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Public Notices

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Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation

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- * Week One 10 am Skipton
- * Week Two 10 am Skipton
- * Week Three 10 am Skipton
- * Week Four 10 am Skipton
- * Week Five 11am Lismore.



St John The Baptist Catholic Church, Beaufort

- * Week One Sunday LLA 10:00am
- * Week Two Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- * Week Three Sunday LLA 10:00am
- * Week Four Sunday Mass 8:30 am
- * Week Five Sunday LLA 10:00am .



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Sunday Masses throughout

St Peter's Catholic Parish of Linton

Happy New Year all, St Brigid's Snake Valley will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary. This occasion will be marked by celebrating Mass on Saturday 3rd February at 6.30pm. All are invited to attend

St Brigid's, Snake Valley Saturday 6.30pm

St Peter's, Linton Sunday 9.00am

St John's, Skipton Sunday 10.30am

St. Aloysius, Redan St. James, Sebastopol

Thursday 9.30am Friday 9.30am

Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 10.30am

Sunday 9.00am



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Wednesday – 7.00am and 12:05pm Thursday – 7.00am and 12:05pm

Friday – 12.05pm, (Reconciliation at 10:30 am until midday)

Saturday –10.00am (Reconciliation at 10.30am)

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm



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BIBLE THOUGHT

All Humanity is justified by the Eternal Creator
God's grace alone.

Romans chapter 13 verse 24

Public Notices

THANK YOU

Re; Mary Layley.

We the family of Mary Layley would like to pass on our sincere thank you for all the gifts,

flowers, cards, phone calls text messages and kind words on the recent passing of our dear

mum, nana and great nana.

As was her wish she was privately buried on the 16 th of February.

She will be greatly missed, but now reunited with Dad.

Such a huge part of all our lives we have been so lucky to have her for so long.

She will always have a special place in our hearts.

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Editor needed

The Skipton Progress Association is looking for a new editor for the community news. After 30 amazing years as editor, Kathy has chosen to retire from the role of editor for Skipton Community News.

The community news plays a vital role in communicating news of events and achievements for those in Skipton and the sounding district.

The Skipton Community News is one part of the Skipton Progress Association and has been a part of our community for over 47 years. The role of editor involves compiling all items for the newsletter, photocopying the newsletter and coordinating the on line platforms that .The position would suit one person or a group of people who have time to help with the newsletter.

All resources to fulfill the position are supplied by the SPA as well as costs for out of pocket expenses each month.

As with editors in the past, they have made their own direction with the newsletter working with and having the support from SPA.

For further information and enquires contact:

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At our AGM on Thursday the following were elected as office bearers and committee members for the next 12 months.:

President: David Hunneybell email: presidentskiptonpa@gmail.com

Vice President: Malcolm Sanders

2nd Vice President: Elizabeth (Lilla) Orton

Secretary: Jessica Lang email: secretaryskiptonpa@gmail.com

Treasurer: Angela Gowan treasurerskiptonpa@gmail.com

Committee member:s : John La Mund, John Kavanah, Natash Frisby, & Jan Murphy.

As usual Cr Nick Cole presided over the election..

The Presidents report for 2023-24 contained the following:

A sincere thank you to Kathy & Michael Sproules, Kathy for all the hard work as editor of our SCN, for over 30years and Michael for his many years as Treasurer of the Association and to both of them for their many years of community service in many clubs/groups/organisations in Skipton and district.

The Paper is our major fundraiser, and yes it does contained a few ads. These advertisers all serve our community and need your support whenever you can. Without the ads, or far fewer of them, we would have to apply for grants and that would mean taking funds away from other local groups who have no other way of raising funds for their projects.

Our market continues, but like most country markets, with fewer numbers, and less cash around it is the stall holders wishes and the snack and a tea/coffee available by the hard working volunteers in the adjoining supper room that keeps this going.

Other achievements that your SPA did for the year was helping the Skipton Pool Trust to obtain grants for new equipment, offers to help with the highly successful celebration of World Womens Day, We also wrote letters of support for our council to retain the ward election system to ensure we were represented in council by people who new the needs of this district, We were very pleased to recently hear the electoral commission had decided to retain the ward system which I feel is a major win for common sense and fair representation.

