

The Bridge

Selby Primary School Newsletter

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- ***A Bridge To The Future*** -

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DIARY

- Every Friday** : Icy Poles for sale, .50c.
Frid. 13 March : Grs 2/3V, 3S, 4M, 4/5O & 5T excursion.
Mon. 16 March : 8.30 am uniform shop open.
Wed. 18 March : Preps excursion.
Thur. 19 March : 7.30 pm School Council meeting.
Mon. 23 March : 8.30 am uniform shop open.
Tues. 24 March : EDEC aths, grades 4 - 6.
Frid. 3 April : Last day of term 1.
Mon. 20 April : Commence term 2.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Parent Teacher Interviews

We are seeking feedback from parents and carers about last week's Parent Teacher Interviews. Please complete the short survey included with this edition of *The Bridge* so that we can take your feedback into account when planning future evenings. Thank you.

Special School Assembly

There will be special school assembly next Monday 16 March for presentation of school badges. Many thanks to Heather Reid for organising this important occasion.

Please note that Friday morning assemblies will be held on a needs-only basis from now on.

Japanese Hosting

Many thanks to the family who have kindly offered to host Kei Yamamoto. Kei is in the process of applying for her visa and will know the outcome in the next few weeks.

Religious Education

Religious Education sessions are due to start this week. Please note that parents who wish to exempt their children from Religious Education are required to make a written request.

Yard Duty Vests

In times of need, for example when someone falls off the play equipment and hurts themselves, students often find it difficult to locate the teacher on yard duty. To help with this, we have been trialing the use of brightly coloured vests that are being worn by teachers when they are on yard duty. The jackets help to make them more visible, and feedback from students and parents has been very positive so far. Please let us know your thoughts about this initiative.

Play Equipment

I have had several parents comment on the current state of our play equipment. Unfortunately the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide funding for play equipment. Funds need to be raised locally to address any play equipment issues.

In the coming weeks I will be organising a full assessment of our equipment and grounds.

PFA

The PFA provides wonderful and much-valued support to our school. They are involved in fundraising activities throughout the year that help and support our students. If you would like to be involved in supporting our school I encourage you to become part of the PFA. Please contact the school for more details.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lauren, Ann and Keren who won first prize at the recent Berwick Show for the best exhibit made from recycled materials. They were inspired to construct their bark hut after completing a unit on *Pioneers*. Please see their article in this edition of *The Bridge*. Well done girls!

Did you know?

“The Bridge” is now online at :

<http://www.selbyps.vic.edu.au/downloads.htm>



Kind regards,

Wendy Worrell

Principal

LIBRARY HELPERS

Any parent who has some time to spare either at 9.00 am or 3.00 pm when dropping off and picking up children it would be great to have a roster of helpers to assist in the library. Any parent interested please see Heather Reid at school. Thanks.

EDEC SPORTS

If there is any parent with nursing, paramedic or first aid training and is available on 24th March, could you please let Heather Reid know by Friday 13th. We are looking for first aid people for the EDEC sports at Cockatoo. A small remuneration is possible.

Our Bark Hut

This is our bark hut that we made from recycled items such as bark, bottle lids, cardboard and some other things. We made our hut at

school during our unit on 'Pioneers' after going to Coal Creek Pioneer settlement and Churchill Island. We decided to put our hut in the Berwick show because they had a competition which was going to give a prize for the best exhibit made from recycled material. When we got to the Berwick Show on Saturday we found that we had won a first prize ribbon, a rosette for the best exhibition and \$15 prize money. We are going to share the money and the ribbons.

Lauren is in the middle, Anna is on the right and Keren is on the left.



PFA - BUSHFIRE APPEAL

THANK YOU to everyone who kindly donated goods towards all the animals in need. We got a great response ranging from the smallest animals (cats, guinea pigs, birds) to the largest animals (horses, cattle, goats) and all those in between. All goods will be distributed shortly so if you still wish to donate please do so by the end of this week to the office.

Thank you again – PFA

EASTER RAFFLE

Once again it's that time of year for our famous Easter Raffle. We are asking for donations of eggs and all things Easter. The raffle will be drawn the last day of term. Tickets will be distributed shortly. Donations can be left at the office.

Thanks the PFA.

MELBOURNE AQUARIUM EXCURSION – 1W, 1B, 2H

Last Friday we went to the Melbourne Aquarium as part of our unit on "Secrets of the Sea". The children had a great time learning all about marine life. The Fitzroy gardens for lunch and a play were

also enjoyed by all. Thanks to the mums that accompanied us. Here are some comments:

At the aquarium I liked the sharks the best and I liked the lobsters. Did you know? Barracoota fish are born males and at 5 years of age turn female!
Lochie 2H

I liked the penguins. When I put my hand near the glass a king penguin came up to me and thought my hand was a fish, so it tried to eat my hand! Did you know? Antarctic penguins live in the South Pole.
Phoebe 2H

On jellyfish, the ones who have small tentacles are not poisonous and the ones who have long tentacles are poisonous.

Indy 1B

The cod fish Murray lives by himself because he needs some space and when the divers get in, he bites them.
Nathan 1B

We went to the Melbourne Aquarium on Friday. I loved seeing the baby turtles and the penguins.
Saskia 1W

... sea horses, sea stars, Leo the leopard shark, the sting rays, Japanese spider crabs and clownfish.
Makai 1W

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Dandenong Ranges Community Bushfire group community survey is now available online for the school community to complete. Every survey counts towards having YOUR opinion heard in regards to bushfire safety in our beautiful Dandenong Ranges. Results will be published in the local media. A link to go to the survey can be accessed via our website:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/drcbg>

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Selby Primary School Parent Teacher Interviews – Term 1 Parent/Carer Survey

Name (optional): _____

1. The procedure for booking an interview was clear and accessible.

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

2. I/we found that the interview gave us the opportunity to discover how our child is settling into his/her new class and to pass on information which may be helpful to the class teacher.

Agree

Disagree

Comments:

3. If you were unable to attend, please let us know why.

Any other comments/suggestions:

Please return completed survey to the office.

Thank you for your valuable feedback. It will help us in planning future Parent Teacher Interviews.