

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School

REMINDER UPCOMING CURRICULUM DAYS—FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 17TH and FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

And just like that it is week 6 of Term 4. It has been very busy over the past few weeks as we settle back in to our normal routines. We know that Remote Learning has been different for everyone with some students and families thriving while others found it incredibly difficult. As discussed previously, teachers have been conducting a range of assessments to ensure that we have a firm understanding of where each student is in terms of their achievement against the Victorian Curriculum expectations. Every school in Victoria has received funding for 2021 to engage tutors to support students who have not shown a satisfactory level of growth or who are demonstrating significant gaps in their learning. We will be engaging our own staff to fill the tutoring role and oversee our intervention program next year. Lisa Male (Leading Teacher) will continue to coordinate the High Ability Program which is another DET initiative.

We are beginning to complete our planning for 2021. Staffing is now almost finalised and enrolments for Prep have stabilised. We have had our first transition sessions with our incoming Preppies and while our enrolments are lower than usual, we will likely have 3 Prep grades next year. Our transition between year levels will be somewhat different for 2021 due to the year that we have had. We will be minimising the level of movement between classes so that the majority of the class will stay the same. We will not be following the usual practice of asking students to list 5 friends and then mixing grades etc. Where possible, teachers will be moving up with their grades to maintain a high level of consistency after a rocky year however staffing implications mean that some grades will have a different teacher. Our curriculum days at the end of the year will include a thorough handover between teachers to ensure that they have all the information they need to begin 2021 with rigour.

As with every other year, we are **unable** to consider teacher requests from parents. Thank you to those parents who have contacted the school regarding your child and next year, if you have concerns about your child for medical or significant family issues you believe need to be considered please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Bradley or myself.

Our building works are back on track. Tenders are currently being submitted to the architects by several construction companies. We will hopefully know who our builders are in early December and they should be ready to start after the holidays. We cannot wait!!

We hope this newsletter finds you all well and enjoying the return of some normality in our lives with restrictions easing. All external health professionals such as psychologists and OTs are now allowed back onsite. Unfortunately we are still unable to have parents onsite unless it is for a specific meeting. This has impacted our end of year celebrations such as graduation and our splash-a-thon. Today we were given clearance for year levels to be allowed to assemble together indoors, which is great news. We will be going ahead with all events and making them the best we can under the circumstances however they will just look different this year.

Best wishes for a great week.

Jane Briffa

Calendar

2020

TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER— GRADE 6 INTERRELATE begins - payment now due

MONDAY 23RD, TUESDAY 24TH, WEDNESDAY 25TH—GRADE 3 SCAMP

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER—CURRICULUM DAY —Camp Australia is operating

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER—GRADE 5 FUN DAY

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER—SENIOR ATHLETICS

TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER— 2021 YEAR 7 TRNSITION FOR ALL GRADE 6 STUDENTS

**THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER - GRADE 6 GRADUATION —details and costs coming home today
- Last Subway Day**

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER—JUNIOR ATHLETICS

MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER —SPLASH-A-THON (rescheduled from earlier in the year) & CLASS PARTIES

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER— GRADE 6 BEACH DAY

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER — GRADE 6 BIG DAY IN

- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—3.15pm finish

THURSDAY 17TH & FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER —CURRICULUM DAYS— Camp Australia is operating

2021

FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY—SCHOOL FEES FOR ESSENTIAL ITEMS DUE

WEDNESDAY 27TH & THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY—CURRICULUM DAYS—Student Free

FRIDAY 29th JANUARY—GRADES 1-6 START SCHOOL

MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY—PREPS START SCHOL

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2021

Please note Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January will be Curriculum Days.

Grades 1—6 will commence school on Friday 29th January.

Preps will commence school on Monday 1st February with the first 4 Wednesdays off—testing will be held on these days.

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—skye.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Ode to the Soldiers

Oh! Soldiers!

Your bravery inspired us all.

You witnessed horrors, but refused to fall.

