

# NEWSLETTER

## Skye Primary School

FINISHING TIMES LAST DAY OF TERM 2—FRIDAY 26TH JUNE, 2020

PREP (& older siblings)	1.45pm
GRADE 1 (& older siblings)	1.55pm
GRADE 2 & 3 (& older siblings)	2.05pm
GRADES 4, 5, 6	2.15pm

### Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

And just like that, the term is over! We have only just settled back in to some normality here at school so it seems a shame to have to disrupt the routine. Having said that, everyone has worked harder than ever during these uncertain times with so much new learning by everyone in our community – teachers, ES staff, students, parents and carers. As the weather gets bleaker and the days get colder, it is the perfect time to stop, rest, stay warm and recharge. We face next term with almost as much uncertainty as last term. The rise in Covid-19 cases may change things rapidly. There have been no directives or changes from DET as to what next term may hold so we will continue as we are until further notice. All updates will be sent via SENTRAL as soon as I receive any news.

Next term, the morning routines will definitely resume as normal –

**8:45am** - Doors open,

**8:55am** - Bell for learning to start. Anyone arriving after 8:55am will be marked late and will **need to sign in at the office.**

**3:15pm.**- At this stage we will be returning to normal pick up -We will continue with our current Kiss & Go zones (**Pink** and **Green** Zones) and pick up points (front gate, back gate and top of the path at green zone). Should traffic congestion become an issue again, we will revise staggered finish times.

**PLEASE NOTE PARENTS ARE STILL NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**If you need to pick your child/ren up early please call the office 9786 1555 and will organise for the to meet you in the Kiss n Go.**

We will not be staggering our lunch breaks next term but will be isolating junior school from senior school in different areas out in the yard. We will be guided by DET and government protocols to ensure everybody's health and wellbeing.

Reports came out this week, albeit in a slightly different format. We hope you have had a moment to read and discuss them with your child. Much of the feedback we have received has focussed on communication with 82% of parents feeling that communication received during remote learning was clear and 94% stating they felt that they could contact their teacher whenever they needed. 71% of parents felt that the school responded to feedback. 78% of parents felt well supported during remote learning but only 29% felt that their child learned just as effectively from home as they can in the classroom. Continuous reporting and feedback is something the leadership team have been considering for a while now. We hope to evaluate this as a new reporting option moving forward in an attempt to keep parents regularly informed about their child's learning and progress. We hope to maintain the excellent partnerships that have forged during Remote Learning.

Thank you to the entire Skye Community for working together to ensure we all made it through a memorable Term 2. Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe holiday break. Please follow the guidelines around social distancing, washing hands and avoiding crowds. We want you all back happy and healthy next term.

Jane Briffa

## Flexibuzz—Ceasing Trading

We have been advised that Flexibuzz is ceasing trading. Any parent that has the App can delete it.

## Do you have a Prep or know of a Prep for 2021?

If you have a Prep or know of a child who will be starting Preps in 2021 can you please contact the school office as soon as possible. We have put up a virtual tour of our school on our website—[www.skye.ps@edu.vic.au](http://www.skye.ps@edu.vic.au). For new families to our school we do have tour times available on Tuesday 28th July—Bookings are Essential.

## Are you Eligible for Camps, Sports & Excursions?

Camps, Sports & Excursion fund is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of excursions and camps. To be eligible you must hold a health care card, pension or concession card. The card must be valid on **14th April, start of term 2.**

If your circumstances have changed please print an application form off from the school website—<https://skypeps.vic.edu.au/parent-info/> then email the form to the school on [skye.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:skye.ps@education.vic.gov.au). If you require further information please contact the school office on 9786 1555.

## Camp Australia—Holiday Program—Free

Camp Australia will be running their holiday program with an exciting program that puts an emphasis on reconnecting friendships and helping children forge new ones in a safe space. They will not program any excursions this Winter, to mitigate any risk in relation to COVID-19. Their program will all have a key focus on good hygiene and social distancing while enriching children's lives, and keeping them happy and engaged.

Please note that this holiday program is free but bookings are essential—please register at either

**[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or 1300 105 343**

## Performing Arts—ROCK BOTTOM—Term 3

Performing Arts is a compulsory part of the required learning of the Victorian Curriculum and is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skills. Performing Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork.

Our student's learning for this term will culminate in our School Production to take place at the **Frankston Arts Centre** on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**.

*(Of course this is subject to COVID restrictions but we are planning that a concert of some description will go ahead regardless)*

STOMP have been working with Skye PS for many years and specialise in teaching dance to Primary and Secondary students. The skills and routines that the students learn will be incorporated into our 2020 Production. These dance lessons will take place during the school day on a **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** beginning in the first week of Term 3.

Information regarding concerts, times and purchasing of tickets will be sent home next Term.

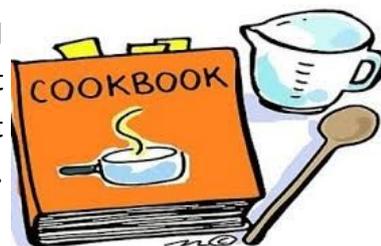
**This is a compulsory part of our curriculum for Term 3 and it is our expectation that all students will participate even if they are not participating in the concert.**

**The cost to facilitate these Performing Arts lessons is \$30.00 per student**

## From the Kitchen Garden

Thank you for the families that have submitted a recipe for our Skye Primary School Cookbook. You still have plenty of time to send through your recipe if you haven't done so. Please email [skye.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:skye.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to receive the template. It would be lovely for local businesses or community members to also submit recipes. If you know of anyone interested, please let them know.

Mrs Furlong



## Compost Bins Wanted



If you have any compost bins that you no longer want. We would love them. Please let the office know.

## SUBWAY RECOMMENCES TERM 3

Subway will recommence term 3 please have orders in on a Tuesday so they can be collated.

Subway delivered to school on Thursdays

## What's happening in P.E.



This year was our first year of running our own Dodgeball competition. It will be one to be remembered as our season was impacted by Covid-19. BUT – we were still able to get some games in and finished in style this week.

We played to all teams involved. Most matches were very exciting with plenty of knock downs on stumps and great 'powerplay' shots (and unlucky 'powerplay' shots that bounced off the rim or backboard, and sometimes both).

The Dynamic Dodgers were the most outstanding team of the competition, with great sportsmanship and fantastic team play. They somehow seemed to win their games when everything looked lost. Green Eggs & Crushers, OK Boomers, The Goats and The Unknown Dodgers were fantastic and always had close matches against each other, and the Dynamic Dodgers.

The Dodging Queens were a team of grade 6 girls that came and played with stacks of enthusiasm and 'girl attitude' !!! Well done girls.

Finally, thanks to those boys that played for Guardians of the Stumps, Black Mamba and Grandma A for playing through-out the tournament even though they didn't win many games. They had the best attitude of all, for always turning up to play.



## BACK AT SKYE PS— TERM 3, 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.

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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

***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](http://www.pocomusic.com.au)

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

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

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