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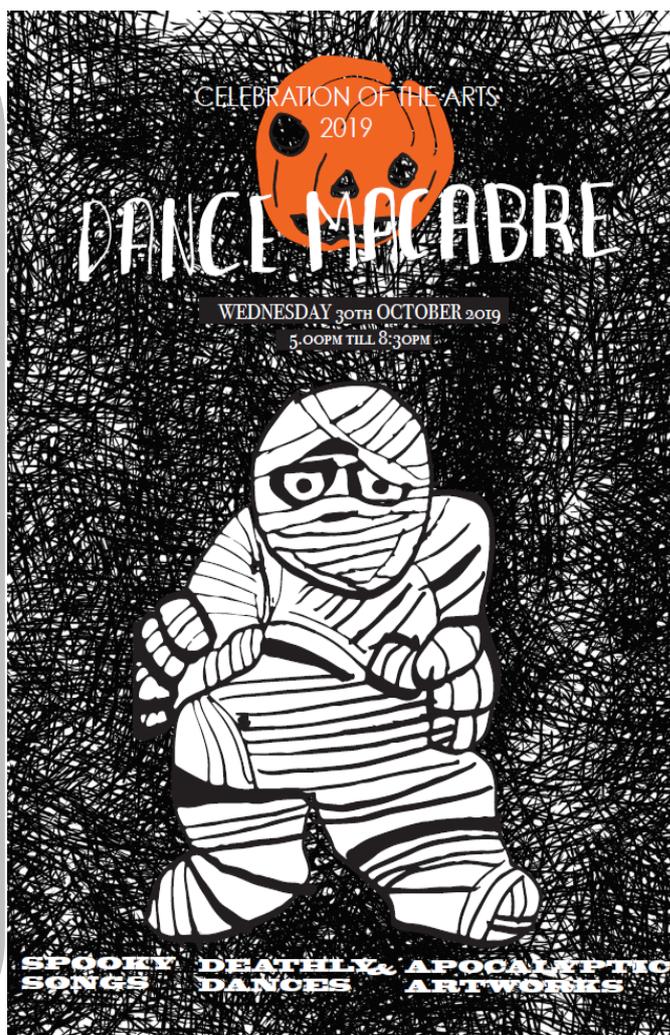
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29th October 2019



Important Dates

Wed 30th Oct	<i>Celebration of the Arts</i>
Tue 5th Nov	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
Wed 6th Nov	Year 3/4 –Polly Woodside excursion
Friday 8th Nov	Year 5/6 Soffcrosse Gala Day
11- 15th Nov	Year 5/6 Camp
21 & 28 Nov	Year 5 Sailing
Sat 23rd Nov	Working Bee 8am—1pm
Friday 22nd Nov	Italian Day 
25 - 27th Nov	Year 3/4 Camp
6th & 7th Dec	Dad's Camp
Thu 12th Dec	Yr 6 Graduation
Fri 20th Dec	Last Day Term 4—1:30pm finish



Birthdays

Phoenix	Aliah	Beatrice
Sol	Ciara	Saskia
Zulu	Sebastian	Aslan
Vivian	Archie	Alexa
Josh	Luca	
Robbi	Somerset	

Notes Home/ On Compass

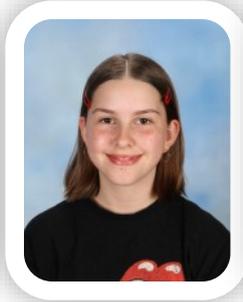
25th October—Term 4 Seesaw arrangements

29th October—Year 6 and Foundation tea towels



Year Six Leaders Report

Hi I'm Tali, I'm Dali, I'm James and I'm Saskia, and we're the Year Six leaders this week.



Our question is

“What do you like to do at break time?”

Here are what some students have to say;



Bruno, Foundation “I play cops and robbers.”



Loie, Foundation “I usually talk with my friends.”



Ella, 1/2 “I play fairies with my friends”.



Teddy, 1/2 “I play tag a lot.”



Tallulah, 3/4 “I play soccer and tag a lot.”



Josh 3/4 “I play basketball and cops and robbers.”



Gio, 5/6 “I mostly play basketball”



Sophia, 5/6 “I play basketball with my friends”.

School Council Report

Council have had a big month as the pointy end of the year draws near.

