

DRAGONTALES

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SCHOOL MISSION

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

THURSDAY 14 FEBRUARY, 2019

THE WEEK AHEAD

14 Thursday	Education Essential Items Fee Payments Due
20 Wednesday	No School Prep Students
22 Friday	Parent Teacher Interviews 'Getting to know you Interviews'
26 Tuesday	Cultural Circus Performance
27 Wednesday	No School Prep Students

MARCH

2 Saturday	Heytesbury Show
6 Wednesday	No School Prep Students
8 Friday	House Athletics Sports Day
11 Monday	Labour Day Holiday
12 Tuesday	School Council AGM
13 Wednesday	Prep Students Resume
25 Mon – 27 Weds	Year 3 -6 School Camp Cape Bridgewater
Thursday 28th	District Aths

APRIL

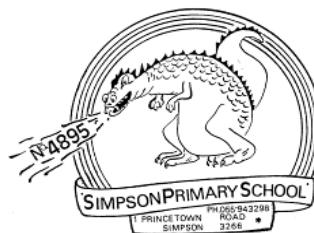
Friday 5th	Term 1 concludes (2:30pm)
Tuesday 23rd	Term 2 commences

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1:	29 th January – 5 th April
Term 2:	23 rd April – 28 th June
Term 3:	15 th July – 20 th September
Term 4:	7 th October – 18 th December

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Our 2019 school year has begun with such a positive vibe.
The learning, activities and events as always seem to be
endless. Everyone, including our preps have settled back
well into the school routine.



The selection process for our School Captains saw the candidates presenting speeches of the highest standard to the whole school at assembly. Each candidate spoke about just how they could support, nurture and create opportunities for everyone to feel safe, happy and to know that they belonged here at our school. All of these candidates showed great pride in being senior members of our school and were able to inspire the younger students with their words. I would like to congratulate: Jake Tournier and Krystal Blain as the new Captains for 2019 and would like to acknowledge the other candidates for the high quality of their speeches and ideas.



Other school leadership positions, those of House Captains, have also been decided. This year's captains are: Gold: Bradey Frantantaro & Immy Eddy Red: Hunter Bennett & Jake Balcombe Blue: Ollie Rial & Meaghan Van Eck. Congratulations to them all. Already they have led activities to support the training for our athletics sports on March 8th.





This week's award winners who always show consideration were:
Hunter Bennett, Minka Merrett-McKellar, Sophie Clark and Xavier Costin

CORRECTIONS

Newsletter 1 January

Sincere apologies for any confusion or misunderstanding on the following error.

Incorrect Phone Number: Music Lessons Mrs Mc Kenzie
0400 486 948

STAFFING 2019

Teaching Staff: Andrea Taylor, Janine Murray, Ashlee Carrigan-Walsh, Naomi Marr-Vogels, Jannique Hanagraaf & Tiffany Jones

Education Support Staff: Maria Van Rijthoven, Andrea Roberts, Rebecca Rundle, Marc Heffernan and Tabatha Robb

BELL TIMES

8:55am	Students line up ready to enter class.
10:00am	Fruit Break (no bell)
11:00am	Recess commences
11:20am	Students line up
12:20pm	Students eat in rooms
12:30pm	Lunch Recess
1:10pm	Yard Duty
1:13pm	Student line up
3:10pm	Pack-up: chairs up, rooms left tidy
3:15pm	Dismissal: all students are dismissed from bus assembly area so parents wishing to collect students after school should do so from bus gate

ARRIVAL TIMES

A reminder for parents dropping their children off at school and for those walking that they **should not be in the school grounds before 8.45am**. Up until that time the teachers are in meetings or preparing for the day.

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

Library: Andrea Taylor

P/1M	Tuesday
1/2SH	Monday
3/4J	Monday
5/6C	Tuesday



Book Bags are required for the borrowing of library books. They are available at the school office for purchase

Science: Naomi Marr-Vogels

P/1M	Monday
1/2H	Tuesday
3/4J	Friday
5/6C	Monday

Physical Education: Naomi Marr-Vogels

P/1M	Wednesday
1/2H	Wednesday
3/4J	Tuesday
5/6C	Thursday

SCHOOL COUNCIL

If you are interested in becoming a Simpson Primary School Councillor, please come and see us at the office.

