

# NEWSLETTER

## Skye Primary School—150 Years—1873—2023

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2023. It is great to be back at Skye and I have enjoyed catching up with so many of you in the yard and at our new Kiss & Go.

#### New Staff & Students

We are very lucky to have a great new team joining our staff this year and I would once again like to welcome Mr Timothy Bernau (Assistant Principal), Ms Sarah Weiss (Prep), Ms Michelle Hammill (Gr 1), Ms Shanae French (Gr 1) and Mr Richard Taberner (Gr 6). I would also like to welcome our new families and hope that your first couple of weeks have been happy and stress free. Our Preppies are well and truly settled in their Learning House and have already tackled assembly in the hall and have attended their Specialist Classes twice already. They are already experts at this big school thing! It is wonderful to see their resilience and independence shine through at such a young age.

#### STEAM Centre

It has been a pleasure to see the excitement for learning as I walk through the classrooms. A grade two student yelled out to me the other morning to say how much he loved maths! Who knew learning could be so much fun?? Our new STEAM centre has been freshly painted and is ready for use. The students have all had their first lessons with Mrs Nestor and by all accounts the new program is a huge hit. It is great to have an awesome STEAM centre to support new learning now that we have moved the old library into it's new premises.

#### PTF

The school is looking beautiful and there is so much to be proud of as a Skye school community. There is still a lot we want to do though. The PTF held the Annual General Meeting this week and luckily all official positions were filled for 2023 by a great team of mums. It was great to see some new Prep parents at the meeting. We are excited to get working on some great ideas and events for our students. The funds raised by the PTF will continue to go towards more upgrades and resources for our children. The list is long but we will keep striving towards making Skye PS the best learning environment possible. If you would like to join us at the next PTF meeting please feel free to come along. The more the merrier!

#### Events

Please check the calendar for upcoming special dates. The first being our 'Meet The Teacher' afternoon on Tuesday 21st February, followed by our very exciting 150 years celebration on Friday March 31st. Planning for this event began early last year and we look forward to a great evening shared with the community here at Skye. Further information will come home on Monday.

## Calendar

#### Term 1

16th, 17, 21, 22, 23 February—Teeth on Wheels

Tuesday 21st Feb—Meet the teacher/Twilight Sports & Sausage sizzle

Tuesday 7th March—**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**Friday 31st March—150th Celebrations**

**Thursday 6th April—Last Day Term 1—  
2.30pm finish**

#### Term 2

Monday 24th April—Curriculum Day—  
No Students at School

Tuesday 25th April—ANZAC DAY

Wednesday 26th April—All students at school for Term 2

1st May—House X Country

17th-19th May—Grade 6 Camp—Waratah Bay

## Carpark

Speaking of Kiss & Go, congratulations on managing our new parent carpark with relative ease. The last few days however have seen some traffic issues and some frustration by parents who have been stuck in queues trying to collect their children. A few parents have mentioned some solutions, one being that the gate is closed at 3pm so that early entry is available to those who want to park and then re-opened at 3:15pm for Kiss & Go. This sounds like a good solution but my only hesitation is that some people are stopping in the turning bay on Ballarto Rd which is both dangerous and illegal. Police have mentioned that they will be issuing fines if they are in the area.

I would like to suggest that if you plan on using Kiss & Go that you do not enter the grounds until 3:15pm. The bell goes at 3:15 and students typically take a few minutes to arrive at the zone. If you arrive early and waiting in the Kiss & Go zone you are blocking the flow of traffic, which then stops people from leaving the parking bays. We will trial this for a week and if it does not work, we will consider closing the gates as suggested. We do not want to have to go back to no carpark should it become a problem for the council and police. Thank you all in advance for your consideration and patience as we find a solution.

Have a great fortnight ahead and please stay in touch with both Tim and I should you have ideas or suggestions for our school!

Jane Briffa

## Scrapbooking and Meet the Teacher Afternoon

We would like to invite you to a Scrapbooking session on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 3:30pm – 4:15pm in your child's Classroom, where you will help create their Readers' and Writer's Notebook covers. This will also be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Twilight sports will commence immediately following and run until 5:15.

In preparation for what will be a very fun afternoon, we ask that you begin to save stickers, photographs, cut-outs from magazines and newspapers that are special to your child and can be used to decorate their Notebooks. Because the covers will be laminated, please no puffy/jewelled or raised stickers. These items can be sent to school prior to the event.

Our Reader's and Writer's Notebooks form an important part of your child's learning. They are a place for personal response to books they read and offer a place for them to reflect and experiment with words and ideas.



We look forward to seeing you all then!

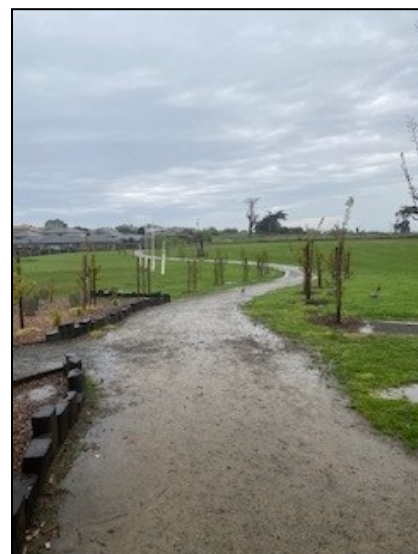
## Mobile Phones, Tablets & Smart Watches

A reminder to families regarding student devices in schools, including mobile phones, tablets (eg iPads) and smart watches. As outlined in our policy, which is on our school's website, this policy has been developed in response to the Ministerial Order banning the use of mobile devices in Victorian schools. This was implemented to provide safe environments for students during school hours.

