

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School

Message from the Principal

Dear Skye Families,

The weather has definitely turned and winter is looming. Please remember to pack warm jackets and have them clearly marked with your child's name. They tend to go missing easily during these in-between days of warm and cool and we do not have too many left on our second-hand rack. Please also remember that students must be in full school uniform. Hoodies with other logos are not part of the uniform. If you happen to have any jackets that your children may have outgrown, please consider passing them onto the office for the second-hand supplies. All items can be purchased for a gold coin donation.

Camp

Unfortunately due to illness, I missed attending our Year 6 camp last week. By all accounts our campers had a great time and were excellent representatives for our school. I would like to thank Mrs Herrmann for stepping in at the last minute to cover my absence on camp and Mr J for putting his hand up, as always, to support the Grade 6 team. A special thank you also goes to Rob Atkins (Zoe's dad) and our wonderful Education Support staff member Kathleen, for also attending camp to help with supervision. It is a big ask for staff and parents to give up time with their families and to be on 24 hour duty while on camp and without their willingness and care we would not be able to offer such great experiences for our students.

Calendar

Term 2

- 16th May—Noodle Day
- 19th May—Gr2 Arts Centre Excursion
- 20th May— Walk to School—8.30am
—Gr5 Carrum Downs SC Excursion
- 23rd May—Dist Cross Country
- 24th May—Gr 3 Moonlit Sanctuary—\$27
- 7,8,9th June—Teeth on Wheels
- 10th June—Pupil Free Day
- 14th June—Curriculum Day
- 24th June—Last day of Term 2—2.30pm finish

Term 3

- 11th July—First day term 3
- 11th-15th July—Junior Swim Programme
(Information will be coming home soon)
- 13th-15th July—Gr 3 Camp Manyung
- 13th-16th July—Gr 5 Camp Sovereign Hill

School Review

All schools must participate in a school review every 4 years. School reviews provide assurance of ongoing compliance with the minimum requirements for school registration. The school review also informs the development of the school 4 year Strategic Plan (SSP). This year, our school participated in a pilot program with a dedicated team within the Departments Operational Policy, School Engagement and Compliance Division, to ensure that our documentation and Child Safe Standard met compliance requirements. The next stage of the Review process will begin onsite on Monday 16 May. An external review panel will undertake a review of school performance with the aim to support our focus on school improvement. The Review panel will consist of a Reviewer, our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), two challenge partners (Principals) and our School Council President. It is a 3 -4 day process that extends over a 3 week period. Once the panel convene on the final day, the school will have a Strategic Plan for the next 4 year period. Teachers, students and parents will be part of the process, particularly during the Fieldwork Days. If you have time and would be interested in meeting the panel on Monday 23rd May for 30 minutes or so, please do not hesitate to let me know (via the office or in person).

Pupil Free Days

As per the notice that was put on Sentral yesterday our upcoming Pupil Free and Curriculum Days will be either side of the Queen's Birthday long weekend—

PUPIL FREE DAY—FRIDAY 10TH JUNE CURRICULUM DAY—TUESDAY 14TH JUNE.

Under the new Work Agreement (currently under discussion and ratification) all teaching staff are entitled to have a Professional Practice Day this term. We usually to allocate these in the last two weeks of term in addition to a planning day. DET have indicated however, that, this term schools should give their teachers their PPD on the same day. Students will work from home on that day and teachers will provide work for them to complete. The directive to have a pupil free day is in recognition of and to accommodate the extreme shortage schools have in engaging Casual Relief Teachers at the moment.

School Council voted last at their last meeting to have this day on **Friday 10th June**. The parents felt that to have these days altogether is less disruptive than having Curriculum Day and then another Pupil Free day in another week.

On Tuesday our Curriculum Day—We have managed to secure two speakers who will work with our staff on improving our student's wellbeing and resilience. The staff will also engage in professional development to skill us in the implementation of the Zones of Regulation program which gives students strategies to manage and regulate their emotions and build resilience. We will also be working with Anthony King on our school's next steps in building our School Wide Positive Behaviour culture.

