

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 at lunchtime until 11/12/09

- 13 to 16 Oct.** : Grade 5 camp
- Thursday 15 Oct.** : 7.30 pm school council meeting
- Friday 16 Oct.** : Gr. 5 soccer day
- Monday 19 Oct.** : Gr. 2 camp
- Tuesday 20 Oct.** : Gr. 2 camp
- Tuesday 3 Nov.** : Melbourne Cup holiday
- Monday 9 Nov.** : Japanese Day
- Friday 13 Nov.** : 9.30 am - 12.30 pm 2010 prep transition
- 16 - 27 Nov.** : Prep/1 swimming



GOOD BOOK RECIPIENTS



JAPANESE AWARD – TERM 3

Grade	Name
Prep M	Jade
Prep S	Michelle
1B	Nathan
1W	Liam
2H	Blake
2/3V	Bree

Grade	Name
3S	Mickey
4M	Kayla
4/5O	Jack
5T	Alan
6A	Niam
6S	Jessi

Grade	Name	Reason
Prep M	Ruben Bianca	Putting effort into his work. Being a fantastic helper and listener.
1B	Nathan	For being super efficient and a great helper.
1W	Grade 1W Zac	Great start to term 4. Great effort answering questions.
2H	Zoe	Terrific story-time reading to the grade.
2/3V	Emily Hamish	Enthusiastic first week back. Maths ideas.
4M	Jasmine	Good worker, helpful.
4/5O	Maddy	Fabulous start to term 4.
5T	Molly Scarlett	Putting in a good effort. Welcome to 5T.
6A	Emily	A fantastic girl. Always friendly.
6S	Lachlan	Hard work.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

HabitAT Awards announcement

This week at assembly our years 3 & 4 SWAT team, students, teachers and parents, were presented with the inaugural Shire of Yarra Ranges HabitAT award, by our very own Yarra Ranges Shire Councillor, Samantha Dunn, for their work on identifying issues for the sustainability of our school environment. The teachers, led by Kate Mercer, developed a program where the students completed a habitat school census of the grounds, creating an action plan to identify areas for improvement. The students also created a wonderful banner in the form of a train, the SWAT Express, which can be seen in the library. I encourage all parents to visit the school and have a look at the award and the train.



Special welcomes

Last week we welcomed two delightful new students, Scarlett in Year 5 and Edmund in Year 3, to the school. I would like to thank the students in their classes for making sure that both students were “shown the ropes” and supported. It is always difficult starting at a new school, but the Selby teachers and students (and parents!) are particularly thoughtful.

Curriculum news

This week teachers are beginning to work on the new **English Online Interview** with all students in Prep and years 1 and 2 participating in an assessment of their literacy skills. This assessment will be done individually with the classroom teacher. The testing will provide valuable information about each student’s reading, writing and oral language development.

Fire Action Week

This week has been declared Victoria’s Fire Action Week by Premier John Brumby.

- The week is a call to action for all Victorians to be ready for the upcoming bushfire season. Specifically, the week is being used to encourage residents to develop their individual fire plans, clear vegetation from around their homes and attend community fireguard meetings. There will also be education about triggers for when to leave early in a bushfire and where to go, as well as identifying Neighbourhood Safer Places designated as an option for shelter during bushfires.
- As part of the whole-of-Victorian Government effort, DEECD will advise all schools to ensure they actively engage with their students, parents, staff and their local communities on the importance of being bushfire ready. Suggestions will include:
 - Practising fire drills
 - Updating and/or discussing emergency plans with staff
 - Organising visits from local fire agency
 - Being involved in local community events or joint events with other schools

Bushfire Toolkit

- Early in Term 4 the Department Regional Office will provide a resource toolkit to assist the school in engaging students, parents and staff on bushfire and emergency management.
- The toolkit will cover a range of topics, ranging from preparing for bushfires to what to do during and after an event, including reopening and recovery.

School Closures

- The safety of people is paramount in all Department planning. As in previous years, DEECD will continue the practice of closing schools when faced with imminent threat.
- There are broadly four scenarios in which DEECD will close schools: pre-emptive closure ahead of a known threat; evacuation (e.g. wildfire or bomb threats), health and safety (e.g. unsafe site due to contamination or other hazards) or in the event of inappropriate staff-to-student ratios. School closures will generally be managed through the Eastern Metropolitan regional office.
- Guidance for communicating and managing school closures and re-opening (and related areas, such as transport and off-site activities) will be provided over the next few weeks.

At Selby PS we have contacted the Community Safety area of the CFA, to ask for their assistance in arranging a whole school evacuation practice, which will take place very soon. As you know, we regularly have these “practices”, but we would like our CFA to be involved in advising us at this time of the year.