In accordance with this Order, personal mobile phones/devices /smart watches and tablets are required to be stored at the administration office. Students are required to turn off and hand their mobile device in in the morning before school and collect at the end of the school day unless an exemption has been granted for a serious medical issue.

## 150th— Buy a Paver

Information will be coming home shortly about Buying a Paver. This will be your opportunity for your family to be a part of Skye Primary School's historic 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations with an everlasting memory. We are planning on putting the pavers on either side of the path from the BER to the back gate.



## Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club is held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am until 8.55am. in the BER building at the rear of the school in the grade 3 end. Breakfast supplied includes cereal, seasonal fruit, toast and spreads, spaghetti etc.

- *Breakfast club is free however , if your child suffers with any food allergies please send a note with them*
- *Students can attend as often as they like*
- *Breakfast club is intended to be a fun and social time for children to enjoy each other's company*



# 150TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dear Parents,

We are very excited for our 150 Year Celebration on Friday March 31st.  
Preparations are well under way but we need some help from our wonderful

We would really love some more small toy donations please.

Kmart have a great selection of small goodies ranging from \$1-\$10.  
E.g. Fidget toys, outdoor games, wobble/sensory pens, mini board games, slime, pin art, foam planes, slap bands and loads more!!

It would be appreciated if these could be sent to the school office in the next two weeks. These will be used for one of our games/activities on the day.

We also require lots of parent/family volunteers for on the day to run



## Message from our School Nurse

If your child has a visit to the sick bay Parent (A) will receive a sentral notification for when your child has attended sick bay –it will include brief incident details and treatment.

**For serious injuries you will still receive a phone call from Nurse Belinda or the office.**

**NOTE you will only receive this if you have your PUSH notifications switched ON in the Sentral APP – to ensure the app notifications are correct please go into SETTINGS: --NOTIFICATION SETTINGS: -- then make sure the push notifications are enabled.**

Thank you, if you are having any difficulty with the settings please call our office. This is a sample of what the message might look like.

Kind regards

Nurse Belinda

Aiden [REDACTED] visited the Sick Bay

Created

Thursday, 1st September 2022

Posted by

Skye Primary School

Aiden [REDACTED] was checked in to the Sick Bay at 12:38pm. For the following reasons: Cold/flu, cough, feeling unwell. Action taken: Rest & Observation. Checked out time: 12:38pm

## Netball—Players wanted

# NEW CLUB IN THE DISTRICT

Email NOW:  
cameotigers@gmail.com



**Train: Thursdays**



**Play:  
Saturdays, Chelsea  
District Netball  
Ass. 2023**

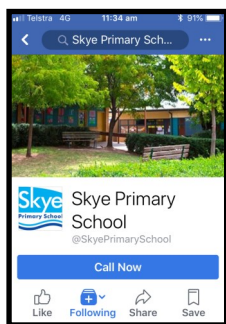
**All  
welcome  
girls &  
boys, any  
level,  
7-17yrs**

**Grading/  
Tryouts  
24/11  
and  
1/12**





## 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.

If you have questions regarding your child's education, excursions or school events, please contact the school directly as this isn't the platform for educational related questions.

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— ORDERING ON-LINE

1. Create a new profile at [app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer](http://app.canteenhub.com.au/register-customer)
2. Add profile: Set up children or yourself under the Profiles tab.
3. Search for your school via postcode and select from the drop down list
4. Select your class
5. Head to Order Now.
6. Select the person you are ordering for
7. Select items from the approved menu and finalise your order
8. To place orders for multiple people. You will be asked when you finalise your first order if you would like to place another order for another person.
9. Orders close on Wednesday at 11.30am.



If your child is absent and you have ordered email— [emma@canteenhub.com](mailto:emma@canteenhub.com). To cancel the order or roll it over for the next week

# Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education (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](#)

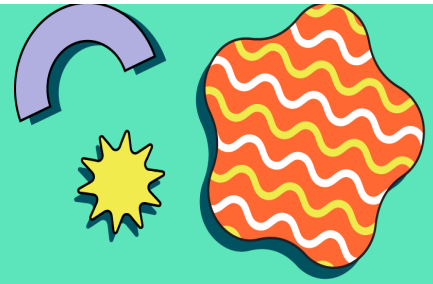
Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

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](#)



# Newsletter



## A message from your Coordinator

Hi, we would like to welcome back many old and new faces to 2023. Hope you all had a lovely Christmas and holidays.

This year we will be doing lots of different activities including the annual handball comp, harmony week, master chefs cooking up a storm, pancakes every Friday, smoothies and much more.

A little about the Staff, Emma has a grown-up son Tyler, her favorite colour is pink. I like to do lots of painting and mess play. On the weekend you will find me relaxing with family and friends, watching the Brisbane Lions hopefully win.

Bo – enjoys photography, hiking adventures and her favorite colour is all shades of blue.

Coming up in the week of 13/3/23 we are holding the handball championships stay tune for more information.

Feel free to come and see us in the room for any questions you may have or call 0452 247 964.

**Reminders:** Please bring a labelled hat, drink bottle and please remember parents are to sign their children in and out using the tablet, please check bookings if children are absent, please let us know.

Emma and Bo

## Activities coming up.

- Painting
- Loom Bands
- Fun on the oval

## What's on the menu.

- Pancakes
- Fresh Sandwiches
- Popcorn

## It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App



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