

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School

Term 1 finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 8th April

Term 2 commences on Tuesday 26th April at 8.55am

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for Term 1 with only next week to go before the Autumn break. Our teachers have been busily planning this week for Term 2. Much work has gone into ensuring that our student assessment data has informed teachers to plan targeted intervention and extension programs. Our Tutor Learning Initiative has been expanded from just prioritising Numeracy (last year) to now include Literacy intervention. Mrs Male and Ms Blenkiron have been overseeing this body of work with our teachers and education support team embedding practices back in the classroom.

Calendar

2022

**Friday 1st April—Free Dress Day—
Whole School –Gold Coin Donation**

**Year 5—Travel Expo— Tuesday 5th
April—2.15pm**

**Easter Hat Parade & Raffle Draw—
Wednesday 6th April— 9.00am**

**Lightening Premiership—Grades 5 & 6 -
- Thursday 7th April—\$10.00**

**Last Day of Term 1—Friday 8th April—
2.30pm finish**

ANZAC DAY—Monday 25th April

Term 2 Resumes—Tuesday 26th April

Mother's Day Stall—Tuesday 3rd May

**Grade 6 Camp— Wednesday 4th to
Friday 6th May—payment now due**

We are proud to see that within our first term, most students have made significant growth in their learning. The impact of a disruptive 2 years with 6 lockdowns and over 250 days of remote learning is fast becoming a 'not so distant' memory and all teaching and learning is progressing full steam ahead.

Teaching and Learning is one half of our focus. Wellbeing is the other. An area that we are heavily focussed at the moment is embedding our School Wide Positive Behaviours across all facets of the school to support our students in developing our school values - resilience, responsibility, relationships and respect. When students are happy learners, feel that they have ownership over their learning and are engaged and connected with their learning we know that we have the optimal environment for them to achieve higher learning outcomes. This work is embedded in our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) which I encourage to read on the school website.

I would like to thank our entire community of students, staff, parents & carers, for a great first term. I look forward to a very busy term 2 as we prepare to open our new buildings. We will hopefully be seeing many of you next week for our Easter hat parade. If I don't catch you then, please have a wonderful holiday break. Stay safe and keep well.

Kind Regards,

Jane Briffa



EASTER HAT PARADE & RAFFLE DRAW

WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL AT 9.10AM

Parents Welcome to Attend

We look forward to being able to hold this event once again this year. It's always a 'feel good' community gathering which the students love.



**We can't wait to see the amazing
Easter Hat creations you make at home**

ANZAC Badges on Sale

ANZAC Badges will be on sale from today at school until Friday 8th April.

ANZAC Day is Monday 25th April the last day of the School Holidays.



A Message from Our Nurse

Parents/carers,

If you have concerns about your child/ren following any vaccinations (COVID/FLU/MMR etc) please let your teacher know so they can keep an eye out for any post vaccination symptoms.

Please contact me at any time if you have any questions.

Thank you

Belinda Schodde
School Nurse

Nude Food is back in term 2

Did you know that in Australia we create around **1 million tonnes of waste every year!** This would fill a line of garbage trucks from Melbourne to London and halfway back!

Nude Food is a fantastic opportunity to educate children about how their actions can impact the environment and their health. Focusing on the positive message of 'nude food = a healthy body + a healthy planet'

Help us to reduce the amount of plastic waste we send to landfill by sending your child to school with a **NUDE FOOD lunch box every**



Kitchen Garden

Volunteers Needed!

The Kitchen Garden Program relies on many people for it to work to its full potential and the volunteer body is one of the most important facets of the program. In previous times we had many volunteers who came in whenever they were available. I personally love getting to know members of our community and I know the students do too. It is a wonderful way to get involved in our school.

If you would like to volunteer (or someone you know) in the kitchen or garden I would love to hear from you. Please email me (Inger.Furlong@education.vic.gov.au) or contact the office.



Thank You Landcare!

Skye Primary School were fortunate to receive a grant from Landcare that was used to purchase paper recycling bins for each classroom, purchase native plants to attract pollinators and build a worm farm.

A number of Year 5 and 6 students put their hand up to participate in the Student Environmental Leadership Program last year run by CERES and funded by the Frankston Council. During the program, students learnt about current environmental issues relating to waste and conducted a waste audit of our school. From this, they developed a Waste Action Plan.

I have loved working with these students whilst they have set their own goals and acted responsibly to implement them. One of their goals was to minimise waste by having recycling bins in each classroom. These students will distribute the paper recycling bins before the end of term. They will also be promoting Nude Food.

This week students from all year levels have been busy planting the native flowering plants to attract pollinators in the dry riverbed area next to the oval.

I would like to thank Belinda Schodde who organised and built our wonderful worm farm. The students enjoy feeding the worms our scraps. I would also like to thank Landcare for providing the funds. We are very lucky at Skye!

Inger Furlong

Kitchen Garden Specialist



Naplan—Grades 3 and 5

As you will be aware, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Australian schools.

Online NAPLAN Transition

Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that in 2022 all schools will transition from the current paper-based tests, to computer-based assessments, with all eligible students undertaking NAPLAN online. The only exception is the Year 3 Writing test, to be conducted on paper. On-line testing allows more timely access to student results, adaptive tests which change the question sets presented based on student answers to better capture each student’s current attainment levels, and online tools such as a magnification and rulers to support the students.

Familiarisation – Practice Tests

For this transition to be successful, the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (ACAA) requires all Victorian schools to complete practice tests on the online platform, which have been conducted at Skye Primary on Thursday 31st March at 11:30 for all year 3 and 5 students. No student data is collected at this time, it simply allows the students to become familiar with the testing platform, the types of questions that may be asked and how to navigate the tools available. Students will complete an ‘omnibus’ test (a combination of Reading, Numeracy and Language Conventions). There is no need for students to revise or become anxious about their performance. Teachers will continue to support all students to understand this platform over the coming weeks, with regular practise with this platform and the tools within it.

NAPLAN Dates

The actual NAPLAN testing period is from Tuesday 10th May to Friday 20th May. Skye Primary School will follow the below schedule for NAPLAN testing:

Grade 3:

- Tuesday 10th May – Writing (on paper)
- Thursday 12th May – Reading (online)
- Friday 13th May – Conventions of Language (online)
- Tuesday 17th May – Numeracy
- Catch up testing Wednesday 18th –Friday 20th May

Grade 5:

- Tuesday 10th May – Writing (online)
- Wednesday 11th May – Reading (online)
- Friday 13th May – Conventions of Language (online)
- Tuesday 17th May – Numeracy (online)
- Catch up testing Wednesday 18th -Friday 20th May

If you would like to look at the online testing platform, please visit the Public Demonstration Site at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Please contact Lisa Male or your child’s classroom teacher if you would like further information.

A huge thank you to Derek Cox the owner of Brumby's Carrum Downs for the donation of bread for our sausage sizzle—This donation is hugely appreciated.

Upcoming events—

Wednesday 6th April—Easter Hat Parade and Raffle Draw—Parents welcome to attend

Tuesday 3rd May—Mothers Day Stall

Monday 16th May—Hot Food Day—TBA

Tuesday 14th June—Pizza Day

Term 2—Monday Recess—Cheese Toasties for sale



HAPPY EASTER

THE GREAT BIG EASTER EGG HUNT IS BACK!
SAT 16TH APRIL @ 10AM
WEDGE RD RESERVE CARRUM DOWNS

SONYA KILKENNY MP  
WITH PETA MURPHY MP



TO REGISTER SCAN THE QR CODE AND ENTER YOUR DETAILS



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