NZ Exchange students visit

We welcomed the students and teachers from New Zealand this week. I would especially like to thank the parents and teachers who are providing the accommodation for the visitors. We have had one slight “glitch”, in that apparently in past years we have had the Selby students dropped off at Selby PS after excursions, and this year the students were dropped off at Belgrave South PS instead. I apologise for that, and we will ask Takapuna School to arrange in future visits for the students to be dropped off here for parents to collect. We have altered the arrangements for today, and would have done it for yesterday except that we were worried that if we

contacted the parents, we may not reach all of them and so would have a situation where one parent may have not received the message in time. Special thanks to Phill Van Dorp for his work on this program – he has done a wonderful job at very short notice.

School Start Bonus information

Preparing to start primary school and making the change from primary to secondary school are important times for your child – and a big expense for your family. The Victorian Government helps in easing this financial strain by providing a one-off School Start Bonus of \$300 for children entering Prep or Year 7 in 2010. When Prep and Year 7 students are enrolled at their new school this year for 2010, the family details are uploaded to the central database to enable the Bonus to be arranged. Your School Start Bonus (SSB) payment will be made payable to the primary care giver and legal guardian listed when your child was enrolled at the school. If you are the one listed as the primary care giver, the school will give you the 2010 SSB voucher worth \$300.

You don't need to make a claim or apply to receive the School Start Bonus. If your child is eligible you will automatically receive a voucher from the school towards the end of 2009 school year. If you have not received your payment voucher, please contact the school towards the end of January 2010.

The SSB voucher is redeemable for cash at any Australia Post office displaying the Bank@Post sign, **from 11 January 2010**.

The School Start Bonus helps to meet the costs of buying school uniforms, sports uniforms, school bags and other school items so that your child gets the best possible start to school. You will receive a payment voucher from your child's school, which you present along with your Photo ID at your local post office for cash redemption. The School Start Bonus is a separate payment from, and additional to, the Education Maintenance Allowance.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school in the first instance. Alternatively, contact the Department's Information and Referral Service on 1800 809 834 – select option 6.

Introduction of the Victorian Student Number

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them. You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm>

Lindy Cooney

NEW SCHOOL COUNCILLORS REQUIRED

Selby school council requires two interim members for the remainder of the year. If you are interested please contact the school office immediately.

ZONE ATHS

Congratulations to all the children who competed in the Zone Aths last Wednesday at Knox Park. Particular mention to Alan Damen (200 metres) and Sam Grant (hurdles) who came third in their respective events. Well done to all other competitors who worked very hard in their events. A big THANK YOU to those parents who came along and supported our competitors and helped on the day. ***Heather Reid***

Our competitors were:

Sam (hurdles)

Alan (200m)

Emilly, Cassandra, Sam, Taylah

Cassandra (high jump, triple jump)

Shelby (high jump, triple jump)

Taylah (800m)

Kara (high jump)

Cassidy (long jump)

Jasmine (long jump)

Isabella (1500m)

Rebeccah (1500m)

Oscar (1500m)



SUNSMART – TERM 4

ICY POLES

Will be for sale every FRIDAY from this week until 11/12/09, at lunchtime, .50c each.

In order to keep icy pole days running for the rest of the term more helpers are required. Please leave your name and phone number at the office if you are able to help and we will get back to you. Thank you.



OOSH NEWS

OOSH is looking for a group of supportive and enthusiastic parents to join our new OOSH Committee of Management. This committee will play an integral part in supporting, enhancing, guiding, and promoting our OOSH service. The OOSH committee will meet once a month (or less) in the evening.

The OOSH team would love your support.

Help make their wonderful care of your children even better.

Please complete the following form and return to the office before THURSDAY 15th OCTOBER.

For further information contact Kate Craig (School Council OOSH Sub-Committee) on 0414 324 541.

Interest in OOSH Committee of Management

I _____ am interested in being part of the OOSH committee.

Contact no. _____

My child/ren attend OOSH on a REGULAR / CASUAL basis.

My preferred day(s) for meetings is _____

Mulch Removal

This weekend we are looking to remove the large pile of mulch in the small car park on Greenwell Road, so if you need some mulch at home, come along and grab yourself a trailer-load for \$20 on an honesty system — if you take some mulch, just drop your money in at the office next week. Whatever isn't taken by Sunday afternoon will get dispersed around the school grounds so come early to avoid disappointment!

Working Bee Sunday 18th October for grades 2, 3 and 4

Our Working Bee will run from 10 am till 2 pm, with a sausage sizzle lunch at 12 noon. We have quite a lot of jobs to do, and it would be great if you could BYO some useful tools as follows (and anything else you think might be handy):

Tasks	Tools required
Replacing the brick pavers around the school building perimeter	Wheelbarrows, shovels, mallets
Sawing off a tree stump	Chainsaw, crow bar
Cleaning mould from walls	Buckets, sponges/cloths, rubber gloves
Cleaning out guttering	Ladders, gloves
Patching up a sandpit	Bucket and small shovel for mixing cement
Move any remaining mulch	Pitch forks, rakes, wheelbarrow

We also have a hole in the ceiling of one of the classrooms, so if anyone is handy with plastering, could you please either leave your details at the office, or contact Louise on 9754 8040, and let us know of your availability.

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday!