Our Skipton Pride group headed by Malcom held a number of Art & Craft events through the year and all were very well attended, some being sold out almost immediately these were held in our well equipped Mechanics Hall another event held by Malcolm's group was a meal (50% subsidized by SPA) where the Chinese chef spoke of his journey to where he is now and also gave a demonstration on some very ancient Chinese musical instruments, this of course was also held in the halls supper room which also has an excellent well equipped industrial kitchen.

We usually also provided financial and physical help to the Skipton Historical Society with their annual Australia Day celebration. This year the Shire organised the whole event except for the traditional flag raising which was performed by the SHS. That was a highly successful event and the Shire need to be congratulated for the event. The public meeting we called for public input into the Skipton Plan had 26 people attend despite freezing cold, torrential rain and a howling wind. This meeting came about due to feed back and complaints from local residents that a small group of people were consulting with council and the residents who live here were not being given a say in the future of the town.

We also continued to pay private contractors to mow the grass on this end of the rail trail after we managed to get council to fence off these areas to allow this and some sheep grazing while ensuring the trees planted and cared for over many years were not destroyed.

Our spring festival was a great success, coupled with help from the SHS and many locals. This was a project of our events committee headed by Natasha Frisby, with Helen Purvis donating many hours of her time helping organize and advertise the event. The events committee organise our events and comprise of some committee members and non members which makes for some great new ideas. The completion of the Blade Shearer monument after it was first started before the pandemic and at a cost of many \$000/s was a major achievement by both past and present SPA members. But well worth all the work This years annual Spring Festival will be held on Saturday 9th November 2024. Please spread the work and keep the date free.

For Christmas we helped the op-shop put on their annual town Christmas party, as well as helped them with their own town Christmas decorations along with our own town Christmas lights which are an on going project. Last but certainlt not least, while Lilla has now moved into 2nd Vice President position we have to thank Lilla for all her many years as Secretary of the SPA along with all the many other hats Lilla ears Thank you

Stay safe and all the best for 2024
David Hunneybell
President SPA



2024 OPEN DAY

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20
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9.45am	School Tour Groups	4.30pm
10.45am	Q & A Session	5.30pm
	Information Session	6.00pm

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YOUR PAPER

While the SCN is published by the SPA it's aim is to keep everyone up to date with plans ideas and local news representing everyone in Skipton and the district.

To accomplish this we need your input, along with all the regular contributors, we also welcome any input from all the many clubs, organisations, and groups who do not get their story/activities out except for in the events calendar.

Please send us your stories, so we can share them with everyone, maybe just a photo with a description.

Let everyone know we have a very strong volunteer community and lots of activities going on.

Not enough activities? Come along to our events committee meetings and let us know what you want - or better still join us and help us organise events..

The next Skipton Spring Festival is booked in for Saturday 9th November 2024 and we hope to have the blade shearer demonstrations, modern shearing demos and free childrens entertainment etc.

We are also planning a music type festival, on a bigger scale to hold before end of March 2025. People with experience in this kind of event are especially welcome to our events meetings.

The Lake Bolac Eel Festival recognises the annual autumn Aboriginal gatherings by the lake to feast on eels as they started their migration downstream and out to sea.

PROGRAM

Friday March 22
• Art Auction

Saturday March 23

• Live music from the festival and buskers stage • twilight celebration • workshops • food and market stalls • information displays • Welcome to Country • Festival Forum

ARTISTS

Brett Clarke • Seal Prince and the Roof Rats • Tim Scanlan
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HarvFest Ball 2024

On Saturday 3 February the sixth annual HarvFest Ball was held at Carranballac Recreation Reserve.

HarvFest Ball is an annual event, designed to bring the community together and support local organisations. All tickets for the event sold out, and a wonderful evening was had with great company, live music and great catering.

The HarvFest Ball committee sincerely thanks all sponsors, without whom the event would not have been possible.



