their Wellbeing sessions.

Emotional Literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and others. It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our emotions together with building empathy and responding appropriately to the emotions of others.

Personal Strengths provides students with a vocabulary to help them recognise their strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. Research into positive psychology discusses the importance of identifying and using individual strengths.

Developing students personal and social capabilities via social and emotional learning

Promoting resilience, wellbeing and positive social attitudes form part of the school's core business. Explicitly teaching social and emotional learning skills to students is the key to enable students to build and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to:

- Understand and manage emotions
- Set and achieve positive goals
- Feel and express empathy
- Establish and maintain positive relationships
- Make responsible decisions
- Develop resilience and deal with change
- Create positive gender norms
- Contribute to social cohesion.

Social and emotional learning is important within the context that many young people face a range of stressors and anxieties, including a high incidence of mental health problems. Engaging in social and emotional learning assists students to develop the resilience to deal with change, challenge and unpredictability.

A sense of connectedness or belonging to school and to family is the single most important protective factor for young people. It is associated with positive health and academic outcomes. Students who experience discrimination or stigma are more likely to experience a reduced connectedness to school. However, students who feel cared for by people at their school and feel connected to learning:

- Are more likely to be motivated
- Show improved academic outcomes
- Have higher academic self-efficacy
- Show improved mental health
- Are less likely to experience discrimination or stigma.

(Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships. Teaching for Social and Emotional Learning and Respectful Relationships, Department of Education and Training, 2018)

Until next time

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club resumes next week all students from Prep to Grade 6 are welcome to attend.

When—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am - 8.50am

Where—3A, 3B, 4C end of the BER building at rear of the school

- Breakfast club is **free** however, **if** your child suffers with any food allergies please send a note with them
- Students can attend as often as they like
- Breakfast club is intended to be a fun and social time for children to enjoy each other's company

What's on the menu?

Muesli, Vitabrits and Cheerios with Milk

Tinned fruit.

Baked Beans

Porridge / Oats

Toast and a variety of spreads

Water / Milk

A selection of fresh fruit (seasonal)



Skye Primary School—Facebook Page



Keep up to date with some of the wonderful things your child/ren are doing in their school time. We also have a Parents of Skye Facebook Page and Instagram.

Please note that our school will delete any comments that are deemed inappropriate for public viewing from the Skye Primary School Face Book page. We look forward to you visiting our page regularly.

PINES JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATION DAY

SUNDAY MARCH 1st

BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED

YES 10-12am - Under 9-12

12-2pm - Under 13-17

OKAY

Teams in ALL age groups including Under 16 GIRLS

All Junior Teams will be supported by The Pines Football Netball Club Senior players



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



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ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 1, 2020

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.

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

\$28.00 Private 20 min lesson

\$25.00 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](tel:95847341).

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