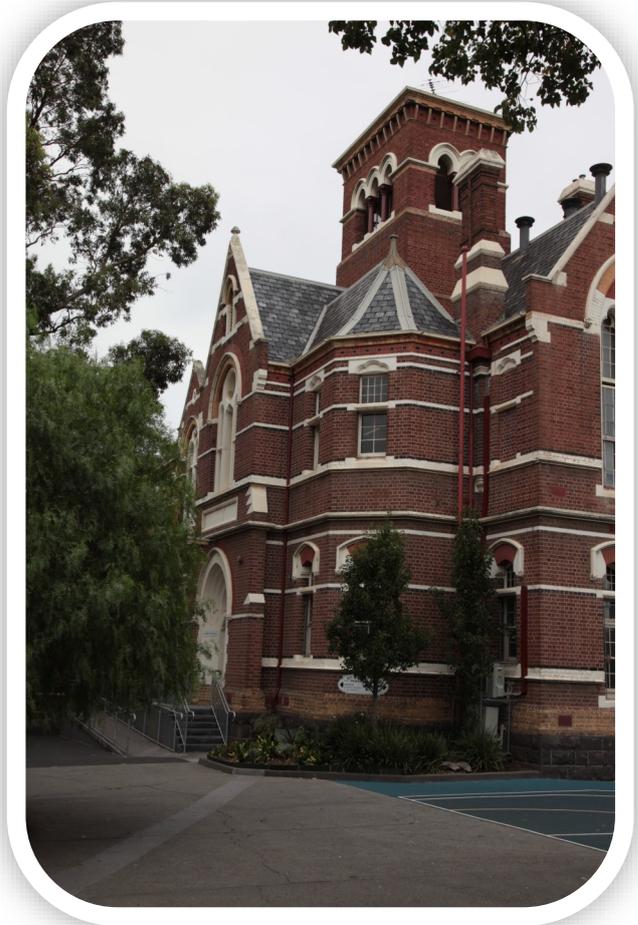
It is a role of council to engage and manage an outside of school hours provider for the school community. This year the current contract with OSH club expires and so Council has had a process in place to ensure a provider is engaged for 2020.

A working party was formed, and we would like to take thank them for their significant work – Alex McCall; Julia Bunjevac and Neil Scott. An assessment criterion was agreed against which providers were invited to submit an EOI.

Each criterion had a weighting attached and the development were based on feedback from users of the service and expectations of council inclusive of quality and safety of service; culture and engagement; financials and business operations.

Five different providers applied, and a small working group diligently reviewed each proposal and compared against the criteria to create a shortlist of 2 providers who then presented at the October meeting.

It was a difficult decision but council has settled on **Their Care** as the new provider for our before and after school hours service. We look forward to building a relationship with them. There will be a transition at the end of the year to move from OSH to the new provider and this should be seamless for families. We thank OSH club for their years of service, the staff have done a great job caring for our children before and after school.



TheirCare
for your kids, for you

If parents have any queries, please contact me on 0421221242.

School Council Report

Council are currently considering the 2020 draft budget. The school council works to get the best outcomes for money spent through a carefully planned annual budget. The funds come from 3 sources.

- Vic Government Student Resource Package (SRP)
- Funds in bank accounts and the interest
- Locally raised funds from fundraising activities; grants and specific project funds that may be given to the school

The budget is a comprehensive document that not only details the resource request but how the spending will support the goals set out in the School Strategic Plan. Neil and the teaching staff work together to review what resources they believe are needed and the finance subcommittee then develops a proposed budget.

This draft is what council now have and are reviewing with the aim to review a final budget at November's meeting. This process takes a lot of work and council especially thanks Nova, Neil and the finance subcommittee for their ongoing effort. Each year the Council also review any data that helps inform planning.



There are 3 sets of data currently with councillors for review to enable a discussion at November's meeting.

The parent opinion survey; The 2020 NAPLAN results and the attitudes to school survey. These data sets help form a picture related to school climate, wellbeing, engagement, and academic performance. The data sets help identify strengths and potential areas for improvement. This then ensures any financial resources are distributed to areas of need.

The significant work of school council is not always highly visible, but it is their behind the scenes work that help create a school environment where our students can reach their full potential. If you are interested in participating in council and would like to know more, please contact me or have a word to any of the council members.

Catherine Sharples, School Council President

Principal's Report

Celebration of the Arts

Celebration Of The Arts 2019 —the major curriculum event (and one of the highlights) of the school year, is taking place **Tomorrow!** The excitement around the school during the dress rehearsal on Friday and the last minute practises and art displays are completed has been fantastic to see and I am looking forward to another night that really showcases everything that is great about our school.

