10th February, 2022

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School

Message from the Principal

Dear Skye Families,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2022. The start of the New Year has been rocky with the rise of COVID cases in our community. We are fortunate in that most of our cases have mild illness and recoveries have been quite quick. Even with some disruptions to staffing and student attendance, the start to our year has been calm and very positive. I would like to once again thank our amazing team at Skye for the preparation, planning and professionalism that has reflected in beautiful and orderly learning environments for our students. Even our Preppies appear to be old hands and are navigating their way around the school with an air of confidence. We have had a visiting teacher working with us this week and she shared her amazement at how settled our Prep space was and the fact that they are already learning and producing great work. I am very proud of our staff and our students. We know, however, this is also due to the preparation and positiveness from our parent community so I would also like to thank you all for you ongoing support.

Parents, Teachers & Friends (PTF) Committee

Speaking of support, we had our first PTF meeting this week. It was wonderful to have so many new faces join us. Our first meeting was to elect parents into the formal positions for 2022. I would like to thank Renee Brennan (Grade 3 Parent) for once again taking on the role of PTF President, Corrin Burton (Grade 3 Parent) for offering to support us as Vice President, Ann Bell (Grade 6 Grandparent) for continuing as Treasurer and Vanessa Balik-Gray (Prep and Gr 2 & 3 Parent) for continuing as Secretary. Please do not hesitate to join us if you ever have some spare time on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 9-9:30am.

The PTF plan some lovely events for our students and families such as the Easter Egg Raffle, Mother's & Father's Day stalls, afternoon teas and breakfasts, special hot food days, weekly sales of icy poles or cheese toasties and various other events that are held by the school throughout the year. We are always open to new ideas for events and fundraising. Funds raised by the PTF have gone towards new student laptops and I-Pads, air conditioning in classrooms, upgrades to the playgrounds, to name just a few. None of this would be possible without volunteers so if you are unable to attend the monthly meetings, please do no hesitate to register your name by contacting the office, in the event that you would like to offer some help at one or some of the special days held throughout the year.

Calendar

2022

School Photos—Wednesday 2nd March

Sausage Sizzle— Monday 21st March

Grade 6 Camp— Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th May

Buildings & Grounds Committee

We have a very dedicated team of staff who love to look after our grounds. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Nurse Belinda, Wendy and Michelle (office staff) who gave up time during their summer break, to dig up and cement the rocks in our dry rock garden by the oval. The students love this area however the rocks were becoming a hazard for our lawn maintenance man and now thanks to their hard work, it has once again become a beautiful outdoor space that can be used during playtime. We have plans to extend the gardens around this area. If you would like to join us on the Buildings & Grounds Committee and can spare time to meet once or twice a term, please contact the school office.

Mrs Furlong also oversees most of our garden beds and is always looking for helpers in both the garden and the kitchen. Mrs Hamill will have the Gumboot Gang back in action for Inspire this year and this may also be a great time to help with the grounds if you can spare an hour every 2nd Wednesday afternoon at 2:15pm.

You will notice an army of contractors on our building site. Our completion date last week sadly came and went however, the builders are still working towards a completion date over the Easter break. Fingers crossed things go to plan and we get to move into our lovely new buildings in the very near future!!

ASSEMBLY

We are unfortunately still unable to gather in large groups due to COVID guidelines however we hope to film an assembly that we can share with you all electronically. This means that we are unable to have our special assembly to induct our Student Leaders, we will still be holding a special morning tea this Friday and will be inviting the parents of our School Captains and Yr 6 Leaders to join us as we present their badges and certificates.

Congratulations to—

School Captains— Grace Cassells and James Shieffelbein
School Vice Captains— Zoe Atkins and Travis Harbert
Student Representative Council Captains—Rebecca Cassells and Jackson Davis
Play Leaders—Kira Smith and Stefan Holloway

School House Captains—**Waugh**—Gemma Plane and Kaine Harwood
- **Freeman**— Gabby Dahlgren and Jai Ngawini
- **Thorpe**—Sienna Stuart and Jove Young
- **Webb**— Dakota Guganovic and Archie Norton

If any of our parent community has expertise in film or digital media and would be able to offer some support in this area, please also contact the office. We would love to hear from you.

