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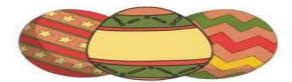
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Contact: Marilyn Ellis 5340 3515 for enquires

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Contact Stewart or Belle 5349 5553 with enquiries.

Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation Skipton / Lismore

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



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



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Saturday -10.00am (Reconciliation at 10.30am)

WEEKEND MASSES Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil

Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm

BIBLE THOUGHT

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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.

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Two free concerts for seniors

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Wednesday 8 May, 10.30 am–12 pm Skipton Bowls Club

Eric Read

Wednesday 5 June, 10.30 am–12 pm Terang-Mortlake Football Netball Club, Strong Street, Terang

Light lunch provided at both events. Bookings essential on 5593 7100.

Positive Ageing & Inclusion

Active Seniors Program information session

Come along to this free information session. Guest speakers will include:

- Dietitian from South West Healthcare
- Stroke Foundation spokesperson
- Elder Rights Advocacy Representative

Wednesday 10 April, 10.30 am

Killara Centre, Camperdown

Light lunch provided. Bookings essential on 5593 7100.



Free art sessions for youth aged 12 -25

- Collage Animals, Thursday 28 March, 4-6 pm
- Decorating Shoes With Art, Thursday 11 April, 4-6 pm
- Stencil Art, Thursday 9 May, 4-6 pm
- Magazine Collage Art, Thursday 23 May, 4-6 pm
- Papier Mâché Mask/Wall Hanging Session
 1, Thursday 13 June, 4-6 pm
- Papier Mâché Mask/Wall Hanging Session 2, Thursday 27 June, 4-6 pm

Facilitated By Stacey Williams Alderwood Manor, 56 Curdie Street, Cobden. Scan the QR code to register.

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Stay informed and keep up-to-date with what's happening around Corangamite Shire by subscribing to our monthly e-news at corangamite.vic.gov.au/e-news





Media Release



Friday 15 March 2024

Flares, e-waste start more landfill fires

Serious injuries—or worse—and millions of dollars in damage are possible if careless people keep throwing batteries, e-waste and flares into the rubbish.

Corangamite Shire Staff have repeatedly been called on to fight fires at Corangamite Landfill started by incorrect disposal.

Council Coordinator Waste and Environmental Sustainability Sofia Myers said staff were at their wits' end.

"There was one day in January when three fires started from municipal waste disposed of at the landfill. The fires were caused by one flare, and two batteries. We've never seen this many fires in one day.

"If that had happened on an extreme fire day, the consequences could have been disastrous."

Ms Myers congratulated the landfill team for repeatedly stepping up.

"Our team is well trained in dealing with small emergencies but they shouldn't be put in potential danger because of their job.

"We have outstanding operators who have great skill on heavy machinery.

"Recently we had two fires in the waste caused only by inappropriate appliances put into the waste bins.

"Another was caused by an e-scooter with the battery igniting when compacted.

"We need members of the public to help keep our people, and residents around the landfill safe."

"We would like to remind the public that no one should ever place hazardous items like old flares or lithium, household, and lead acid batteries or jump starters into their wheelie bins or skips.

"They can start a fire in the waste truck or a landfill when crushed with a compactor."

Batteries and flares burn at high temperatures for a long time which can set fire to waste and create serious land, air and water pollution.

Expensive landfill liners, leachate and gas collection systems can also be damaged, allowing more pollution to escape and disrupt essential services.

Ms Myers encouraged residents to separate out their e-Waste, including batteries, and dispose of them free of charge at the landfill or their nearest transfer station.



Free career training for Shire residents aged 15-25

Food Safety Handler (SITXFSA005 -Use Hygienic Practices for food safety)

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Resume Writing and Cover Letter

When: Tuesday 9 July, 9 am-1 pm

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Camperdown

HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid (includes CPR) – 2 dates/venues

When: Wednesday 10 July, 9 am-4.30 pm

Where: Killara Room 210-212 Manifold Street

Camperdown

When: Thursday 3 October

Where: Mechanics Hall Skipton 35/43 Wright

Street Skipton

White Card (CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to Work Safely in Construction Industry)

When: Tuesday 1 October, 9 am-4 pm

Where: Killara Room 210-212 Manifold Street

Camperdown

Register at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Youth-

Training







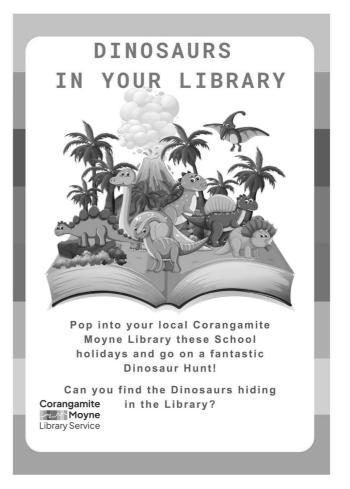
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This includes registering your pet and abiding by Council laws regarding walking your dog and disposing of their waste appropriately.