This year, the event is called '**Dance Macabre**' and promises 'Spooky Songs, Deathly Dances and Apocalyptic Artworks',

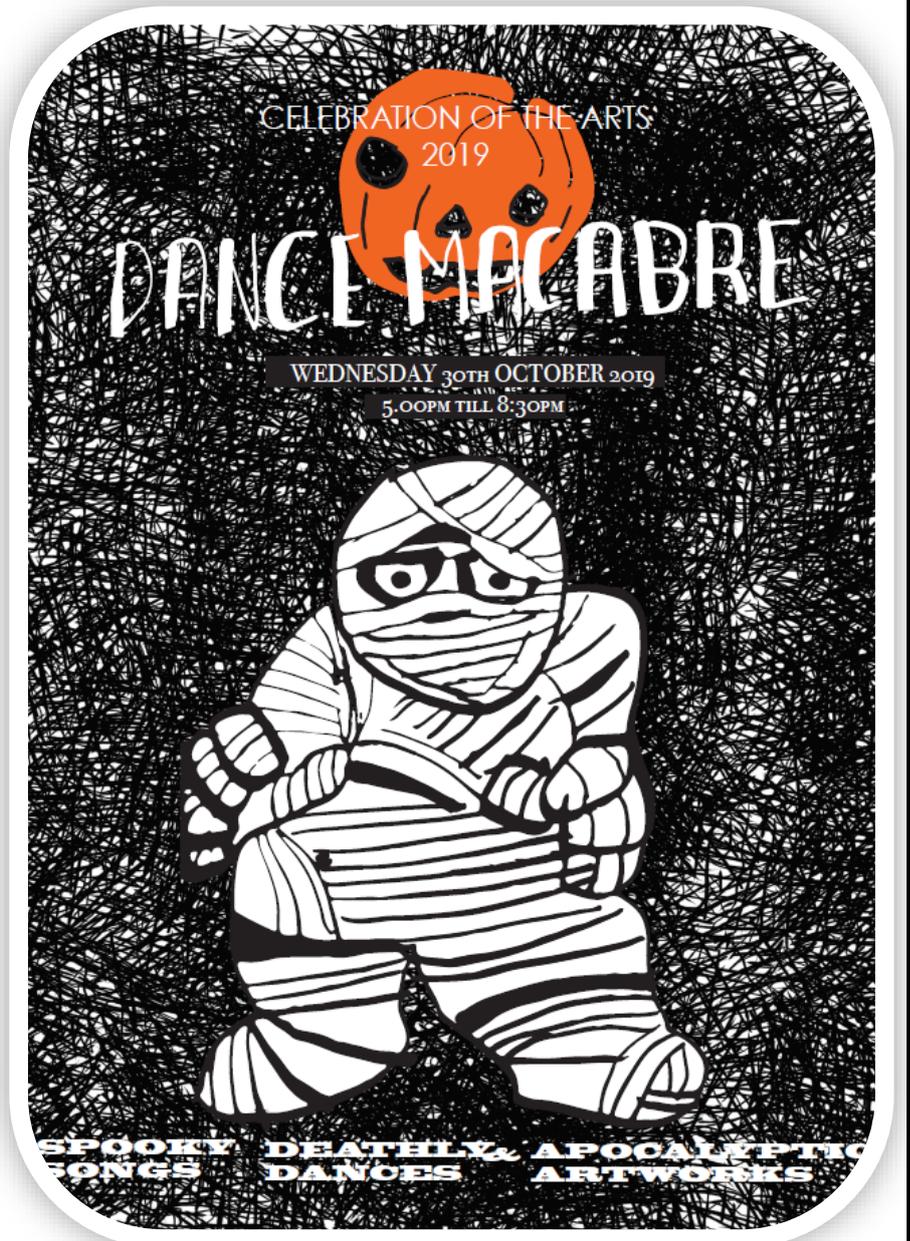
We invite and encourage all of our SKiPPS friends and extended family to come along to the event. Stephen and Chantel, supported by the whole of our staff, have been working tirelessly to make the evening happen and the quality of the art work and performances are a testament to their abilities and also the creativity and enthusiasm of our students. I am thoroughly looking forward to the night.

As well as a celebration of our students' creativity and hard work, the night is also a wonderful community event with food and drink stalls staffed by parent volunteers and co-ordinated by our Parents' Association.

