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# Bridge

## Selby Primary School Newsletter

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### DIARY

- Thurs. 14 May** : Grs. 3 & 4 basketball (in school).  
: 7.30 pm school council meeting.
- Friday 15 May** : New Zealand delegation depart.
- Sat. 16 May** : 7.30 pm Dancefair Victoria.
- Mon. 18 May** : 8.30 am uniform shop open.  
: PFA meeting, after assembly.
- 18 – 22 May** : **Education Week.**
- Wed. 20 May** : **2.30 - 6.00 pm open afternoon.**
- Friday 22 May** : Jump Rope for Heart.
- Monday 25 May** : 8.30 am uniform shop open.  
: New Zealand delegation return.
- Sat. 30 May** : 7.30 pm Dancefair Victoria.
- Thurs. 4 June** : 7.30 pm 2010 prep information night.
- Monday 8 June** : Queen's Birthday holiday.
- Friday 12 June** : Pupil Free Day (no students at school).
- Monday 15 June** : School photos.  
: 8.30 am uniform shop open.
- Monday 22 June** : Parent/teacher interviews.
- Friday 26 June** : End term 2.
- Monday 13 July** : Commence term 3.



**Education Week 17–23 May 2009**  
**Helping your Child Shine**

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# GOOD BOOK RECIPIENTS



Grade	Name	Reason
Prep M	Jade	Effort and helpfulness.
Prep S	Matt	Fantastic reading.
1B	Illyah	Good at everything!
1W	Miro	Overall excellence.
2H	Alex	A great school map with features.
2/3V	Denham	Great effort all week.
3S	Daisy	For being a great helper.
4M	Silk	Excellent written work.
4/5O	Shaniah Kye	Welcome to Selby! Fantastic effort put into work.
5T	Emily	Helping classmates. School work effort.
6A	Jamie	For a great working week and producing excellent work.

## **Safe and Appropriate Use of the Internet**

Over the past few weeks there have been reports in the media about the inappropriate use of the internet by students. *“Two teenage girls have been forced to leave a prestigious Sydney girls’ school over cyber bullying allegations involving explicit messages.”* (The Age, May 8, 2009) Users of the internet have a responsibility to use it safely, appropriately and legally, and if this does not occur, there can be a range of school-based and legal consequences including suspension or expulsion.

We have an Internet Usage Agreement at Selby Primary School, which is signed by both students and parents. In the unlikely event that this agreement is breached, students can have their internet privileges at school withdrawn for a period of up to 12 months.

When used safely and appropriately, the internet is a rich environment that facilitates and supports communication, collaboration and research, and provides a 24/7 means of accomplishing everyday tasks such as renewing library books, banking, paying bills etc. As parents and educators, we have a responsibility to educate our children and students in the safe and appropriate use of the internet. To help us be aware of what our children are doing and who they are communicating with when online, I encourage parents to locate the computer in a shared family area.

### **SuperClubsPLUS Australia**

Kate Mercer has spent a great deal of time setting up SuperClubsPLUS Australia for our students.

What is SuperClubsPLUS Australia?

*“SuperClubsPLUS Australia is a **safe** learning network for children 6 – 12 years, where children learn, play and meet other children from across the world. Together they work on projects, build their own web pages (their very own ‘space’ online), work to get their Star Awards (five Stars, all awarded for excellence in IT and Cybersafety), talk with friends online, and contribute articles to a wide selection of Clubs. They participate in Hot Seats where they meet politicians, artists, scientists, children’s authors and others, posing questions and giving their views; create multimedia avatars, slideshows and artwork for thousands of others to see; and share their ideas and opinions with friends near and far. They might submit features for the Clubs’ newspaper or radio station, write articles for their school’s pages, or enter any number of the regular competitions.*

*But the most important thing, is that they do all these things, and more, **safely** – protected every minute they are online by Mediators, all of whom are teachers and fully trained, police-checked and skilled in working with children online.”*

Thank you Kate!

### **The Bridge**

We now have a school calendar and the Good Book Awards published in *The Bridge* each week. Before *The Bridge* is uploaded to our school website, we remove students’ last names to safeguard their privacy and safety. *The Bridge* can be located at: <http://www.selbyps.vic.edu.au/downloads.htm>

## **New Zealand**

The New Zealand delegation leaves at 3.45 am Friday morning. We are hoping to see lots of the school community waving goodbye to us! Thank you to Phillip Van Dorp for the huge amount of work he has done in organising the exchange, Tina Holdsworth for doing such a great job with all the travel arrangements, and all the parents who have their children almost ready to go. We are planning to have a wonderful time learning about New Zealand and their unique culture.

