

NEWSLETTER

Skye Primary School—150 Years—1873—2023

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Week 5. It was wonderful to catch up with so many of you at our Meet the Teacher event last Tuesday evening. By all accounts great fun was had scrapbooking and completing the Amazing Race. The weather also helped to make it a beautiful night! Mr Bernau and I managed to cook over 360 sausages and got to chat to many of you. I would like to thank Mr J for organising the events and the teachers for their support to ensure that everyone knew what they were doing at each station.



A huge thanks also to our amazing ES team for staying back to serve the sausages and drinks for us.

Our next major event will be our 150th celebration. Our staff have been organising this for well over a year now and we are looking forward to a fantastic evening full of fun with plenty of rides, stalls, food and drinks to be had. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbours to join us.

Our PTF had their second meeting this morning and are planning some other great events for our students and families. Planning is underway for our Easter raffle along with the Easter Hat Parade and also our Mothers' Day High Tea that is planned for early next term. If you have a spare half hour and would like to join us on PTF please do not hesitate to contact the office with your details. It is a great

Calendar

Term 1

Tuesday 7th March—**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Wednesday 8th March—Clean Up Australia Day
from 2.30pm

Monday 13th March—Labour Day Public
Holiday

15th, 16th, 17th, 21st March—NAPLAN Grades
3 and 5

Thursday 20th March—House Athletics Gr 3 to 6
cost \$13.00

Friday 31st March—150th Celebrations

Wednesday 5th April—Easter Hat Parade

**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

1st May—House X Country

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

24th May—Open Afternoon—Info T.B.A.

Our Year 6 Leaders joined Mrs Male yesterday to travel into the Melbourne Convention Centre by train. They had a very early start and a long day in the city however it sounds like it was an amazing conference. Mrs Male reported how proud she was of our School Leaders and how well they represented our school. We look forward to hearing more about it in coming weeks. Our Year 6s were also given a glowing report by the police officers who visited on Monday to chat to them about cyber safety. The officers spoke to me after the session and commented on how they were one of the most well-mannered groups they have spoken to.



They also loved our new uniform and told the Grade 6s how awesome they all looked. We already know what a great bunch of students we have but it is nice to hear it from visitors to the school.

We had our first school tour this week for prospective Prep Parents for 2024. I can't believe we are already thinking about next year!! If you have any friends or neighbours who are interested in doing a tour, they are able to book in directly on the school website.

Finally, safety of our students in our car park must be observed please don't let your children out of your cars whilst you are sitting waiting for a spot in Kiss and Go—it is so dangerous for children to be walking, running through the carpark without being under adult supervision.

Hoping everyone has a great fortnight ahead.

Jane Briffa

Principal



P.E. NEWS

Skye Swimming Team

Our school swimming team competed at the District Carnival on Tuesday. The carnival was held at Pines Aquatic Centre.

There were some outstanding performances from our team and we were able to finish second behind the powerful Flinders CCC team.

Olivia A won the 12 Girls Breaststroke and Sam B-S won the 10 Boys Backstroke.

Sam (Freestyle) and the Freestyle Relay team in 10 Boys (Sam, Noah, Baylen and Charlie) came 2nd, along with the 11 Girls Freestyle Relay team (Emma, Lacey, Erisa and Jaime).

The 12 Girls Freestyle Relay team (Billie, Olivia, Kayla and Holly) came 3rd. Noah (Backstroke), Emma (Freestyle & Backstroke), Olivia (Freestyle), Billie (Backstroke) also came 3rd.



Helping students get ready for the NAPLAN tests

Michael Grose | Parenting Ideas

The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests. This year, NAPLAN testing occurs much earlier in the year than previously, in mid-March instead of May. All Australian children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in NAPLAN.

The stated purpose of this testing program is to gain an overall picture of educational attainment levels to assist education policy and decision-making. The program, first implemented in 2008, has drawn some criticism from a number of different quarters, particularly in regard to the use of the information gained through the NAPLAN tests. You've probably heard a number of different viewpoints expressed in the media over the last few weeks.

One view commonly put forward is that the NAPLAN tests put undue pressure on children to perform in test situations. If so, then perhaps the best approach for parents and teachers is to help them handle the pressure rather than avoid it. The most resilient children and young people are those who rise to meet rather than retreat from the challenges presented to them. Perhaps it's best to view the NAPLAN tests as good learning experiences rather than dreaded pressure tests. Children and young people take their cues from their parents about how to handle many situations. American psychologist Martin Seligman discovered more than a decade ago, through his research into children's thinking styles, how closely a child's explanatory style mimics that of the parent they spend most time around. Optimistic parents beget optimistic kids, just as anxious parents can beget anxious kids.

The impact of a parent's explanatory style seems to be magnified somehow in small families where there are fewer voices to be heard. As a parent it helps your child if you take a positive view of the NAPLAN tests. It's better to see them as learning opportunities for kids as well as opportunities to overcome any anxieties or nerves that these tests may bring on. It's also worth remembering that many children don't stress over these tests. The vast majority take them in their stride, wondering what all the fuss is about.

