

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School

Calendar

2020

11th February—Breakfast Club Recommences
- Subway Orders Due

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

Principal's Report

Welcome back to the new school year and to our new Prep families for whom this will be your very first newsletter. It has been wonderful to see all of our students settle in with ease, looking refreshed, taller and ready to learn. We are so fortunate to have the best team of teachers whose preparation during the holidays have ensured that classrooms are calm, inviting environments for their new grades.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

2020 brings many exciting projects, particularly with our new build. I have had numerous meetings during the holidays and we are on track to turn the sod in August this year. I cannot wait to share the design plan with you all in coming months. Another building project we are currently undertaking is air conditioning for the BER building. We are hoping to have all the quotes back ready for School Council on Monday so that we can have approval to go ahead with installation. The fundraising efforts of the PTF are going a long way to improving our learning spaces and I am very grateful for their support.

PTF

The PTF Annual General Meeting is next Tuesday 11th February at 9am. I encourage anyone who has the time and is interested in supporting our students through fundraising, special days and events, to please come along and join in the fun. Toddlers are welcome. The PTF meet to discuss ideas, share in the organisation of events, coordinate helpers, shop for food days etc. It is difficult with most parents & carers needing to work during school hours so the PTF really relies on anyone who some spare time during the day. Members of the PTF are not always available to attend special events so luckily there are parents/carers/grandparents who love to assist once or twice a year when they can. Many hands really do make light work however the PTF has dwindled to a handful of mums and grandparents which means the ability to run fun initiatives dwindles as well. If you would like more information please do

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WILL BE COMING HOME ON FRIDAY.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BAG.

PAYMENTS CAN BE PAID IN CASH, BPAY, DIRECT DEPOSIT OR OVER THE PHONE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

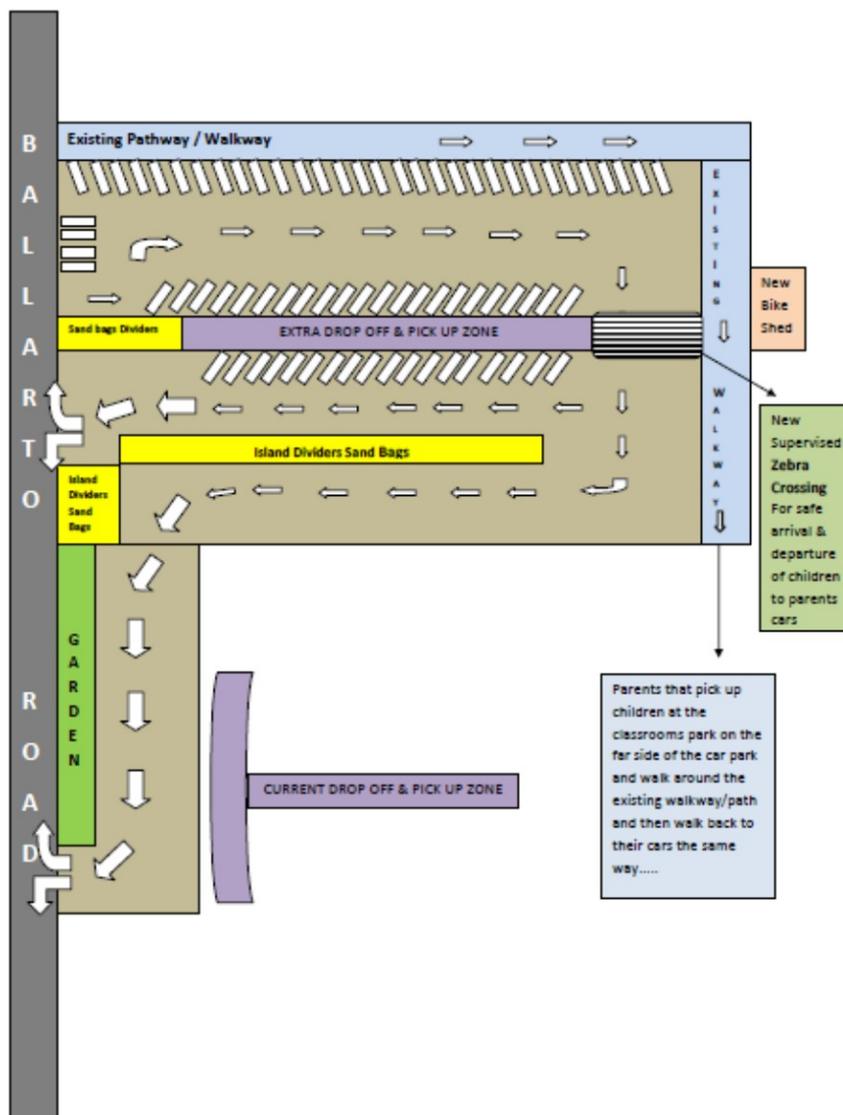
do not hesitate to pop in and see me.