You died so everyone would be free.

And all the foes flee.

You died because of injustice,

And will be remembered...

For your sacrifice

Oh! Soldiers!



By Jack Claypole Grade 6C

Parent Payment Arrangements for 2021

Payments are now being accepted for 2021 Essential Learning Items including students stationery. Please see

Your child's invoice for more details. If you have any questions please contact the school office asap.

9786 1555. payment needs to be made by Friday 22nd January, 2021 so that all stationery is delivered to the classrooms and children can commence school prepared for the beginning of the year.

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://skye.ps.vic.edu.au/parent-info/> then email the form to the school on skye.ps@education.vic.gov.au. If you require further information please contact the school office on 9786 1555.

Subway

Subway has been a huge success since it has started back. To help facilitate the collating of these orders can you please ensure that students names and classes are on the outside of envelopes. If you are using plastic sandwich bags have the order form folded with name on the outside.

Attendance Reminder

Please remember that it is a Department requirement that parents notify the school if your child is absent.



You can either do this through Sentral or ring the absence line 9786 1555 press 1—leave your child's name, class and the reason they are absent.

If you do forget to notify the school and receive an SMS please respond with the reason your child is away as soon as possible.

News from Sick Bay



It is really important that children are bringing their own named drink bottle to school every day.

The water bubblers are not turned on at the moment due to COVID safe procedures.

You may have seen my post on facebook or Instagram? Have a chat to your kids, do they know what happens when they are dehydrated? Do we as parents know how much water our kids should be drinking every day?

What happens when we are dehydrated?

- Tired/cranky/confused and irritated
- Increased behavioural episodes
- Thirsty
- Offensive smelling dark coloured urine
- Dry cracked lips and tongue
- Headaches
- Muscle fatigue and cramping
- Feeling dizzy and faint

Dehydration can become severe! The recommended daily intake of water for children is:

5 to 8 years old = 5 glasses (1 litre)

9 to 12 years old = 7 glasses (1.5 litres)

13 years old and over = 8-10 glasses (2 litres)

Children especially need more water when they are exercising, sweating heavily or ill.

Belinda Schodde

School Nurse

Camp Australia News & Art Competition



Camp Australia will be operating at Skye PS on our upcoming Curriculum Days—Friday 27th November and Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December.

Coordinator Update

Dear Families,

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Heather, we wish her well for the future. We wish to introduce Emma Kleehammer who we have been successful in recruiting to lead the team at the Skye OSHC Program. Emma will be the permanent Co-ordinator at the program. Emma holds her diploma in Early Years Learning who brings with her passion for all things Art and Craft.

A message from Emma

"I am originally from Queensland moving to Victoria in 2012 with my Son, Tyler. On the weekends when I'm not at the football watching Tyler play and umpiring, I enjoy relaxing at home and hanging out with family and friends.

I am very excited to join the school community as well as the camp Australia team. I look forward to building strong relationships within the student body and wider community"

Kindest Regards,
Rebecca Lee
Key Account Manager

Before School Care program Times: 6:45am to 8:45am
each school day

After School Care program Times: 3:30pm to 6:30pm
each school day

THE BIG ART & EXPRESSION COMPETITION

November 9th - 18th



Showcase your child's talents to a national audience and win big prizes!

1ST PRIZE:

Apple iPad Pro 11-inch 128GB
+ Apple Pencil (2020)



2ND

Wacom One 16" Creative Pen Display



3RD

Sphero RVR Programmable Robot



How to enter:

1. Download the 'All About U' template from campaaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp
2. Let your child run free with their expression inside the template.
3. Upload your child's artwork at bigartcomp.com.au
4. Share with your friends and family. The top 3 entries with the highest votes will win a prize!

WIN BIG PRIZES

Open to all Camp Australia families. Register with us now, for free!

Enter now at campaaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp

Terms and Conditions apply: visit campaaustralia.com.au/bigartcomp for more details.
Entries close Wednesday 18th November, 2020