CULTURAL CIRCUS PERFORMANCE

Circus Challenge is a fun, engaging & hands on experience for schools. Our aim is to get your children up & actively involved in physical & creative activities through performance & workshop classes.

If you have not yet paid your Cultural Levy the cost per student will be \$10.00 Prepaid.

P-2 News

All students need to be reading at home each night. We will endeavour to introduce the home reader to each child 3 times a week. Your child is heard read during guided reading, 3 times a week.

As we are beginning a new phonics program, Sounds Write, sight word practice will not begin until all students are assessed and as the words are introduced within the program.

Writing- our focus has been on recounts and next week we begin a unit on narrative (story) writing.

Maths- our focus has been counting, graphing and subitizing- recognizing the total in a group without counting.

Art- Students will begin their show art work this week.

Please send named Library bags and art smocks.

3/6 News

Welcome back! All students have settled back into the routine of learning well and are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead.

A note for Camp went home yesterday, if you haven't seen it please get your child to check the bottom of their bag! Permission notes, medical forms and payments need to come back to school as soon as possible. Any parents wishing to be a helper on camp please let Ashlee know ASAP. If we have too many parents wanting to attend, names will be drawn out of a hat. If you have any questions or concerns about camp please don't hesitate to contact us.

Congratulations to Jake Tournier and Krystal Blain on being elected our 2019 school captains. Well done to all the grade 6 students who ran for school captain, they showed fantastic maturity and confidence when delivering their speeches to the whole school at assembly. They should be proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Bradey Fratantaro, Imogen Eddy, Jack Balcombe, Hunter Bennett, Meaghan Van Eck and Oliver Rial for being elected our house captains for 2019. I am sure you will all lead your houses well this year.



School Captain nominees giving their speeches at assembly.

'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

On **Friday 22nd February** we will be running our "Getting to Know You" Parent-teacher Interview Day for parents with children in years Prep to 6.

This is a "Getting to Know You" style interview. The interview will enable you and your child's teacher to talk about the routines and expectations of the new school year. You will be able to communicate just how your child has settled into the new school year and together you will be able to establish goals and supports that both school and home will use to ensure that your child learns as much as possible during the 2019 school year. Of course

there will be other interviews when your child's progress will be the main topic of conversation- just not this one. All teachers will be available in their **classrooms** for interviews between 1:00pm and 4:30 pm. Ten minutes will be allowed for each interview. If necessary a longer interview can be organised for another time once classroom routines are established.

A timetable with student times is included at the back of the newsletter week.

NEWSLETTER

Please fill in the form below to assist us in ensuring you receive the newsletter in your preferred

format(s).....

Surname:

Eldest Child:

I prefer to access the school newsletter in the following way(s):

- ☐ Hard copy, delivered in to my eldest child
- ☐ Skoolbag app / school website
- ☐ Email, delivered to my inbox. My email address is:

CLASSROOM HELPERS – WWCC

It is School Council Policy for parent helpers in the classroom to have a Working With Children Check (WWCC). The check is free for volunteers. Please inquire at the office if you wish to confirm our records or require assistance. Applications for WWCC can be found at www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au .

PERSONAL GOODS

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include toys, sporting equipment. The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND – CSEF

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply for the CSEF. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. For more information please see the office.

CAMP NEWS

This year's 3-6 camp is to Cape Bridgewater.

Forms sent home yesterday. **Payment is required before attending camp.**

SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Our Athletic Sports are coming up on Friday 8 March. All students are expected to participate. Students rotate around events in their age group. They earn points at each event for their house on a standards system. Just by participating they earn a point at each event for their team. The teacher in charge of the group will also run the each event. Extra help is appreciated.