The 2024 HarvFest Sponsors were:

- **Platinum sponsor:** Bingham Agriculture
- **Gold sponsor:** Grovers Rural Supplies
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- **Bronze sponsors:** Ballarat Toyota, Fox & Lillie Rural Skipton, Mortimer Petroleum, and WesternAg Spraying

This year, we auctioned a 600L slip-on fire unit thanks to gold sponsor Grovers Rural Supplies, stunning diamond earrings custom made by Nic at NDV Designs, and a Honda CRF50 motorbike from Motorcycle Land Ballarat.

All proceeds from this auction will go to local community organisations through our 2024 Grants. Our thanks to Tom Madden from TB White & Sons for his auctioneering skills again this year.

For something different this year, we also crowned a Belle and Beau of the Ball. Our winners were gifted \$100 vouchers to RB Sellars – thank you to the RB Sellars team for supporting this new addition to the Ball.

Thanks also to the local organisations and community groups who volunteered their time to support the Ball, including: Carranballac Cricket Club, Carranballac Progress Association, SMW Rovers Football Netball Club, Skipton Primary School Parents' Association, Skipton Football Netball Club, Derrinallum P-12 College, Lake Bolac Bush Nursing Centre and other local volunteers.

HarvFest 2024 grants now open

HarvFest Ball is proud to give back to local community groups and organisations again this year, with applications for this year's HarvFest grants now open via Google forms. If you are part of a local group, organisation or project that could benefit from funding, please complete an application by **5pm Thursday 28 March**. To apply, go to <https://forms.gle/VPAXUPPyxAiTp5K59> or visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/harvfestball>) for the live link or email hello@harvfest.me for more information.

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2025!



HarvFest Committee 2024:
Emily Fairbairn-Calvert, Paul Liston,
Alex Phillips, Darren Fletcher,
Clive Fairbairn-Calvert, and (not
pictured) Natalie Robertson.



Victorian 2023-2024 Storm Recovery

If you have been affected by the Victorian 2023-2024 storms; relief and recovery help is available.

After an emergency it can be difficult to know what to do next. We can:

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- Connect with recovery specific supports.
- Navigate insurance claims.
- Link in with business support.
- Support your mental health and wellbeing.
- Learn techniques to help you or your family cope with stress.
- Link with legal supports.
- Connect you with clean up programs.
- Discuss disaster preparedness.

If you were severely impacted by the recent storms, you may be eligible to be referred to a Recovery Support worker. They can provide regular, personalised, one-on-one support to assist you with managing your recovery.

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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

URGENT CARE CENTRE – A CRITICAL SERVICE

The bushfire emergency in the Beaufort region recently highlighted the crucial role that skilled and local emergency services had in supporting communities during the fires. In addition, the importance of having efficient and a highly competent healthcare team was also made evident while many community members were impacted by the event. During the Beaufort campus evacuation, the Urgent Care Centre continued to play a vital role to community members.



Nicole Clarke (Nurse Unit Manager) and Tony Grundell (Registered Nurse) attending to a patient in the Beaufort Urgent Care Centre

CEO, Meryn Pease, expressed her thanks to her Health Service staff at a recent afternoon tea organised as a show of appreciation for the outstanding effort. "I am immensely proud of the Beaufort and Skipton Health Service team and the outstanding job they did in evacuating nearly 30 vulnerable patients and residents, and I must say, this was done while providing care to community members through our Urgent Care Centre," Ms Pease said.

The recent event highlighted the vital role the Urgent Care Centre played in delivering essential healthcare assistance as several team members managed to provide care to patients with various medical needs, including those suffering from smoke inhalation and breathing difficulties.



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BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

“These difficult times have shown just how important our Urgent Care Centre is and that it is available 24/7, and particularly when our community is facing a crisis.” Ms Pease expressed. “It is essential that our community is reassured during these times, knowing that our Health Service nurses are trained to handle everything from minor injuries to serious medical emergencies, and they can even consult with GP’s or the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department for additional expertise,” Ms Pease explained. “Our team also includes a number of Rural and Isolated Practice Registered Nurses who provide specialised skills, offering services such as administration of certain medications without the need for GP prescriptions, immunisations, treatment of wounds and minor illnesses,” she went on to say.

