

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School

School Finishes at 2.30pm today

Term 3 commences on Monday 11th July, 2022

Curriculum Day—Monday 25th July, 2022

Message from the Principal

And just like that Semester 1 is over! While this has been a short term it has been a busy one even up to our final week. This week alone mid-year reports were finalised and open for your review on Sentral. We also scheduled our Parent/Teacher interviews, held a School Council meeting, and last night we had the launch of our Fathering Project with over 120 dads and 220 children in attendance.

It was a huge turnout and the excitement by the children at the prospect of their dad's coming up to school was palpable. I was very impressed to see many paper planes soar across the yard after the intense concentration evident on many of our dad's faces as they followed plans to fold the intricate designs required for the Bulldog Dart, the Jet, the Harrier and the England Flyer! Some dad's asked for help, some were determined to do it on their own, some were on the cusp of screwing up their paper however all showed persistence and resilience... learner traits that we love to see in our children. You were all excellent role models! The big drawcard of the evening was of course our special guest presenter, AFL legend, Rodney Eade. I hope everyone in attendance found him engaging and walked away with some food for thought and a few great tips.



A huge thank you to Cherie Bradley (AP) for all of the organisation and planning behind the scene. I would also like to thank Wendy and Michelle for managing to get 80 pizzas and drinks down to the BER building to feed the hungry hoard and a huge thank you to the team of staff who worked late to serve pizza and look after the children while the dads listened to Rodney's presentation. I would also like to acknowledge the very generous donation by the Bisbelis/Vella Family to assist with the cost of the pizza and drinks for our event. I know it is a huge effort to come out on a cold winter's evening when you are tired and hungry! THANK YOU to all who attended for a great night.

A couple of weeks ago we acknowledged National Reconciliation week. This year's theme was "Be Brave. Make Change". This message is one that we speak about a lot across all areas of our school, not only in recognition of the unfinished business of reconciliation. This National week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving a more respectful community and achieve reconciliation in Australia. Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful changes, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort.

In Art this term, students from Grade 1-6 have been exploring and learning about aboriginal culture and aboriginal art is such an important part of Australia past and present. Grades 3-6 have also touched on ethical issues related to aboriginal art and the importance of authenticity. This week the senior students discussed the importance of ensuring Aboriginal art is authentic and the need for new laws around this. This is an ongoing unit of work that will carry through to NAIDOC week.

6A watched a BTN episode about the Stolen Generation and used this as a starting point for discussing Reconciliation Week. They also discussed the historical significance of Kevin Rudd's apology and had a very open conversation about why it was such an important event.



Calendar

Term 3

- 11th July—First day term 3
- 13th-15th July—Gr 3 Camp Manyung
- 13th-15th July—Gr 5 Camp Sovereign Hill
- 25th July—**CURRICULUM DAY**
- 28th July—Grade 2 —Mad about Science
- 29th July—PTF Pizza Day
- 4th August—Whole School—Ned Production
- 30th August—PTF Father's Day Stall
- 2nd September—Father's Day Breakfast



Buildings and Grounds Update

I hope you have noticed the beautiful landscaping and garden project that has taken shape down at the end of the back path near the Gaga Pit. Belinda Schodde (nurse) and Mrs Furlong headed up a small team including Wendy and Michelle (office), Sam & Jenny (ES staff), Eric (Belinda's dad) and Luisa Harwood (Parent) and Jason (our school gardener) worked like trojans in chilly, wet weather conditions to plant over 300 plants, lay huge rocks and logs, and weld metal edging in place. The result is the beginning of an indigenous inspired outdoor learning space for students to enjoy during both class and play time. There are a few more additions to come however it is already a beautiful area thanks to all of their hard work. We are extremely fortunate to have this amazing team who care so much in making our school a beautiful environment for our students and community. I am sure you will all share with me in sending a huge heartfelt thank you to all of them.

We were supposed to be given the keys and taken through the handover of the new admin building every week for the past few weeks. We are definitely moving into the new office during the holidays (even if it is not ready!!) and we will be open for business on our return to school. There may be a transition period during the first week however we will have signs up for you so that you know where to find us. The gym is looking like being ready at the end of July and then the carpark and landscaping will be finalised after that. There is an end in sight!!



Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful winter break! Stay warm and stay safe!

Jane Briffa

Nude Food Winners for Term 2

Prep B

Congratulations to Prep B who won a hot chip lunch with 117 wrappers! Well done to everyone for assisting in reducing our schools waste. Please remember Nude Food will continue in Term 3 on Tuesday and Thursdays. Please encourage your child to bring no wrappers to school on those days!



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.

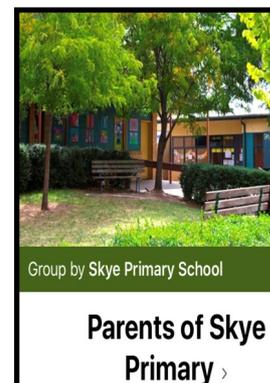
Please note that our school will delete any comments that are deemed inappropriate for public viewing from the Skye Primary School Face Book page. We look forward to you visiting our page regularly.

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

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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