If you are able to assist on the day, please return the slip attached. Places are available for the following positions:

Age Groups

5/6yrs
7 yrs
9/10 yrs.....
11 + yrs

Athletic Sports

I am willing to help out at the athletic sports on Friday 8 March 2019.

My preferences are:-

1.
2.
3.

BUS NOTES

If your child is changing their bus travel arrangements please send a note, call or use the Skoolbag app explaining the details by 2:45pm. If the change is to be an ongoing arrangement, one note, explaining the details and the start and finish date. Please note that the maximum time for a bus note is one term.

Parents are also reminded they must school before making arrangements for party groups to travel on buses.

STUDENT ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Asthma is a condition that can be serious and may require emergency treatment while at school. It is important therefore, to have up to date information about the management of your child's asthma.

If you require a School Asthma Management Plan Form please contact the office. We request you complete (in consultation with and signed by your child's Medical Practitioner).

The attached management plan outlines the Victorian Schools' Asthma Policy for Emergency Treatment of an Asthma Attack, that must be followed in all Victorian Government schools and is recommended as best practice in all other schools. If however, your child's emergency treatment differs from this, there is space on the plan for a preferred treatment, but this must be signed by a qualified, practising Medical Practitioner. This management form should be updated annually or whenever the student's asthma or asthma medication change significantly.

If there is no school Asthma Management Plan provided by you for your child's asthma management, the school staff will use the standard asthma first aid as detailed in the School's Asthma Policy if your child has been known to have asthma or is having difficulty breathing. The school also reserves the right to call an ambulance for any child they consider to be having an asthma attack or if a child is having difficulty breathing. Please ensure your

child is covered by ambulance cover if you do not have a health care card.

Please help us to responsibly care for your child while at school by completing and returning the attached plan as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding this please don't hesitate to contact the office. Extra copies are available.

SKOOLBAG

Skoolbag iPhone and Android App is developed to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. To install: Go to the App Store or Google Play Store and search for Simpson Primary School. Parents have been successfully using the App to report absences to the school and Bus changes. Same day bus changes via Skoolbag must be made by 2:45pm.

LUNCHESES, FRUIT BREAK & WATER

Parents are reminded of the DET and our Healthy Eating Policy. Parents are asked not to send confectionary and soft drinks to school with the students.

Classes stop for a fresh fruit/vegetable break at 10am. Students may have water bottles in the classrooms. Cordial, soft drink or juices are not acceptable during lesson times.

LUNCH ORDERS

Please find attached the current Lunch Order Price List. Lunch orders should be written clearly on an envelope, the correct amount of money enclosed and placed in the classroom lunch order basket by 9.00am each morning. Only items on the approved Lunch Order List should be ordered. **Please note there are no lunch orders on Tuesdays.**

NAMED CLOTHING

Parents are asked to check that clothing is clearly named. If you have 2nd hand clothes please check that the name has been changed. If clothes are correctly named we have some hope of returning items to the correct owners.

SUN HATS

Hats must be worn at all times outside in the school ground during terms 1 & 4. Hats are available for purchase from the office for \$10. All new students have been provided with a new hat as is our policy.

NEW UNIFORM ORDERS

New uniform orders are currently open. Please complete the attached form and return to school by Thursday 21 February.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

Pre-loved uniforms are available at the school for purchase. Please pop into the office on during office open hours. Prices: gold coin donation.

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open Monday & Thursday from 8.30am – 3.30pm, Tuesdays from 8.30am–4.30pm and Friday between 8.30am & 10:30pm. You are requested to please direct your enquiries during these times.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is processed on Tuesdays. Information packs explaining school banking will be sent home with students earlier in the week.

UNITING CARE PANCAKE

The Uniting Church ladies are again offering the students the opportunity to participate in their Uniting Care Pancake Day on **11:00am Tuesday 5 March**. The pancakes, with a variety of toppings, will be available at morning recess for a donation of \$2 per pancake.

Please return the slip below if you would like your student involved in supporting this cause.

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Please find enclosed \$..... (\$2 per pancake) for:

NameQuantity:

Name Quantity:

Name Quantity:

.....

MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons with Eileen McKenzie will commence on Monday 18th February. If you wish your child/children to learn an instrument or if you are wanting to re- enrol please contact Eileen as soon as possible to ensure a placement. Lessons taught are Piano/Keyboard, Vocal and Guitar. Phone or text 0400 486948 for any enquiries.

PARENT CLUB NEWS

Claiming the Dates: More details to follow:

Parents club will be holding a series of fundraising events starting with an Easter Raffle (a basket is located in the foyer of the school anyone wishing to donate. Donations are appreciated. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the School Cross Country on 5 April.

22 March Colour Run & BBQ Tea

21 May Toastie Tuesday & Tall Tales

31 October Halloween Walk, Disco & Pizza Night

? **October** date to be confirmed Shopping Trip

School Council Elections - Information for Parents

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.



Lunch Order Price List 2019

No Lunch Orders Tuesdays

Rolls or Wraps

Salad (chicken or ham)	\$ 5.00
Salad (no meat)	\$ 4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$ 4.00
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$ 4.00
Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Cheese	\$ 3.00
Extras	.50

Sandwiches – White, Multigrain or Wholemeal

Salad (chicken or ham)	\$ 4.50
Salad (no meat)	\$ 4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$ 3.50
Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$ 3.50
Egg & Lettuce	\$ 3.00
Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Cheese	\$ 2.00
Toasted - Extra	.50
Extras	.50

Warm Wraps

Tender Wrap – Plain Tenders, lettuce, tomato, cheese & sauce \$ 4.50

Chilli Tender Wrap – Chilli Tenders, lettuce, tomato, cheese & sauce \$ 4.50

Caesar Wrap – Country Strip, lettuce, tomato, cheese & Caesar sauce \$ 4.50

Sauces – Sweet Chilli, BBQ, Tomato, Mayo, Alio, Caesar, Peri Peri, French

Mini 5" Extra Thin Base Pizza

Hawaiian: Sauce, Ham, Pineapple & Cheese. \$ 3.50

BBQ Chicken: Chicken, Onion & BBQ Sauce \$ 3.50

Hot Food

Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll \$ 5.00

Sausage Rolls (H/Made) \$ 3.00

Mini Party Pies \$.75

Dim Sims – Steamed only \$ 1.00

(Please specify soy sauce if required)

Chicken Crackles .50

Chicken Tenders (Plain or Sweet Chilli) \$ 1.50

Chicken & Plain Salt

Drinks

Big M – Chocolate or Strawberry \$ 2.00

Focus Water – Blackcurrant, Frit Fix, Raspberry and Lemonade \$ 2.00

Water \$ 2.00

Pure Fresha Juices – Orange, Apple & Apple & Blackcurrant \$ 2.50

Yoghurt – Strawberry or Vanilla \$ 2.50

Fruit Cups \$ 2.50

Frozen Yoghurt - Strawberry or Mango \$ 2.50

Grounds Roster 2019

Sports Day Preparations:

N. Blain (Capt), A. Ferrari, D. Ferrari, J. Membrey, S. Ayres, I. Rhode, J Bowman, R. Dickson

Jobs to be done this time as priority

Main oval and grass areas used for sports day mow lanes and general sandpit clearing. Fill any potholes that might be found in grass areas, clean up long grass in areas inaccessible by mower with whipper snipper.

Front Garden Working Bee

W. Van Eck(Capt), D. Jones, J. Rial, K Horan & S Teal, E & J McVilly, D Notter, J Smyth, W Buchanan, S Beecher

Jobs to be done this time as priority

Front circle garden cleaned out to make safe re snakes. Trim hedge plants along fence and building move mulch in playgroup yard (tractor loader needed)

Spray, weed & mulch Bee

C. Bennett (Capt), T. Robb, D. Hawkes, A. Rowe, J. Salas, A. Vogels , J. McVilly, B. Spokes

Jobs to be done this time as priority

Spray all edge areas. Weed garden beds and spread mulch (including the playgroup yard & fire system area garden) gutters and drains