COMMUNICATION

SENTRAL is our main communication portal at Skye PS and 2020 will see more areas of it operating such as the sign in Kiosk, finance and important messages and announcements. I have posted a couple of DET updates re the Coronavirus but have noticed this year only a small percentage of families have logged on to SENTRAL so far this year. In keeping with our responsibility to lessen our environmental footprint, paper notices going home will continue to decrease with the aim this year to be totally reliant on the technology available to us. Please do not rely on a paper note for information. We have a Skye Facebook page, a Parents of Skye FB page which is a closed community page, a Skye Parent Helpers Page, an Instagram page, the LED sign and the school Website. Aside from our Newsletter, every year level send out a fortnightly update on SENTRAL called CONNECT, which provides curriculum information and any reminders of upcoming events specific to your child's grade.

CARPARK

As always, the parent carpark can be very busy at the beginning of year. We had a very shaken mum in the office this week after a near miss by a car who was going way too fast in the carpark. Please see the attached map and regulations for use of the carpark and note that the rear gate (near the bike shed) is the only pedestrian access to the carpark. There is **NO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS** via the Kiss and Go pathway. We expect that all adults in our school will cooperate with our management of student safety. We are all role models for our children. If a child sees a parent taking a short cut then they will likely attempt to do the same. Please assist us in ensuring that all of our children stay safe.



ARDOCH & WELLBEING

We are extremely fortunate to continue our partnership with Ardoch in 2020. Our students will again enjoy excursions to the Arts Centre which have been fully subsidised through the Art Centre's First Call Fund. This is just one of many ways that Ardoch have provided resources to us that we may otherwise not have access to. Our Wellbeing Coordinator, Belinda Hazzeldine, will provide regular updates regarding some of the excellent programs that are on offer to support the well-being of our students and families. Please look out for her report later in the Newsletter.

I look forward to catching up with many of you over the course of the next few weeks.

Jane Briffa

PRINCIPAL

Subway

Subway lunches will recommence next week. Order forms will come home with the youngest child in the family on Friday. If you require more order forms they are available from the office or on the school website—

<https://skyeys.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.

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.

Kitchen Garden

It was lovely to come back after getting away with my family for a few weeks and seeing how beautiful and lush our Skye Primary School garden was. I would like to personally thank the Casey, Smith, Marshall and Bell families who put their hand up to water over the holidays.

The Kitchen Garden Program relies on many people for it to work to its full potential and the volunteer body is one of the most important facets of the program. Last year we had many volunteers who came in whenever they were available. I personally loved getting to know members of our community and I know the students did too.

For the Kitchen Garden sessions to run smoothly, we require at least four volunteers. You don't have to be a green thumb or a great cook, you just have to love eating food and being with children.

If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen or garden I would love to hear from you (please leave your name and contact details at the office). If you know of anyone in our community that might like to help please let them know.

Kind regards,

Inger Furlong

Kitchen Garden Specialist



Kitchen Garden Dates and Times

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	28 th of Jan <i>Pupil Free Day</i>	29 th of Jan Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 5B	30 th of Jan Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 3A	31 st of Jan Time: 8:55-10:55 Class: 4C Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 2B
Week 2	4 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 6B	5 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 4/5 A	6 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 3B	7 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 2C
Week 3	11 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 6C	12 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 5C	13 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 4B	14 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 2A
Week 4	18 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 6A	19 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 5B	20 th of Feb Time: 11:25-1:25 Class: 3A	21 st of Feb Time: 8:55-10:55 Class: 4C Time: 11:25-12:25 Class: 2B
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



Welcome back to the start of the 2020 school year. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. I'd like to commence the year with acknowledging some of the partnerships we have developed over the past few years.

Art Centre Partnership

This year our partnership with the Art Centre is continuing through their "First Call Fund". This fund pays for our students to attend performances and workshops at the Art Centre, as well as covering the bus costs to transport our students in and out of the city. **The total benefit this year is an outstanding \$16,654.** Please be aware, when your students attend the Art Centre excursions, while there is no cost to families, these excursions are not free, and are being paid for by supporters of the Art Centre. Below is a list of the planned 2020 Art Centre excursions.

Grade 6 Students

Grade 6 students will be travelling into the city later this month to see a performance of "A O Lang Pho" followed by a behind the scenes tour of the Art Centre.

Grade 5 Students

Grade 5 students will be travelling into the Art Centre twice this year. Firstly, in March they will be seeing the performance of "Charlie and the War Against the Grannies".