CAMP AUSTRALIA WILL BE OPEN ON BOTH OF THESE DAYS—BOOKINGS ARE NECESSARY

Parent Helpers

Now that we are in Term 2, we will be looking for parent helpers to support many of our programs. There are a number of ways that you can help in the school such as working with students on their letters and sounds, helping out with Kitchen Garden, assisting with PEG in Prep or helping with an INSPIRE group. We understand that it is difficult with so many parents working or juggling younger siblings however if you are interested in helping out in some way, please register your expression of interest with the office. Once we know how many people are interested, we will develop our plan for our Parent Helper Workshop in coming weeks.

Walk to School Day

We hope you and your child/ren can join us at the corner of McCormick's and Ballarto Road on National Walk to School Day on Friday 20th May at 8.30am—more details are in the Newsletter.

Have a great fortnight everyone!
Jane Briffa



SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

National Walk Safely to School Day



National Walk Safely to School Day 2022

On Walk Safely to School Day, primary school aged children are encouraged to walk with their parents or caregiver to school. This encourages healthy habits as well as teaching vital road safety skills.

Primary school aged children across Australia will make those important steps towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on **Friday 20 May 2022**. National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children.

Now in its 23rd year, the annual event has joined forces with National Road Safety Week (15 – 22 May) to further draw the spotlight on road safety and support the importance of regular walking, not just on 20 May, but every day.

We will be participating in this national day on Friday 20th. We will meet at the corner of -

McCormick's Road and Ballarto Road between 8.15 at 8.30.

We will commence walking together up the hill at 8.30.

Everyone is welcome – mums, dads, grandparents

This is an opportunity to promote a healthy lifestyle and, also, to gather as a community (something we've missed over the last two years!) We will serve each child a hot milo on arrival at school.

RELAUNCH

The Fathering Project Dads and Kids **Event**

This event is open to all father figures (dads, uncles, grandpas or step-dads or family friends).
Ex AFL footballer and coach Rodney Eade will be in attendance.

Date: TBA

Time: 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Dinner: Pizza included.

We are in the process of forming a Fathering Project Dads Group at Skye Primary School. Research has shown the critical role dads and father-figures play in a child's wellbeing so the aim of the group is to connect, equip and inspire fathers and father-figures in our school community as another way to be engaged and effective in the lives of their children.

Our Dads Group aims to run one activity each term, including fun events for dads and kids. We'd love you to **sign-up to be a part of this group** – use this link to search for our school and click 'join dads group':

<https://thefatheringproject.org/in-schools/join-a-group/>

Getting involved

The group is run by dads, for dads, so we are looking for a small group of dads or father figures who would be willing to **become Dads Group Leaders**. You will be assisted by our **Fathering Project In-School Coordinator** Cherie Bradley.

Kind regards,

Cherie Bradley



Our School Has a Dads Group!

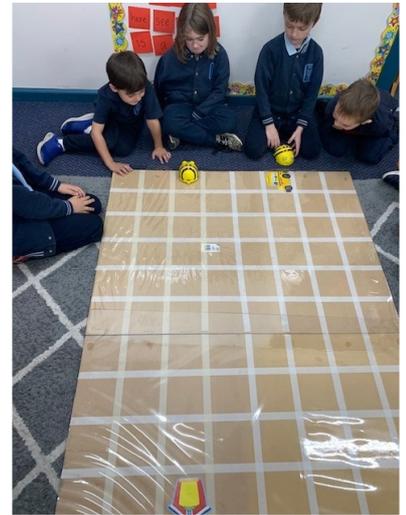
Be Involved, Be Great!
Our school needs
Dads Group Leaders

Contact Our School to Get Involved.

 the fathering project

Inspire—Coding Kids

Coding Kids is part of our Inspire program that operates every second Wednesday afternoon. Coding Kids is where students learn coding and make Beebots and other objects that move by themselves. Students use amazing technology including how to animate pictures.



Teeth on Wheels

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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.



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.

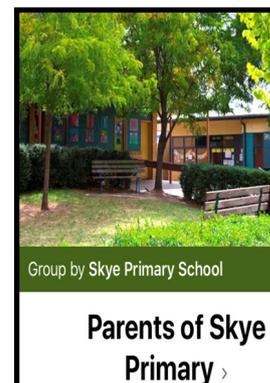
Please note that our school will delete any comments that are deemed inappropriate for public viewing from the Skye Primary School Face Book page. We look forward to you visiting our page regularly.

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



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 or need to cancel a lunch as your child is unwell on Subway day please email— kristie@subwayevt.com