Spring Clean Working Bee

M. Balcombe (Capt), A. & A Crole , S. Robertson, B. McGee, C. Eddy, C. Costin, A. Garcia, A. Wood, L Mahoney, A. Fratanaro, A. Rogers, S. Rogers, T. Merrett

Jobs to be done this time as priority

Fixing of any materials requiring repair, spray around out of reach areas such as fire tanks and shedding, gutters, any works that require fixing

Term 4 Tidy-up

A. Whiting (Capt), T. Weel, D. Rodgers, B. Clark, J. Barake, L. Whitbourne, P & S Vines, A Maguire, E Hamilton, G Fangmeier, G Arndell

Captains will make arrangements to collect grounds key.

Jobs to be done this time as priority

Trim any tree limbs hanging/ snapped due to winds on any of the trees along plantation edge/yard in general, prune the roses in the memorial garden bed along the boundary fence with the houses on Princetown Rd (use the green waste bin for the pruning's)

It is responsibility of the team to leave fuel containers full for the next team. Fuel may be purchased and signed for from Murray Goulburn.

Simpson Primary School 2018 Parent Payment Changes 3--6

Name of child: _____ Year level: _____
 Please find the itemised list that includes essential education items (those items that your child needs for school) and optional extras (that you can choose whether your child participates in or accesses).

Simpson Primary School makes every effort to keep the cost and number of items that need to be purchased to a minimum. We also try to ensure that the costs are affordable for all parents. If you will have difficulty making payments please make an appointment to speak to the Principal to discuss possible support options and flexible payment arrangements. Any information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

Payment is required by 28th February, 2018. Please bring this completed sheet with you when making payment.

Please Note: Additional school charges may arise during the year. For example: it is expected that there will be swimming, excursions and camps organised throughout the year.

Item	Essential education items	Specific items	Cost	✓
Stationery Pack comprising		Book exercise 10mm grid 48 pg x 2 (Gr 3-6) Book exercise 14mm ruled A4 64 pg x 3 (Gr 3) Book exercise 8mm ruled 48 pg x 4 (Gr 4-6) Olympic Botany book 8mm ruled A4 48 pg interleaved x1 Scrap Book 33/524 5mm 64pg x 2 Display book refillable insert A4 20 pocket Faber Castell Junior pencil graphite lead triangular HB x 4 Micador ruler Treadline 500/1M4 college polished wooden 30cm mm & cm x1 Highlighter pens set 4 mixed x1 Weller Document Polypolypropylene A4 Clear with button x 1 Steadler pen ballpoint 430 1.0mm red x 1; blue x2 Crayola pencils coloured pk 12 x1 Glue brush x 1 Scissors Round end stainless steel blades v160mm x 1 Plastic pockets x 10 Manila folder x 2 Diary / Reading Log Rubber Tenda - 12 pk Headset Soundwaves subscription SKWIK computer program	\$125	
Subject areas English				
Camps				
Excursions		Swimming Camp - Years 3-6; Term 4 Excursions	TBA	

Note: Parents may choose to provide or purchase some items themselves. If you choose to do this you must consult with the school so that your child has the right items. There may be some items or services you cannot purchase yourself.

Optional extras

Item	Cost	✓
Cultural Activities		
Parent Club Membership	\$30	
Instrumental Music (on request)	\$5	
Perfession TBA		

Voluntary Family financial contributions

Item	Amount (please nominate how much you would like to donate)
\$25	\$50 \$75 \$100 other \$

Essential education items

Optional extras	Amount
Voluntary financial contribution	Amount
TOTAL	Amount

Parent Payment Arrangements

Please indicate your preferred method of payment:

- ☐ Option A (full amount at the beginning of Term 1)
☐ Option B (payment at the beginning of each Term)
☐ Option C (half yearly payment)
☐ Option D (other payment arrangement)*

* (If selecting Option D please make an appointment with the school to discuss your circumstances and the available options)

I HAVE ENCLOSED PAYMENT OF \$ _____

Electronic Transfer: Simpson Primary School Council Official Account BSB 063 508 0090 1460