Then in April they are lucky enough to visit the Art Centre again to attend a 4 hour workshop "Birrarung Wilam Stories" which includes a guided tour of the Koorie Heritage Trust and a Digital Storytelling Workshop.

Grade 3 and 4 Students

The Grade 3 and 4 students will be joining the grade 5 students on their excursion to the the Art Centre to see the performance of "Charlie and the War Against the Grannies".

Grade 2 Students

Just like the grade 5 students, the Grade 2 students are also lucky enough to be travelling into the city twice this year. They will be attending an "Audio Adventures" workshop in March this year.

Grade 1 and 2 Students

The grade 1 students will then be joining the grade 2 students in June to see the performance of "Cinderella" at the Art Centre.

The subsidised amount per student ranges from \$23 to \$56.

Guitar Program

Our guitar program will continue again this year for grade 3 and 4 students, with a guitar Inspire group being added for students in grade 4-6. This program is run by musician Tim Woodz, and is funded by Andrew Robison, through Schools Plus.

Ardoch

Our partnership with Ardoch is continuing again for its third year. While walking through the classrooms this week, I noticed that some of our Ardoch volunteers had already started back. Their time is valuable and the work they put in with the students is greatly appreciated.

Throughout the year, many students at Skye Primary School participate in a range of activities, incursions, excursions and programs which are funded through our partnership with Ardoch.

Family Life – School Focused Youth Service

Once again, Skye Primary School has received funding to train a number of year 6 students to become Play leaders. This training is valued at over \$1300. The training day for the PLAY leaders will be on the 13th February. Further details will be provided to the students who are participating in this program. The PLAY leaders will be rostered on to run lunch time peer activities and games.

Until next time

Belinda Hazzledine

Wellbeing Co-Ordinator

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.



News from the Sick Bay

Skye Primary School is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of all our students. Making yourselves familiar with the education department’s guidelines on school exclusion periods for infectious diseases is vital, please visit: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/school-exclusion/school-exclusion-table>

Ensure you take the time to read this important information as the guidelines have changed.

We have numerous children enrolled at Skye Primary this year with serious medical conditions where the common cold or simple gastro could make them very sick and require hospitalisation.

I have included a table below of some of the common illnesses we see and experience at school, however there are many more, your treating doctor will advise you also. Please contact the school to notify us if your child or siblings are unwell with an infectious disease, this is important so we can alert parents of children who are at high risk in case they need to take additional precautions.

Please contact myself or the office if you have any questions

Belinda Schodde

School Nurse

Infectious disease	Minimum exclusion period
Chickenpox	Excluded until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears
Conjunctivitis	Excluded until discharge from eyes has ceased
Diarrhoeal illness (vomiting and diarrhoea)	Exclude until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for a minimum of 24 hours <i>Example: your child vomits once on Monday after school they feel well Tuesday morning.. should they go to school?? No! they cannot attend school until Wednesday- if they have remained well without vomiting or diarrhoea.</i>
Hand foot and mouth	Excluded until all blisters are dried
Impetigo (school sores)	Excluded until appropriate treatment has commenced. Sores on exposed surfaces must be covered with a water tight dressing
Ringworm, scabies and headlice (nits)	Excluded until the day AFTER treatment has commenced

Book Club

Our school is again participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

Look out for the first catalogue this week!!

It is easy to order. The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

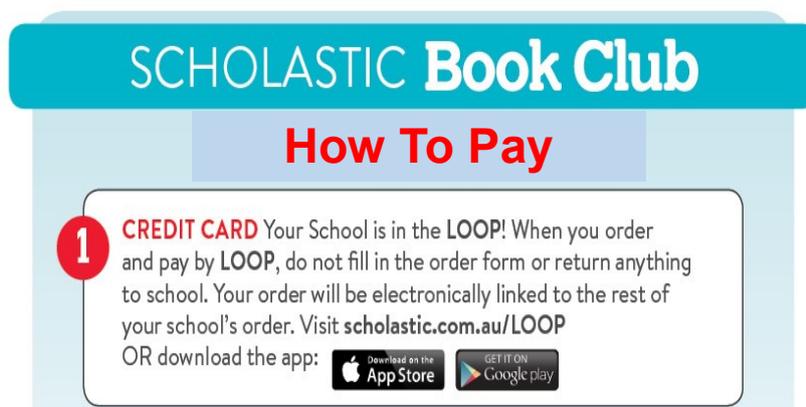
Please note no payments will be accepted at school, ALL orders are to be done ONLINE at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the LOOP app.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books for our school, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

Rachel Clarke

LIBRARY



SCHOLASTIC Book Club

How To Pay

1 CREDIT CARD Your School is in the LOOP! When you order and pay by LOOP, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. Visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP OR download the app:

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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.

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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).

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

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

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