We are still in need of a large number of volunteers, particularly later in the night (between 7pm and 8pm). As this is the time of the night that our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students will be performing, **we are putting a call out to our Foundation and Year 1/2 parents** to sign up so our existing volunteers don't miss their own children's performances.

Please sign up for a slot on the evening at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094baba62ea3f85-celebration>



Principal's Report—continued

Working Bee

With the completion of our new playground and sandpit, the school grounds are looking pretty great. However, there is still a long list of jobs and projects around the school buildings and grounds that need attention in order for our students to have the learning and play environments that they deserve.

We are holding a Working Bee at school on **Saturday 23rd November from 8am** to address this list.



We are asking all SKiPPS families to come along and there will be jobs to do regardless of your skill or physical fitness.

Once we have made the school look great once again we will finish up with a lunchtime sausage sizzle.

'Little Red Owl' greeting card fundraiser

We are excited to be working with Nat Marshall, one of our talented parents, to offer our SKiPPS families an opportunity to buy her products AND support the school.

Nat is the illustrator and designer behind the popular 'Little Red Owl' greetings cards and she has offered our families the chance to buy packs of her cards at half the RRP with \$1 from each card going to the school's fundraising. To find out more and to place an order, please go to

<https://www.trybooking.com/554889>



Principal's Report—continued

Parent Requests

As we plan ahead for 2020, class teachers are also starting the process of creating class groupings for next year. In doing this, our staff work very hard to create a perfect balance of gender, personalities and strengths within each class to allow for the best possible learning to take place.



Later in the term students will be asked to select friends who they would like to be in a class with next year and our teachers always do their best to ensure at least one of these choices are placed with them.

Occasionally parents have requests for class placements for the following year. Whilst we are unable to accept requests for a particular teacher, we are happy to try and accommodate reasonable requests. If you have a request, please email me at scott.neil.n@edumail.vic.gov.au

Let us know if you are leaving...

A key part of planning for 2020 is getting an accurate idea of likely student numbers so we can plan ahead with confidence. For this reason, it is incredibly helpful to know at this point of the year if any of our families are planning to move on from SKiPPS. If your child is not going to be at SKiPPS next year can you please make sure you let the school office know asap.



Walkathon—its not too late

We have raised an incredible \$14,400 From our recent Walkathon. This money will be used to support some major ICT upgrades in the school next year, including the purchasing of new interactive panels in the classrooms to allow for greater interactive and engaging learning.

If you have not yet got around to collecting and bringing in your money—it is not too late—sponsorship money can still be brought into the school office or payments can be made via Compass.

Assistant Principal's Report

Gastro

Many of you would be aware that there has been many students and teachers who have contracted gastroenteritis in the last two weeks and have been absent from school. Gastroenteritis is a short-term illness triggered by the infection and inflammation of the digestive system.

Symptoms can include abdominal cramps, diarrhoea and vomiting. Some of the causes of gastroenteritis include viruses, bacteria, bacterial toxins and parasites. It is imperative that if your child is feeling unwell that they stay at home until they are completely well and any diarrhoea and vomiting has completely stopped.

Students are reminded to always wash their hands thoroughly after going to the toilet and before handing food.

Photographing and Recording

Please be advised that the school has a Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy in line with the Department of Education guidelines.



The Celebration of the Arts (COTA) performance this week will be recorded by a professional photographer and the DVD will be available to order via Compass after the event.



Nude Food Lunches every day, especially Monday.

Congratulations to the following grades for winning the Nude Food Award

Week 2: **1 / 2 L** with 16 nude food lunchboxes

Week 3: **1 / 2 J** with 17 nude food lunchboxes

Assistant Principal's Report—continued

Cyber Safety

Parents and carers play a key role in guiding their children as they first encounter the online world and begin to learn through exploration, play and social interaction. A recent report from the Victorian Government eSafety Commissioner focused on the use of the internet by children. The following is an extract from the report <https://esafety.gov.au/parents/skills-advice/are-they-old-enough>

- 81% of parents with preschoolers say their children use the internet.
- Of these parents, 94% report that their child was using the internet by the age of 4.
- This might be via a tablet or iPad (92%), a smartphone (85%) or a computer (83%).
- More digital parenting research: supervising preschoolers online and digital families

When are they ready for social media accounts?

Both the physical age of your child and their level of maturity and resilience can affect their ability to have positive experiences on social media.