Jan Abbott and Julie Hedger will be leading the school in my absence.

## **Education Week**

We are celebrating Education Week next week with lots of fun activities planned for the week. Special thanks to Jan Abbott for organising the week's activities, and all the staff for making the week special.

## **Mobile Phones (Personal Property)**

Some parents may wish their child to have a mobile for going to and from school, but students do not need a mobile phone during the day. If you wish your child to have a mobile phone for going to and from school, please send a note to the office. Students will be requested to leave their phone at the office at 9.00 am, and pick it up at 3.30 pm. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office. (Please note that there is no school insurance to cover mobile phones.)

## **Fun Run**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in last week's EDEC Fun Run. Special congratulations to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 12 y.o. boy – Oscar
- 1<sup>st</sup> 11 y. o. boy – Alan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 12 y.o. girl – Cassandra
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 y.o. girl – Shelby

Also going to zone: Rebeccah, Emilly, Gemma and Kayla.

Thank you yet again Heather Reid for organising this great event.  
Now for Jump Rope for Heart!

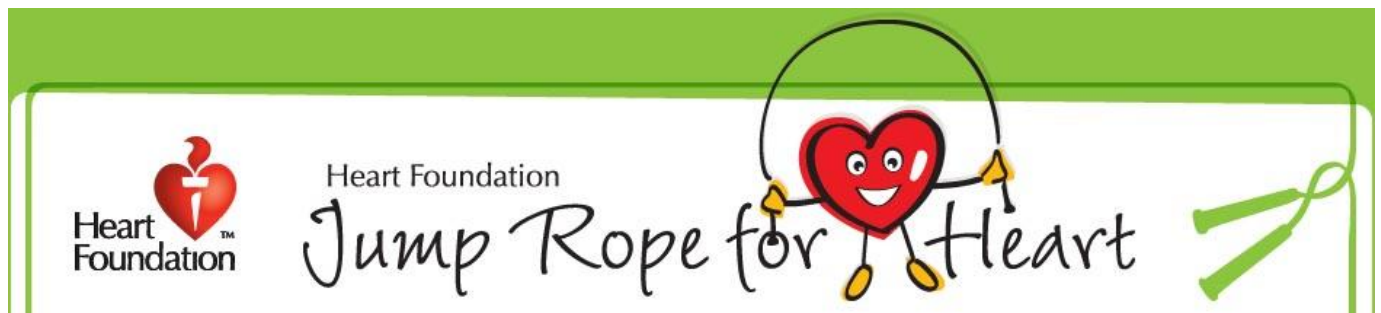
## **NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN assessment program will conclude on Thursday. Thank you to Jan Abbott for coordinating NAPLAN, and the Grade 3 and 5 teachers and students for all their work.

Kind regards,

*Wendy Worrell*

**Principal**



## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

On Friday 22 May all children will be participating in our Jump Off day. They will undertake approximately one hour of skipping activities as part of this program. We encourage all children to try and raise funds for heart research and to think about a healthy lifestyle, healthy eating and keeping active. Children are asked to wear red on the day as a symbol of a healthy heart. Thank you for your support.

## **WANTED - OLD HAND BEATERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

If you have or can source some old hand beaters that you are willing to donate for our environmental activities then please give them to any of the grade 3 and 4 teachers.

## **DANCEFAIR VICTORIA**

Grade 6, 7.30 pm, Saturday 16 May.

Grade 5, 7.30 pm Saturday 30 May.

Fairhills High School Hall, Scoresby Road.

Tickets \$9, primary age \$4.

## **NEXT PFA MEETING**

After assembly on Monday 18th May in the staff room. All welcome.

# 2010 PREP INFORMATION NIGHT

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2009, 7.30 pm

For all parents with pre-school children.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

What a wonderful day we all had at the Mother's Day Stall last Friday. The enthusiasm and thoughtfulness the children put in to choosing a gift for their mum is always a sight to be seen. Wandering from table to table, counting their money carefully, huge smiles on their faces as they leave with their special selection; it's certainly an event the children cherish every year. Despite the mad rush and huge numbers of kids during the final "all in" shopping frenzy our shoppers were always well behaved - polite to our stallholders, and courteous and helpful to each other. Well done kids! They could certainly teach the shoppers at the Boxing Day sales a thing or two.