Animal registrations must be renewed by 10 April each year.

Council sends a letter to all registered pet owners in the Shire to remind them when they need to renew.

You can pay your registration in person at the Civic Centre, or via BPAY/Post BillPay using the details on your renewal notice or at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Pet-rego

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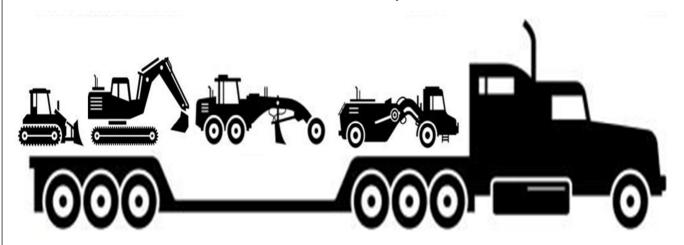


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Driving Learning - Grand Prix Experience

Students in Grades 3-6 should have permission forms on Compass to be signed.

We are so excited about this wonderful opportunity and the learning we can do! For more information, please head to... https://www.grandprix.com.au/community/schools

School Council

Final call for any nominations.

Please ask Chanelle or Nat if you have any questions, we are still on the hunt for a couple more interested parents or carers.

Badge Presentations!

Our Student leadership badges have arrived! On Monday, at 3:10pm, we will be holding badge presentations. Everyone is welcome to attend to support our acknowledgement of our wonderful student leaders.

Easter Raffle

Easter raffle tickets went home with students last week. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year with all proceeds going towards a new Basketball/netball court for our students. If you can please send your donations of eggs or anything Easter themed into the office so that we can organise prizes asap would be greatly appreciated. More raffle tickets are also available from the office!

NAPLAN

IOur Grade 3 and 5 students are half way through NAPLAN. We have just two to go with catch up days available for those that may have been absent.

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS - Monday 18th March
NUMERACY - Wednesday 20th March
*Catch up days to follow. Exact Days and Times may change
slightly. *

Voluntary Financial Contribution

A huge thank you to the families who have already paid their Voluntary Financial Contribution.

This payment supports the use and purchase of:

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If you would like to check if you have made a payment, or have any further questions, please see Nat or Chanelle.



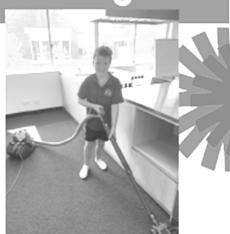
Newsletters in 2024, will be shared via Compass and Facebook. If you would like a hard copy, please let us know!



Choice Learning!!!





















This week, Mrs Stevens was invited along to a ceremony to celebrate her OFFICIAL Australian Citizenship.

Congratulations, Mrs Stevens! We are very proud of you and very lucky to have you here at Skipton.











Term 1, Week 7-15th March, 2024

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NAPLAN Week 2

Monday 18th March

 Student Leader Badge Presentations 3:10

Tuesday 19th March

 Grade 5/6 Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 20th March

 Grade 5/6 Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 21st March

Grand Prix Experience Grade 3
 Grand Prix Experience Grade 3

Term l. Week 9

Monday 25th March

· School Council 6pm

Wednesday 27th March

- P 4 Parent Teacher Interviews
- О

Thursday 28th March

- Last day of term
- Assembly 2pm, 2.30pm finish

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Monday 15th April

First day Term 2

Term 2, Week 2

Thursday 25th April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

7,300

It is hard to believe that our term is almost over! With only two weeks to go, we have so many things ready to happen! We have the end to our NAPLAN assessments for our Grade 3 and 5 students, badge presentations for our 2024 student leaders, our Grade 3-6 Grand Prix excursion, Harmony Day celebrations, Parent Teacher Interviews, the Easter raffle, our final assembly and a special lunch to finish off the term!

I would encourage all families to please make a Parent Teacher Conference booking. It is a great opportunity early in the year to see how your child is settling in their new grade level and be able to identify the learning goals your child is striving towards.

