

DRAGON TALES

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SCHOOL MISSION

Provide high quality education in a positive, supportive environment,
enabling all students to achieve their potential.

FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2019

THE FORTNIGHT AHEAD

FEBRUARY

4 Monday	School Assembly 10.45am
6 Wednesday	Bushfire Safety Drill No School Prep Students
7 Thursday	Finance Committee Grounds Sub Committee Education Sub Committee
11 Monday	Classroom Information Sessions P-2 1.15pm—2.15pm 3—6 2.15pm—3.15pm
12 Tuesday	Geelong Football Players Visit School Council 7pm
13 Wednesday	No School Prep Students
14 Thursday	Education Essential Items Fee Payments Due
20 Wednesday	No School Prep Students
22 Friday	Parent Teacher Interviews 12pm—3.30pm
27 Wednesday	No School Prep Students

MARCH

6 March	No School Prep Students
8 Friday	House Athletics Sports Day
11 Monday	Labour Day Holiday
13 Wednesday	Prep Students Resume
25 Monday - 27 Wed	Year 3—6 Cape Bridgewater School Camp

APRIL

5 Friday	Last Day Term 1
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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As the 2019 school year begins I would like to welcome back all our families with a particular mention to our families who are just beginning their connection to our school with the enrolment of their first child in prep.

“Enriching learning through opportunity” is a phrase we use to drive our daily work. A new school year presents us all with the opportunity to consider just what goals we will challenge ourselves with over the learning cycle. For us as a school it is about giving each student every opportunity to thrive.



Our vision is strong: *At Simpson Primary School, we will develop a caring school environment that provides an inclusive, respectful learning experience where every individual engages to be the best version of themselves.*

Our values underpin a little school with a big heart:

“At Simpson we C.A.R.E.”

Considerate- We consider

Accepting- We accept

Respectful- We respect

Engage- We engage

Over the course of this year all of our students will have many opportunities to grow and develop skills that are essential for creating life-long learners, who are resilient and actively pursue the opportunities that life provides them, with confidence and passion. This year we will be adding to the acknowledgement of behaviours with a new rewards system based on our house teams. If your child brings home a ‘Gotcha’ card they have contributed to their team with positive behaviour.

Working with your child is a privilege that our team here at Simpson Primary School take very seriously. You too, as parents are part of this team. Please be an active part of your child’s learning journey through involvement in classrooms, on excursions, as volunteers and with support of routines and habits that help create just the right conditions for great learning. We look forward to working with you all over this and future years.

Tabatha Robb was successful in being appointed as our Business Manager. Tabatha will be available in the office:

Monday 8:30- 3:30

Tuesday 8:30- 4:30

Thursday 8:30- 3:30

Friday 8:30 am to 10:30.

I would ask all parents to please make use of this time for communication and queries rather than try to make teaching

staff handle administration issues during their teaching time. No questions is a silly one. If you are wondering we are more than happy to provide you with any information that we can to ensure you are fully informed about just what is happening here at our school. Remember to make use of our other sources of communication such as our 'Skool bag' App where we post information blasts such as late bus arrivals, excursion information and where you can provide absence notes, fill in permission forms and see our newsletter. Our bi-weekly newsletter will again be printed on a Thursday. An electronic copy is able to be e-mailed or can be found on our web page and on Skoolbag. We also send out a bi-weekly 'Recent news blast' as an e-mail to families who have provided us with their e-mail address, this news comes directly from our web page which changes each alternate fortnight. Regular information sessions and interviews are held here at school with our first parent information sessions planned for Monday 11th of February. Together we can achieve great things.

In the foyer at the moment we have an assortment of forms that might be helpful for families. Feel free to ask to get copies if you feel you need one.

A big part of feeling connected to the school community is a sense of belonging. One of the ways we help children feel this is through all being in school uniform. This helps create a strong sense of pride in our school environment. As parents please do your part to ensure that your child is in their uniform daily.

Approved School uniform items 2018-2019

Yellow polo shirt – Short sleeve (can have school logo)

Green Year 6 polo shirt – short sleeve (grade 6 students only)

Green half zip polar fleece jumper (school logo) *Preferred option*

Green full zip polar fleece jumper (school logo)

Green crew neck windcheater (plain or with logo)

Black or Green Track suit pants or leggings (no logos)

Black or Green Basketball shorts or plain cotton shorts (mid length)

Green Gingham checked school dress

Green Spray jacket –Simpson Primary School embroidered

Simpson Primary school bag

Green Reader bag – satchel

Bottle green broad rim hat (School logo)

Green half zip polar fleece jumper (school logo) *Preferred option*

Green full zip polar fleece jumper (school logo)

Green crew neck windcheater (plain or with logo)

Black or Green Track suit pants or leggings (no logos)

Black or Green Basketball shorts or plain cotton shorts

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Sturdy enclosed footwear in solid dark colours suitable for the safety requirements of an active school day (black school shoes or atsic runners are preferred)

Socks should be plain white or grey

Any jewellery needs to be minimalistic and meet the safety requirements of an active school day

Any non uniform items being worn under uniform must not be visible.

PARENTS CLUB

The Parent's club general Meeting will be held on 7th February, 2pm at the school. New Members welcome.

MUSIC LESSONS

Music Lessons with Eileen McKenzie will commence on Monday 18th February. If you wish your chid/children to learn an instrument or if you are wanting to re-enrol please contact Eileen as soon as possible to ensure placement. Lessons taught are Piano/Keyboard, Vocal and Guitar. Phone Eileen on 0400 4486948.