Have a great fortnight everyone!

Jane Briffa

Kitchen Garden

Woohoo We Are Winners!

At the end of last year, we had some wonderful news that our edible garden was a winner of the Victorian Schools Garden, Regional Award. This was a huge achievement and would not have been possible without the work from students, volunteers, teachers and the generosity of our local community. I would like to thank OBrien Real Estate Carrum Downs, EC Mowing, Spectrum Fluid Power, the Ferguson family, Bunnings Carrum Downs, the Cullinane family and Ball Australia.

A special thank you goes to Belinda Schodde, Sam Mitchell and Gary Mitchell who built the greenhouse over the 2020 holidays. I could not believe my eyes when I returned to school after spending time away with family. Belinda Schodde also built our amazing spiral herb garden in her own time.

If you have not visited our edible garden lately, please take the time to do so. It is looking beautiful!

Mrs Furlong

A Special Thank You

Thank you to Emma and the students from Camp Australia and the Mudge family who watered our garden over the holidays.

Our Chickens are Back

Our chickens are back from holidays—they have had a great break and are laying some amazing eggs for our Kitchen Garden.

School Photos

School photos are on **Wednesday 2nd March**— more information will be sent home shortly.

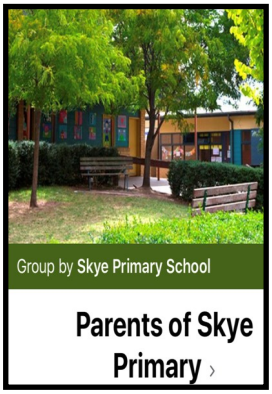
Grade 6 Camp

Grade 6 Camp is Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th May at Waratah Beach.

Social Media— Parents of Skye Primary, Facebook and Instagram

The Parents of Skye Facebook Page is a closed group for parents only, so that we ensure that only parents are on this page and as some parents have unusual user name or a different name to your child we have introduced two easy questions to answer before being accepted into this group.

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.



Keep up to date with some of the wonderful things your child/ren are doing in their school time on facebook and Instagram—

Facebook—Skye Primary School

& - Parents of Skye Primary

Instagram—Skye Primary School

Parent, Teacher & Friends

Our P.T.F. had their first meeting of the year this week. If you were unable to attend but would like to help out please contact our school office and we will pass your details on -

Some of the things that the P.T.F. can need help with are selling icy poles on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, helping out on food days such as sausage sizzles, pizza days etc. Mothers and Father Day stalls.

Do you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card ?

YOU MAYBE ENTITLED TO SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be entitled to some financial assistance through the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (more details later in this Newsletter). If you have any questions or require an application form please contact the school office.

Subway

SUBWAY— IS NOW ON-LINE

We are excited to be partnering again this year with Subway Frankston for school lunches. Lunches will again be on a **Thursday** every week.

A $1 from every sub purchased is donated back to our school.

In three easy steps you can order your child's lunch:

1. Sign Up at www.subsforyou.com
2. Register your Student
3. Order lunch by 11:30 am, each Wednesday (day prior to delivery)

Your student's lunch will be delivered to the school on Thursdays and delivered to the classrooms

If you have any questions or queries regarding your account or placing an order please email kristie@subwayevt.com

Library News

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

NEW catalogue out now!