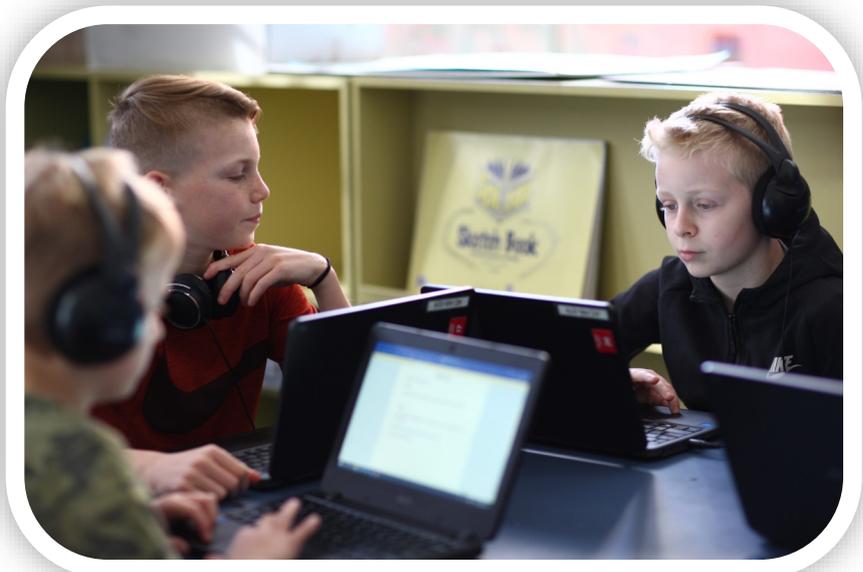
Each social media site and app has its own criteria for minimum age requirements. Most require users to be at least 13 years of age before they can register, although some sites are created especially for children under 13.

Generally, the 13-year age requirement is not necessarily because the site is unsafe for children to use but to comply with a US law — the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA), which prevents collection and storage of personal information from children under 13 years of age.

What are the benefits and risks of using social media?

The eSafety Guide, includes information about the different benefits and risks associated with how social media is used. These include:

- anonymous communication
- content sharing
- encrypted communication
- gaming
- in-app or in-game purchasing
- live streaming
- location sharing
- messaging/online chat
- online relationships
- photo/video sharing
- voice chat
- video calling



Principal's Report—continued

Key questions to help determine your child's readiness for social media

We suggest considering these questions to determine whether your child is ready for social media.

Is your child able to withstand negative online experiences?

If you think your child would be very upset by a negative experience online, you may need to guide them closely if you allow them to establish a social media account.

Look through online profiles and public feeds together, and talk about how some people behave differently online. Teach them how to filter abusive comments, block and report people.

Does your child understand the importance of protecting their personal information?

Explaining to a child why privacy is important can be difficult. Start by describing what personal information is. Emphasise that it includes anything that can identify them, such as their mobile number, email address, photos, the name of their school, and any sporting clubs they belong to.

Remind them that photos can contain information that could be used to identify them, such as a photo taken right outside your house or a photo of them in their school uniform.

Let them know that if they share personal information online, it could mean that others, including strangers could use it in ways they may not have thought about. Someone could even post bullying messages or inappropriate photos on social media while pretending to be them.

See [privacy and your child](#) for more tips on this.

Does your child understand how privacy settings for social media work?

Show your child how to view the privacy settings for each social media service you use and talk them through how you decided on which settings to use in your own accounts. You can find advice on privacy settings in the [eSafety Guide](#).

If you would like help with technology, including how to use social media services yourself, [Be Connected](#) provides step-by-step advice on the basics and beyond.