Please know that Georgie and Mrs Munson will be available also for interviews or phone calls between 3:30pm and 4:30pm on Wednesday the 27th of March. If you would like to book one of these appointments, please let me know. I have no doubt they would love to let you know what is happening in their classes!

Chanelle Pelchen

Our Learning

Prep - 2

In the Foundation-2 class next week we will be reading and writing about celebrations that are special to our families. Students will be building, reading and writing words focusing on the sounds they are learning in Sounds Write. Some students are focusing on developing their vocabulary and comprehension skills through their novel study of 'Fing' by David Walliams. We will continue to focus on number in maths and explore different ways we can represent a range of numbers.

Grade 3/4

The 3/4's have taken on the challenge of Naplan with a great positive mindset. The week ended on a high with the UK v's Aussie taste test. Next week we will be combining our addition and subtraction knowledge. Literacy work moves to the development of sentences and how to apply strategies to our literacy understanding.

Grade 5/6

Week 8 in Fantastic 5-6 will see the Grade 5s complete their final two NAPLAN assessments (Language Conventions & Numeracy). During this time, the Grade 6s will participate in peer learning opportunities with the Grade 4s. We'll work on Goal Setting so our term goals can be shared at Parent-Teacher Interviews, which will take place on Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. In Maths, we'll begin division, to finish our term covering all four processes. Thursday will be the week's highlight with our day at the Grand Prix!



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Skipton Cemetery's Lost Register

Way back in 1928 there was a house fire that consumed all the records of the Skipton Cemetery Trust, a long-lasting event with repercussions to the present day!

Enter the 21st century and the rise of 'Trove' and the Internet. Whilst it was practical to create a roll call of burials earlier than this, it is now all so much easier. Delving into older resources first, namely the 'Digger' genealogical product, I started by extracting "Skipton deaths", thence on to deceased persons born at Skipton as the place of death does not appear on the index entries until about 1880.

A minor complication arises for early times when Skipton was administered from Chepstowe, twenty kilometres away. Also, a number of deaths occurred at nearby pastoral stations and the Mt Emu Creek. So, the search criteria needed to widen accordingly.

The ensuing spreadsheet data is then checked by a similar exercise using the Justice Department's website: https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/research-and-family-history/search-your-family-history

Then back to 'Digger' to extract all the inquest data, to be checked against the PROV website. The PROV also provides probate data to add to the mix: https://prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/online-collections

It's then time to add in all the existing memorials at the cemetery which, incidentally, covered about half the individuals concerned.

Hours then spent dredging through 'Trove' extracting death events for locals and, along the way, discovering quite a few buried at Skipton who died elsewhere. Or, sometimes confusingly, only memorialised here: https://trove.nla.gov.au/search/advanced/category/newspapers

The only way to verify all this data is to obtain the death certificate for each person - an expensive exercise - very generously funded by Corangamite Shire, Pyrenees Shire, Skipton Progress Association and the harvFEST group along with other Skipton Associations and individuals. While we don't know the actual burial site for many of those discovered, we are still much better informed than we were. The death certificates also give a hint as to immigration date which can be followed up on line at the PROV:

https://prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/online-collections

It is worth noting that one certificate records a burial place that is obviously incorrect, so they are not infallible!

The results of these efforts are freely available on line at The Skipton Cemetery

A very useful text based database of Victorian BDM index data is online at

https://web.archive.org/web/20230228000633/http://bdmabbreviations.steveparker.id.au/vicbdmfree.htm

As there will always be a new source to explore, like the elusive 'Abstract of Accounts' submitted yearly by the Cemetery Trust to Melbourne and possibly hiding in the PROV also, the burial places of the partners of those interred here, the research will be ongoing. To date 395 interments have been discovered dating to before the fire, with 208 of these previously unknown. The exercise has also highlighted a couple of grazier families which did not always see fit to inform the local registrar of a death in their family; it was a long way to town on horseback way back then, no doubt.



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Date: Wednesday 13 March 2024

TIME TO RENEW YOUR PET'S REGISTRATION

Local pet-owners in Golden Plains Shire recently received their annual animal registration renewal notice in the mail.

Under the Victorian Government's *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, all dogs and cats over the age of three months must be registered by 10 April.