New catalogues were recently sent home, so check your child's school bag or view online at

https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club)

It is so 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 and the books will then be delivered to your child's class safe and sound. 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 completed by the due date ONLINE at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download 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

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED ONLINE BY

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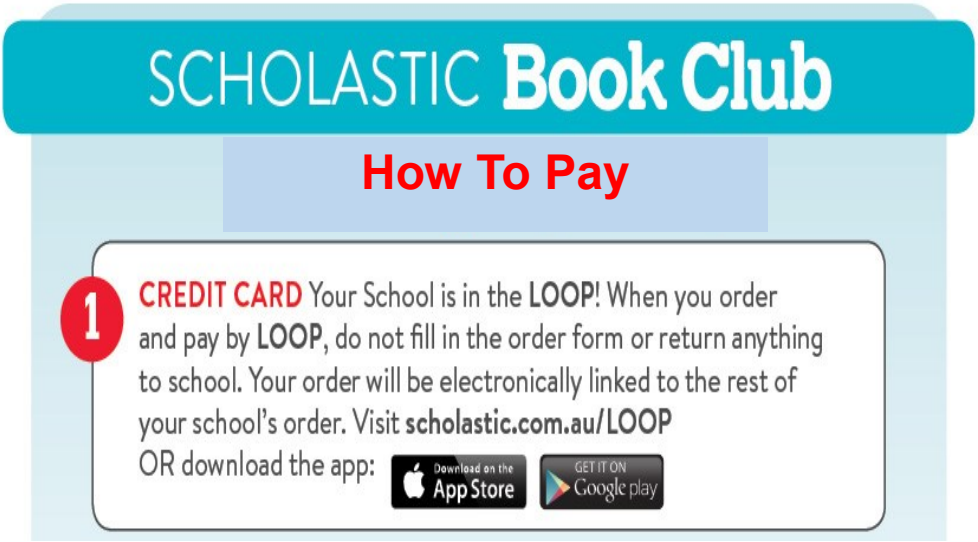

Camp Australia

Newsletter

Welcome to 2022

Welcome back to a new school year! Our Outside School Hours Care, Your OSHC provides tailored experiences that aim to inspire your child and help them grow.
We have been busy designing the perfect program and environment to kick off the new year. We can't wait for your children to experience it.
Our term 1 program will focus on forging new friendships, strengthening existing ones, being secure, and feeling included and confident. We have set up an engaging and inspiring Your OSHC space so every session you child will be able to choose from different experience in our many zones.

We have welcomed many new, and old faces for another fun filled year, and so happy to have Bo back as well.
This term we are having a Big Art Competition this will be held in March so stay tune for more info on that in the coming weeks.
Things to remember:

- Hats Labelled (can be left at service washed weekly by me)
- Masks must be worn from year 3 and up
- Water bottles Labelled

Any questions please feel free to come and see us, we really appreciate any feedback.

Emma and Bo

Virtual information sessions

Join us for a free virtual information session to find out how Outside School Hours Care can help your family, and how our team can guide your child's growth. These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how Your OSHC by Camp Australia operates.

Book now

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

COVID safe activities

All activities are COVID safe, adhere to all health guidelines and follow COVID-19 cleaning practices.

Positive Transitions program

Whether it's your child's first day of school, they're joining us at OSHC for the first time or they just need a little encouragement after the summer holidays, our Transitions program will help your child feel safe, valued and included.

Save on OSHC fees with the CCS

Did
you know you can reduce the cost of care with a Government subsidy? We strongly recommend you apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine what you're eligible for. For more info, visit Mygov.com.au

Boost your child's sense of belonging

Blog

When children feel that all-important sense of belonging, they can thrive. Read our full blog on helping to boost your child's sense of belonging in primary school.

Visit our blog

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

$125 for primary school students

$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

Department of Education & Training—Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education and Training (the Department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the Schools' Privacy Policy. This notice explains how the Department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the Department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the School Entrance Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) and the Early Childhood Intervention Service (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

Emergency contacts – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the Department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.

Student background information – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the Department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The Department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

Immunisation status – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The Department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.

Visa status – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the Department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and Department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: Enrolment: Student transfers between schools

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a Freedom of Information (FOI) application.
To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the Department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: Schools' Privacy Policy