The Beaufort and Skipton Health Urgent Care Centres and their respective services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing a range of care and services to support the community.

SKIPTON OUTINGS BUS

Would you like to join our next social outing? Our next outing will be to Maryborough to visit the gardens and the shops on Tuesday 19 March. We will then have lunch at the Maryborough Golf Course. The bus will leave at 10am from the Skipton campus.

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Upcoming Events

Term 1, Week 7

Monday 11th March

- Labour Day Public Holiday – no school

NAPLAN Week 1

Term 1, Week 8

Thursday 21st March

- Grand Prix Experience Grade 3 – 6

NAPLAN Week 2

Grade 5/6 Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 1, Week 9

P – 4 Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 25th March

- School Council 6pm

Thursday 28th March

- Last day of term

Assembly 2pm, 2.30pm finish

Term 2, Week 1

Monday 15th April – First day Term 2

This week has been so busy! We have to congratulate our Student Voice team! All students have been selected by their friends and we have had an extremely successful first meeting, thanks to our Student Voice Captain, Georgia Liston. Her team for the year includes... Claudia B, Isabel R, Jack S, April G and our 4 Captains, Evie F, George R, Isabelle V and Angus K. Our Student Voice will feature throughout the year in our Newsletter and at events.

We have had some wonderful sporting success also this week, for both staff and students! Evie F made her way to the next level of Swimming Sports for both of her events (breaststroke and butterfly) and although they don't make it to the next round, our Grade 6 relay team (Emily, George, Angus & Evie) placed fourth in the medley. Congratulations also to Nat and her team winning their tennis grand final! We also had some very impressive efforts from students in the Skipton Triathlon. Well done to...Lucy B, Claudia B, Charlie R, Isabel R, George R, Evie F, Angus K, Dom S, Maisie M, Eve B, Freddie W and George M (I hope I remembered everyone!)

It is exciting to have so much positivity around at the moment, hopefully it can continue for all of you over the long weekend.

Stay cool!

Chanelle Pelchen

Our Learning

Prep – 2

We will be learning how to do 'choral reading' to improve our fluency this week and reading familiar books to practice this skill. In writing we will be working on recording the sounds we can hear to spell unknown words. We will be writing a variety of texts to continue our focus on the correct use of capital letters and full stops. Place value continues to be our focus in maths as we look specifically at ordering numbers.

Grade 3/4

In the 3 / 4 class we have been developing team working and resilience skills across the week over and above the learning in our traditional areas. Next week we will be being exploring Australian as Mrs Stevens will be gaining Australian citizenship on Tuesday. In maths the preparation for Naplan continues alongside developing an understanding of inverse operations and the links between addition and subtraction. Literacy see the culmination of our narrative learning and creating some exciting and engaging text.

Grade 5/6

Week 7 in Grade 5-6 will see the Grade 5s complete the first of their 4 NAPLAN assessments. We'll continue our comprehension focus, with students working on monitoring while reading and identifying figurative language within their Literature Circle texts. Maths will continue to focus on multiplication, with students eager to revise old strategies and learn new, efficient ones. Keep an eye on Compass next week, as Parent-Teacher Interview times will open up for the following week.



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School Council

It is TIME TO NOMINATE! If you would like to be a part of our School Council, please collect a nomination form from the office. The time commitments include eight meetings per year on a Monday night (School Councils) and one sub-committee per term. The council is currently likely to have four vacancies for the upcoming school year and all of these vacancies are for parents. Nominations will not be required as yet, but if you are thinking about being involved or have any questions, please see Chanelle.

Parent Helpers!

We are always looking for volunteers to support our students learning and listen to them read. In the coming weeks, as our buildings reach completion, we will be on the lookout for anyone who may like to help out.

CSEF and Conveyance Allowance

There are two forms of student financial assistance available for some families. If you are attending your closest primary school and drive more than 5km to your bus stop, you may be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance to assist with travel expenses. CSEF is also available to families who have a current healthcare card and receive some sort of government assistance. CSEF is \$150.00 per year and can be used to help pay for camps, sports or excursions. If you think you qualify for either of these options please see Natalie for an application form.