To renew a pet's registration for 2024, residents can review their notices and have several payment options;

- In-person visit Council's Customer Hubs: 2 Pope Street, Bannockburn and 19 Heales Street, Smythesdale
- BPAY If you are making a payment via BPAY, please ensure to double check the BPAY reference number located at the bottom of your renewal notice. Using an incorrect number will result in the payment not being applied to your registration.
- Over the phone at 5220 7111
- Post Billpay

Residents wishing to pay their pet registration by instalments can sign-up to a payment plan by calling Council's Customer Experience team on 5220 7111. Payment plans will be available by BPAY.

Owners with microchipped and desexed pets pay the discounted rate of \$51, rather than the full annual registration fee of \$145 per cat and \$164 per dog. Further discounts are available for certain card holders. For a detailed list of discounted options, visit **goldenplains.vic.gov.au/pet-registration**

Pet registration is compulsory under Victorian law and there are benefits to pet-owners of ensuring their pet's registration is up to date. When registered pets are lost or stray away from home, registration makes it easy for Council to safely and quickly reunite pets and owners, a service that Golden Plains Shire Council offers free for the first return to home.

Residents who would like to receive their pet registration notices by email and pay them online in the future, can register at **erates.goldenplains.vic.gov.au** Residents who receive a notice for a pet they no longer own are asked to complete and return the Statement of Change slip on the back of the notice.

Mayor Cr Brett Cunningham encouraged residents to renew their pet registration and register their animals.

"Council is committed to ensuring the safety of all dogs and cats in Golden Plains Shire. We strongly urge all residents to take on the role of responsible pet owners by promptly registering their cherished pets by 10 April."

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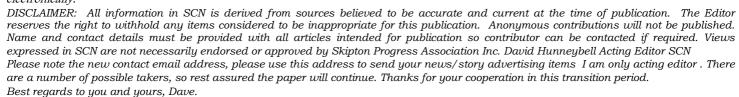
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SKIPTON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MEETS EVERY MONDAY AT SKIPTON MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL

From **2pm till 4pm** on Monday, and on the **fourth Monday** have an earlier start of **12 noon** for Lunch. Committee Meeting follows at 2pm. "Seniors" is a fantastic way to enjoy a weekly outing and to make new friends. Play Cards, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, and "lots of Other Stuff"!!

- * Seniors also have trips and outings throughout the year.
- * Just come along, you will be happy you did.

SKIPTON LIBRARY IN MECHANIC'S HALL

Opening Times: Tuesday 10.00am to 12.00pm, Friday 3.00pm to 5.00pm. Fiction, non-fiction, LARGE PRINT, DVD's, E-Books, Children books & DVDs, Biographies. Free membership, all welcome. Come and check us out

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Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd March: LAKE BOLAC 14th EEL FESTIVAL. Festival theme: "Song, Story, Dance: Ceremony and Celebration" Art Auction, Music and Heaps More.

- Friday Art Auction: Smoking Ceremony;
- Saturday Forum Snapshots
- The 2024 Eel Festival will include the well-loved Healing Walk, Art Auction, Smoking Ceremony, Music Program, Forum, a multitude of workshops, and the Twilight Ceremony.

Sunday 24th March. **FRIENDS OF THE RSL SKIPTON BRANCH** invite all veterans to a **REUNION LUNCHEON FOR ALL WAR VETERANS**, at the Skipton Golf and Bowls Club, Skipton, from 12.00 noon. Lunch, entertainment and a chance to catch up with friends, fellow veterans and their families.

Please ring Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293, for an invitation or for contact..

Monday 25th March: **THE SKIPTON & DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB** meet at 7:30 pm, in the Supper Room Mechanics Hall, Skipton. **Theme TBA:** Everyone welcome, young, old, amateur, professional or just interested. Enquires Karen Bradshaw 0439 630 884

29th March Good Friday—1 April easter Monday Wishing all our readers and advertisers a very happy and safe Easter.

Monday 15th April **SKIPTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** meet at 7pm at the Mechanics Hall all welcome.

Sunday 21st April: FIREWORLD DISCOVERY CENTRE & MUSEUM (Streatham) open from 11:30am until 4:30pm
Contact Bruce McKenna, Secretary/Treasurer 0466 286 011

2nd ANNUAL SKIPTON SPRING FESTIVAL 9th November 2024

Our next events group meeting will be at the Jubilee Centre On 11th April At 1pm

We welcome your ideas, knowledge and input for this event.

To be part of this group you do not need to be a member of SPA.

We plan other events through the year, and hope to include as many local clubs and organisations as possible.