It takes a lot of hard work to put the stall together and we couldn't do it without parent support. Thanks to our wonderful helpers – manning the stalls, setting up and packing away, counting money and herding children. Thank you for all the donations of gifts and special thanks to our wrappers who sat into the wee hours of the morning, cutting and curling.

All up we managed to raise \$900 for the school. This money goes towards purchasing things like new books and sporting equipment. Thanks to all Selby families for their support.

We hope all our Selby mothers and grandmothers enjoyed their special gifts and had a wonderful day on Mother's Day.

***Robyn & Kate (Mother's Day Co-ordinators), on behalf of Selby PFA***





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## EDUCATION WEEK AT SELBY

Selby is celebrating Education Week with an open afternoon on Wednesday May 20th from 2.30 until 6.00 pm. Grandparents, parents, family and special friends are invited to celebrate the fantastic things happening at Selby. Come and see the work in each grade level as you walk through the school, marvel at the art displays, enjoy a cup of tea and biscuit in the hall or a sausage in bread in the courtyard. Listen to our children play music in the library and look at the beautiful books in the library - donate one to the school if you would like.

At 2.45 pm – poetry reading in Paul's grade.

We would love to see you at Selby so we can showcase our great school!

## EDUCATION WEEK – BOOK SALE

Next Wednesday during open afternoon a book sale will be held in the library. This is an opportunity for students, parents, grandparents or friends to purchase books for the library. The main theme of the selection will be to correlate with the middle school's environmental activities.



## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Second Hand Clothing and Toy Sale**

Frid. 22 May, 2.30 – 4.30 pm and Sat. 23 May, 9.00 am – 12 noon.  
Everything for \$1 or \$2. Held at Selby pre-school, Lyons Drive, Selby.

### **What could your child's behaviours be trying to tell you?**

Information session and question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon - Auditory Processing and Learning. Two sessions to choose from: Tuesday 19 May or Tuesday 2 June from 7.00 pm - 8:30 pm at The Remedy Group, 1st Floor, 172 Main Street, Lilydale. Bookings essential, cost \$5. Please contact Blue Horizon on 5967 2335.

### **Dandenong Ranges Music Council Inc. - Hillsongs 2009**

Hillsongs is an annual choral festival for Children's Choirs. The theme this year will be Bushfire Recovery. For information see school office or phone Bev McAlister 9754 6566 or [www.drmc.org.au](http://www.drmc.org.au)

### **Belgrave Heights Christian School Open Day**

Prep – Yr 12. Sat. 16 & 25 July, 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Phone 9754 6435.

### **Girl Guides School Holiday Program, 29 June - 3 July 2009**

Open to all girls aged 7-12 years. Clematis Hall (Wellington Rd, Clematis).

Time – 8.00 am to 6.00 pm or 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Cost - one day \$55.00, 2 days \$80, extra days \$30 each.

Discounts - \$21 if hold health care card, \$42 if already a member of guidesvic.

Applications close Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Call Margaret 97567098, [outereastern@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:outereastern@guidesvic.org.au) or

Melinda 5968 0195, [dbadrainage@bigpond.com](mailto:dbadrainage@bigpond.com).

### **Girl Guides Victoria School Holiday Camp, 28 June to 4 July**

Iluka girl guide campsite, Shoreham Rd, Shoreham, for girls aged between 10 & 14 yrs, \$550 for Girl Guides Victoria members, \$700 for non members.

Applications close Friday 28 May. Call 8606 3500.

### **Basketball Players Wanted**

U16 Boys Selby Slammers would like two more players to join the existing team of 5. You will need to be at least 13 & under 16 yrs of age for the rest of 2009. We train every Tuesday, 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm, at Selby PS and play Saturdays at Dandenong, mostly in afternoon. Anyone interested can contact Sonja Kalbitzer on 9752-6495 after school hours.

### **Violin Teacher Available**

If you're looking for a highly experienced and friendly violin/viola teacher please call Gitta Green on 9752 6717 or 0402 688 115. I have taught at various schools and privately. I am a trained Suzuki teacher and have prepared students for AMEB exams. I have a Working with Children and Police checks.

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