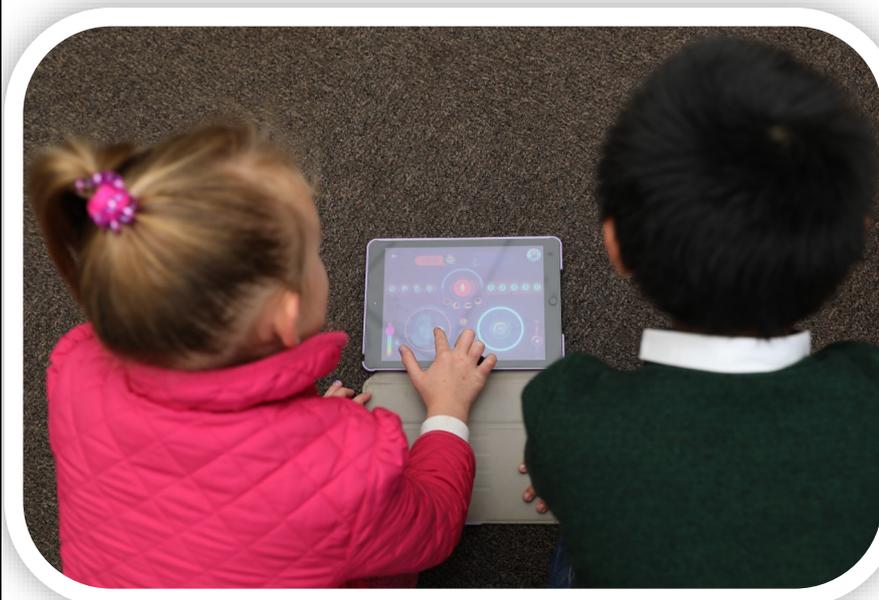


Principal's Report—continued

Does your child understand what is safe to share online?

If you are concerned your child may post personal information that allows people to identify and locate them — even after you have talked through the dangers — then they may need your help to use social media sites.

Talk about the risks of 'checking in', tagging people in photos, sharing nude or sexually suggestive pictures, meeting online friends in person, making offensive comments, and what is not acceptable.



Does your child know how to report cyberbullying and other kinds of abusive content?

Although there are huge benefits to being connected through social media, your child may experience some form of online bullying or harassment. If this happens, it is important that they know how to manage and report this behaviour. Together with your child, check the safety resources for individual

social media services and look for information about how to block and report. You can find online safety advice and direct reporting links for social media, apps, games and websites in the [eSafety Guide](#).

You can also report abusive content to us. We deal with three key types of reports:

Cyberbullying — if you are under 18, or making a report on behalf of someone who is under 18, you can make a complaint about online bullying.

Image-based abuse — if an intimate image has been shared, or someone is threatening to share it, without your consent, you can make a report no matter what your age.

Child sexual abuse material — we prioritise the investigation of online child sexual abuse material and work with law enforcement to remove this content wherever it is hosted.



We need your help at the
SKiPPS

Working Bee

Saturday 23rd November

8am - 1pm

We need *your* help to keep our school in shape. On Saturday 23rd November we are holding a Working Bee and are asking all of our SKiPPS families to spare a few hours to help out.

Our major aim is to address landscaping tasks around the grounds, complete a new seating area near the new sandpit and remove some fixed seating areas in our main school building. There will be a range of tasks that will suit all levels of physical fitness and expertise.

Come along, help out and finish with a classic sausage sizzle.
We look forward to seeing you there.



FETE NEWS

Hello Everyone,

18 weeks till the circus comes to town....and the rides are booked!

RIDES

The Cha Cha

Chair-o-Plane

Bungee Trampolines

Giant Slide

Basketball Shootout

Zap Zone (Laser Tag)

These will keep the kids entertained for the entire day with a Ticket-to-Ride wristband. Information on how to purchase a Ticket-To-Ride wristband will be sent out next week.

STALLS

The Grade stalls are coming together with a coordinator and plan for the following:

- Grade 6 - Lollybags and information
- Grade 5 - Ping Pong
- Grade 3 - Crazy Hair and Nails
- Grade 1 - Dig for Treasure

To the current Grade 1's and Grade 3's you will be the 2020 Grade 2 and 4 classes and at this stage you do not have a stall planned because no one has put up their hand to help coordinate it!! Yes this is a blatant pull on your heartstrings message but if you do not want your children to miss participating in a stall then time to step up. The Fete can only be successful with you on board so if you think you can help give Jo a call or email Jo.damo@hotmail.com



FETE NEWS

We are asking all families of the school community to donate:

- Little trinkets each no larger than a 10 cent piece (e.g. gemstones, dice etc.) for the Grade 1 stall. See examples attached.
- Coloured /clear hairspray, hair clips and bands, hair extensions, nail polishes, nail art for the Grade 3 stall.

Please put all donated goods into the box allocated in the school office



TOY STALL

DONATIONS NEEDED. We are looking for donations of new or pre loved toys, games, puzzles, children's books and basically anything you would find in a toy shop that we can sell on the day. All donations need to be in good usable condition. This is a fantastic opportunity to clear out toys, books and various other curios that you no longer use and raise funds for our school in the process!