NAPLAN

It is getting to that time where our Grade 3 and 5 students are preparing for NAPLAN. At Skipton PS or NAPLAN days will be...

WRITING – Wednesday 13th March READING – Thursday 14th
March LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS – Monday 18th March
NUMERACY – Tuesday 19th March

*Catch up days to follow. Exact Days and Times may change slightly. *

Awards

Prep – 2

Kiara Healey – For working really hard to learn her sounds and blending them together to read new words. Well done Kiara!

Jak Van Roon – Doing a great job reading and ordering two digit numbers. Well done Jak!

Grade 3/4

Jack Smith – Showing leadership and kindness to all in the class. Well done Jack!

Grade 5/6

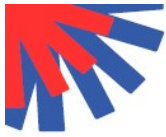
Alfie Sim – His high level of enthusiasm when learning new multiplication strategies. Your smile when you learnt a new strategy lit up the room! I am proud of you!

Principal Award

Georgia Liston – For the incredibly professional approach she has taken towards being our Student voice Captain. You are incredible, Georgia!

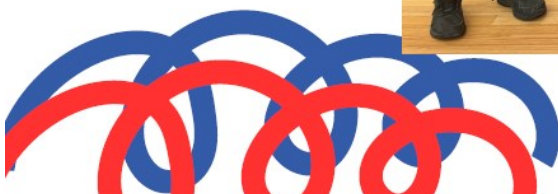
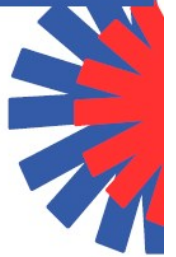


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Victorian State School Spectacular Rehearsal #1

Special thanks to Megan for helping us get there!



This is Hara, she is our Dance Teacher!



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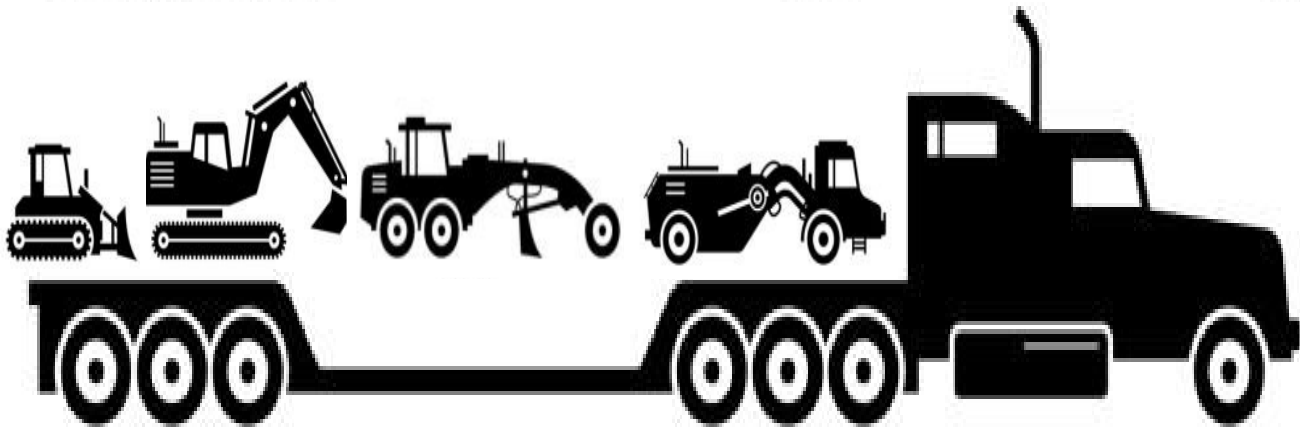
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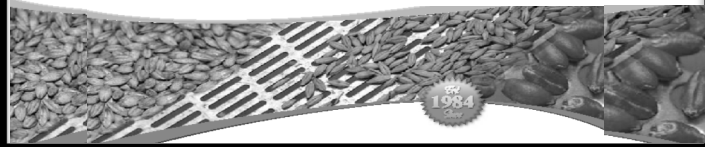
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