

# NEWSLETTER

## Skye Primary School

**REMINDER—TOMORROW FRIDAY 23RD IS THE GRAND FINAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
**UPCOMING CURRICULUM DAYS—FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER,**  
**THURSDAY 17TH & FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER**  
**(Camp Australia will be operating on the Curriculum Days)**

### Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

I cannot begin to explain how HAPPY we are to finally be all back together onsite. Some things just do not sit right in the world, and schools without students is one of them. I would like to congratulate our students on their resilience and independence as they returned to school. There were many excited faces, some a little hesitant and a few who were quite anxious but it did not take long at all for everyone to get back into the swing of things.

To ensure everyone's safety we have created 'bubbles' for each grade. We have designated play areas in the yard which we swap around either daily or weekly and we avoid any meetings where more than one grade are mixing. In an ideal world this would be great however, we are a school and children are children so enforcing the 'bubble' is not an exact science. We managed to film our Book Parade yesterday group by group and each class were able to watch others through their classroom windows. Hopefully in coming weeks some of these restrictions will be lifted.

A HUGE thank you for your patience and cooperation at the end of each day. I have noticed many more students leaving via the front and back gates which is fantastic.

## Calendar

**2020**

**Friday 23rd October—Grand Final Public Holiday**

**Tuesday— 3rd November—Cup Day**

**Friday 27th November—Curriculum Day**

**Monday 14th December—Splashathon (rescheduled from earlier in the year) &**

**Class Parties**

**Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th December—Curriculum Day**

Our Kiss & Go zones are now much smoother although there is still quite a wait in the pink zone. The main thing is that we have managed to avoid traffic flowing out onto Ballarto Rd as they try to enter the school grounds. Cherie and I are now expert traffic controllers. It might be time for a career change. I quite enjoy chatting and seeing you all each day!

This term, our teachers are heavily focussed on assessment and gauging where their students are placed in terms of achievement against Curriculum expectations. We have a strong intervention program in English and Mathematics to ensure that any missed learning of concepts is addressed. We have put extra support in the junior school to assist with reading strategies, including Cherie and I taking Guided Reading groups in Prep each morning (which we love!). Our Education Support team are highly trained practitioners and we have no doubt that all of our students who need some extra

support to 'catch up' are well and truly catered for. Likewise, many of our students were highly engaged during Remote Learning and have returned showing some great growth in their academic achievement. These students have been identified and will continue being taught at their point of need. It is all systems go in our classrooms.

I will have some information coming out in the next few weeks regarding plans for 2021, which I am currently finalising. Our building works is back on track. The design phase is complete and builders are now submitting their tenders. We should know who our builders are in early November.

Jane Briffa

## Camp Australia— Curriculum Days

Camp Australia will be operating on our upcoming Curriculum Days.

For further information or bookings please go directly to Camp Australia— [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au) or call on 1300 105 343

## Are you leaving Skye PS at the end of 2020?

Planning is now underway for 2021. If your family are moving and your child will be attending another school next year and you haven't already let us know can you please contact our office as soon as possible—9786 1555 or email the school at— [skypes@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:skypes@education.vic.gov.au)



## Parent Payment Arrangements for 2021

All students should of now received information regarding Essential Student Learning Items for 2021. Please read this information carefully if you have any questions please contact our school office.

## Subway—Resuming Next Week

Subway will resume next week—orders need to be at school on Tuesday so that we have time to collate them.

Orders delivered to school on Thursdays.

## 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 or 5th October, start of term 3.**

If your circumstances have changed please print an application form off from the school website—<https://skypes.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.