We are accepting donations on:

Tuesday and Friday mornings in November between 8:30am and 9am at the Heritage shed located behind the 1/2 Classrooms. Follow the ramp to the left of the office and down the back stairs. If these times don't suit or you need clarification on the suitability of a donation, please feel free to contact Anna on annajbongiorno@gmail.com

Looking forward to receiving lots of incredible treasure to create a wonderful SKIPPS Toy Stall!

Thank you.

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KIDS **TRICK or TREAT**
ON FITZROY STREET

THURSDAY 31 OCTOBER . 4PM - 7PM

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FAMILY
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SKiPPS



Hello, my name is Natalie Marshall. I am a SKiPPS mum and children's book author and illustrator. I also design and produce my own range of greeting cards. My 'Little Red Owl' cards are stocked in retail shops locally and nationally.

I love SKiPPS - I currently have a daughter in Year 5 and another who has graduated from SKiPPS and is now in Year 8. To show my appreciation for all that SKiPPS has done for my kids I am running a special fundraiser.

To raise some money for our lovely school, I am offering the SKiPPS community packs of Little Red Owl greeting cards at 50% off regular retail price. SKiPPS will receive \$1.00 from the sale of every card. There are two pack sizes available:

PACK OF 10 CARDS

\$30.00

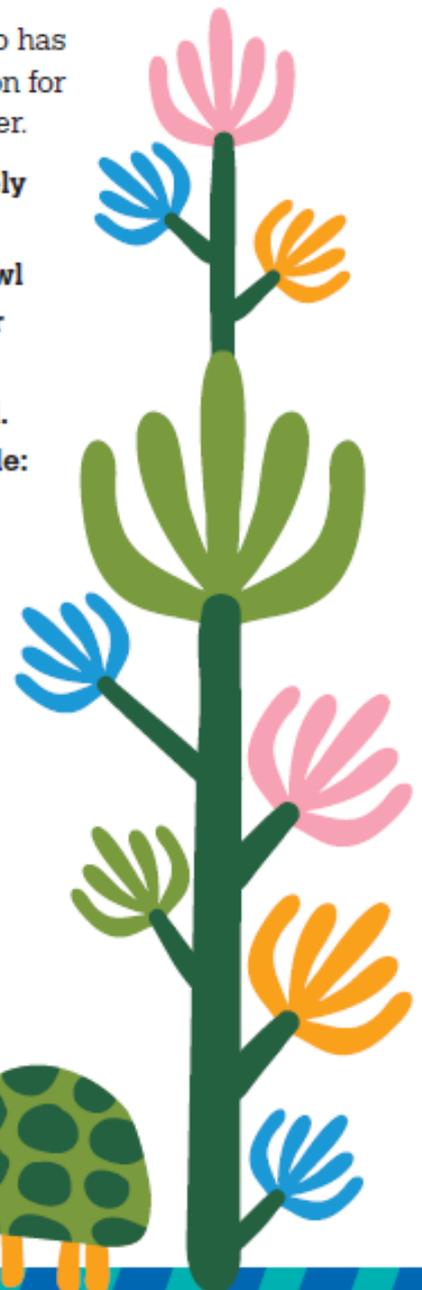
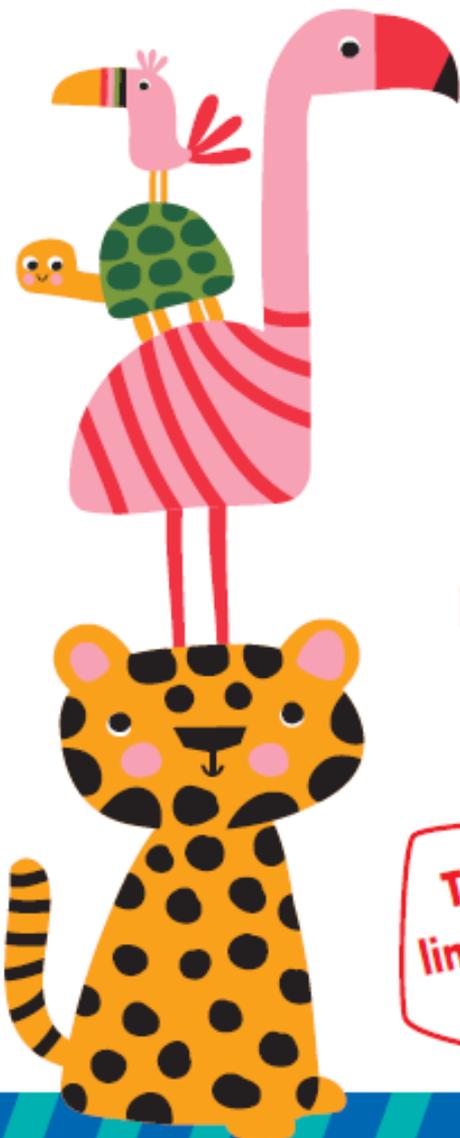
\$60.00 RRP value

PACK OF 20 CARDS

\$60.00

\$120.00 RRP value

There are limited packs available!