Whether your child stresses or takes them in his stride here are some tips to help prepare for the NAPLAN tests:

1. Take your cues from your child: If your child doesn't worry about them then neither should you. Be careful not to create a problem that doesn't exist by incessantly talking about, or worse, worrying about the test.
2. Focus on doing their best and trying hard: Choose your words carefully when you speak with your kids. As with all their learning activities place your focus squarely on effort rather than results. The only pressure on kids should be to try hard rather than to do well.
3. Listen to any concerns they have: If your child confesses to some nerves then validate their feelings, rather than shut them down with a 'get over it' response. "Yes, sometimes tests can be a little scary, but they get easier every time you take them." Use this as an opportunity to develop some emotional smarts, which starts with recognising how kids feel.
4. Give them some relaxation ideas: Anxious or nervous kids will benefit from some simple relaxation strategies. Taking some deep breaths, changing their thinking and exercising the morning of the test are some simple ways to help kids get some feeling of control.
5. Help them retain their perspective: One way to help children who become excessively anxious about an event is to ask what's the worst thing that could happen? Okay, they may not do as well as they would like but the sun will still rise tomorrow, regardless of how well they do. Keeping perspective is a life skill that we all need to practise. A positive, caring parent attitude is one of the best gifts you can give a child when they are apprehensive or nervous about approaching any different situation whether it's going on school camp, joining a new club or sitting a NAPLAN test.

DATE	GRADE 3	GRADE 5
WEDNESDAY 15TH MARCH	WRITING	WRITING
THURSDAY 16th MARCH	READING	READING
FRIDAY 17TH MARCH	CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE	CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE
TUESDAY 21st MARCH	NUMERACY	NUMERACY

Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd will be Catch Up Days for students who were absent.

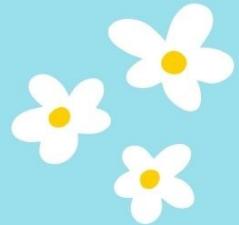
Should you have any questions about NAPLAN, please speak with your child's teacher or Timothy Bernau (Assistant Principal).

150TH

CELEBRATION

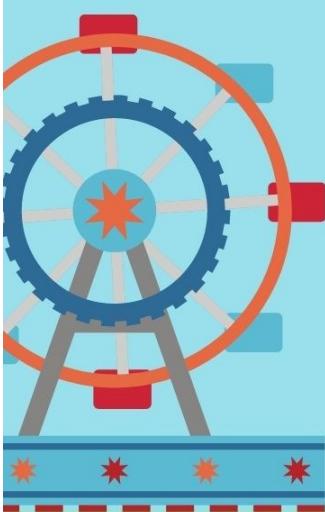


Friday 31st March
3:30pm - 7:30pm



WE ARE STILL ON THE HUNT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Can you spare an hour during the celebration to volunteer at one of our stalls?
- Do you have a marquee we could loan for the event?
- any NEW unwanted toys
- Keep your eyes peeled for more information about the Bake Stall



For more information contact: 9786 1555



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 150th 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*





Calling all U12 Boys

Who wants to play footy this season?

Register your interest today
via the link provided



Register | PlayHQ
www.playhq.com

Langwarrin Junior Football Club
are looking for Under 12 Boys to
play footy this season. Register via
the QR Code or contact:
registrar@langyjfc.com

FRANKSTON RAIDERS
Rugby League Club

WE'RE RECRUITING!

- *TEEN BOYS & GIRLS 13 - 16 YRS
- *BOYS & GIRLS AGED 5- 12 YRS

JOIN US IN 2023!

INTERESTED IN PLAYING LEAGUE IN 2023?
 *U13s, U14s, U15s & U16s TRAINING TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 6:30pm
 *U6s, U7s, U8s, U9s, U10s, U11s, U12s TRAINING THURSDAYS 5:30PM
 HAVANA RESERVE, FRANKSTON - ALL WELCOME!

PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE IN 2023! TEAMS FROM U6S TO SENIOR MEN

Simply scan the QR code below to register!
 2023 Club Fees \$120 Juniors \$170 Seniors 18+ (plus insurance)
 Fees includes shorts & socks

Enquiries: frankstonraiders@gmail.com
registerfrankstonraiders@gmail.com
www.frankstonraiders.net







PLAY SOMETHING UNREAL

FREE COME 'N' TRY

'FREE' STORM JUNIOR LEAGUE COME N TRY FOR KIDS AGED 5-12YRS
 THURSDAY 23RD FEB 5:30PM @ HAVANA RESERVE - FRANKSTON
 YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO ATTEND! PLEASE GO TO
WWW.PLAYRUGBYLEAGUE.COM - POSTCODE 3199/FRANKSTON RAIDERS




REGISTER NOW!

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 so we can answer your specific queries.

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
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 Tuesday at 10.30am.

If your child is absent and you have ordered email— contact@subsforyou.com. To cancel the order or roll it over for the next week