There are mix of designs in each pack. Each card comes with a colour co-ordinated envelope. The cards will not be packed into cello sleeves so the packs are plastic free!

Purchase a pack to pop in a drawer and always have a card when you need one!

SOME OF THE INCLUDED DESIGNS



TO ORDER YOUR PACK PLEASE VISIT:
<https://www.trybooking.com/554889>

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I am Veronica from Italy and I am planning to have a great challenge in Australia. I worked with children at SKIPPS during my previous stay in Australia in 2015.

Now I am looking for host families for 2/3 months (maybe longer). I am an Italian teacher and an Italian native speaker and I will be available for a part-time job, because I would like to start teaching Italian at schools next January.

If you want your children practising/learning another language, I will be extremely happy to share my Italian language and my culture with them too! I would like to improve my skills and my sense of responsibility with kids, taking care of them in different ways, such as cooking for them, reading books and playing with them, using creativity and imagination as much as I can.

I am a Working With Children card holder and as an educator, one of my goals is creating a constructive, positive and friendly atmosphere around me. I am a multitasking worker but I need my independence and my space to have a break from the busy routine.

If you ask me to describe who I would like to become for your kids and you, my response is: part of your family, completely integrated in your habits and routine and a person who you always count on when you and your children need help.

If you are interested, you can WhatsApp me on +39 340 7605411 or please call Larissa Lewis (where I stayed when I was at SKiPPS last time) on 0422 900 435.

Housing Wanted

A SKiPPS family are looking for a new home close to school—they would like a 2 bedroom place close by with rent up to \$400 per week. Parking is not required and a gas cook top would be great but not a deal breaker.

The family are very tidy and treat properties with respect and as our home.

They have no pets and are required to move out of their current apartment by Jan 30th 2020 but are able to move earlier as only required to give 14 days notice.

If you can help out, please contact Debs on 0414 738 281

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★ IS COMING TO TOWN ★

SAT | **29TH**
FEB
11AM UNTIL **6PM**

**CARNIVAL RIDES
SILENT AUCTION
FOOD, MUSIC
ENTERTAINMENT
MARKET STALLS
AND MORE!**

★ A FUN FAMILY DAY! ★

68 FITZROY STREET, ST KILDA

LAKESIDE CAROLS



At Gasworks Arts Park

SAVE THE DATE

5TH DEC 2019

**This free family event is a celebration of
Community, Charity and Connection**

**GATES OPEN AT 5PM
FOOD TRUCKS
KID'S CRAFT AREA
A VISIT FROM SANTA
LICENSED BAR**

**FIND US AT WWW.LAKESIDECAROLS.COM.AU OR ON FACEBOOK OR
INSTAGRAM #LAKESIDECAROLS**

Lakeside Carols is an NFP run by a team of local volunteers with the mission
of celebrating our wonderful CoPP community while raising funds for

St Kilda Mums



St Kilda Mums



Family Youth and Children 2019
Parenting Information Sessions

Managing Transitions

Transitions are inevitable and occur over a lifetime: from home to a care setting, primary to secondary school, and school to after-hours care, clubs, youth groups, and beyond.

This session will help you to:

- increase your child's confidence in managing change
- increase your child's social and emotional skills as they develop strategies while moving between contexts
- be confident in raising concerns with staff
- build your child's resilience so they can deal with life's challenges.

Louise Dorrat (MEd, BTeach, Dip SSc) delivers *Transition: A Positive Start to School* across Victoria. She teaches the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at universities and assisted in the set-up of the first Victorian Bush Kinder. Louise's engaging workshops for educators and parents have taken her around Australia.

Location:	Middle Park Community Centre 254-256 Richardson St, Middle Park
Date and time:	Thursday 7 November 2019, 6.30 to 8.30 pm
Cost:	\$10, or free with a concession card
Bookings:	https://www.trybooking.com/BALEG
Enquiries:	FYCParentInfoSessions@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Please note that child minding facilities are not available.