From the School Council Maintenance Sub-Committee



Your Child's Dental Health Accessing the Knox Community School Dental Service

Knox Community Dental Clinic is currently offering dental examinations and treatment to children attending **Selby Primary School**.

My child has had a School Dental Service appointment in the last two years:

Parents of children already enrolled in the School Dental Service will receive a recall letter from **Knox Community Dental Clinic**, offering them an opportunity to make another appointment for their child.

Parents interested in accepting a recall dental appointment for their child, should telephone **Knox Community Dental Clinic** to arrange a School Dental Service appointment on **9757 6200**, between **9.00am – 4.00pm**.

My child has never had a School Dental Service appointment:

The school will provide parents of Prep children, and children new to the school with an information sheet about the School Dental Service available at **Knox Community Dental Service**. This service is **FREE** for children who parents have a current health care/pension card. For non card-holders, there is a fee of \$28.00 per child, which includes a dental examination and all general dental treatment.

Please note: Year 7 – 12 children can only be seen if parents hold a current health care / pension card and are for free.

Parents interested in enrolling their child in the Knox Community School Dental Service should telephone **Knox Community Dental Clinic** to arrange an appointment on **97576200**, between **9.00am – 4.00pm**.

Where is the Knox Community Dental Clinic located?

1063 Burwood Highway,
Ferntree Gully
3156
Cnr. Selman Ave and Burwood Hwy

Alternatively, please telephone **Knox Community Dental Clinic** on **97576200** **9.00am – 4.00pm**, for more information.



Yours sincerely,

Knox Community Dental Clinic

Shire of Yarra Ranges

CHILDREN'S WEEK 2009

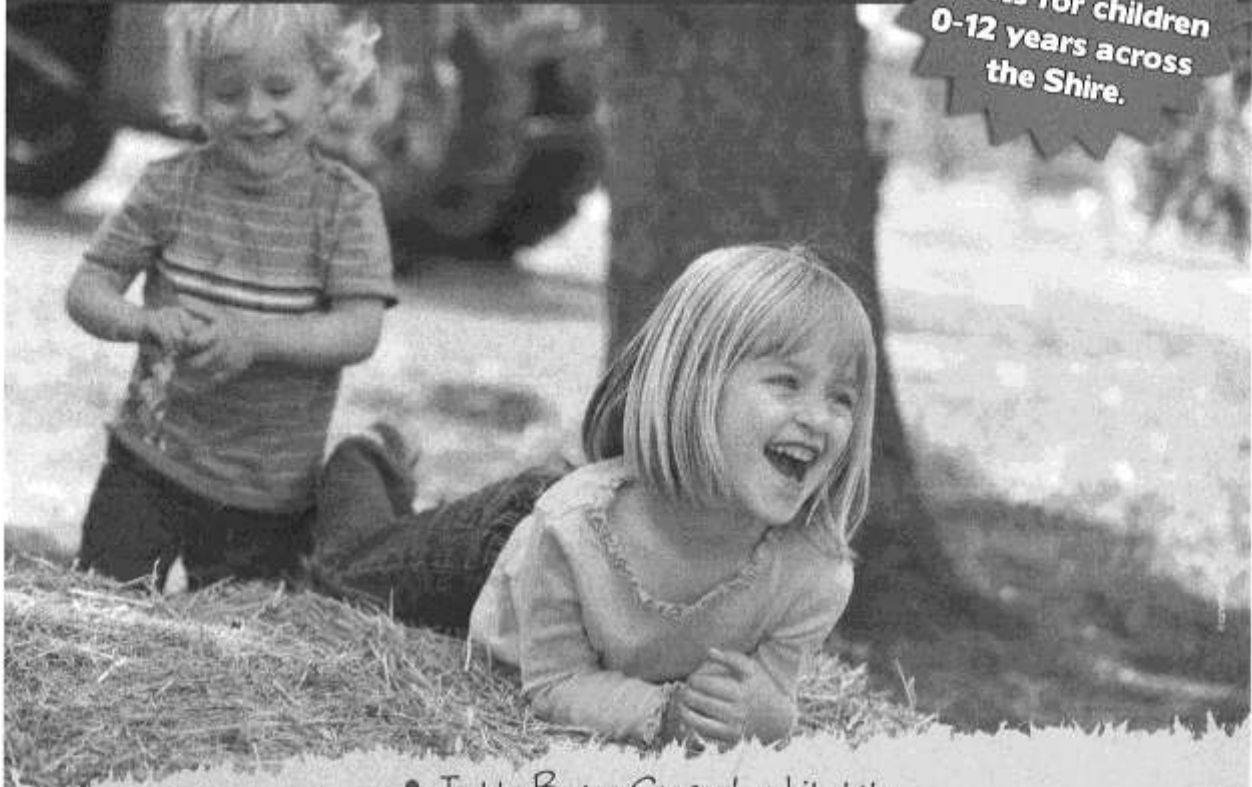


celebrating children



SATURDAY, 24TH OCTOBER
TO SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER

Fabulous FREE*
activities and
events for children
0-12 years across
the Shire.



**Launch of "Help
Shape the Future for
Children" the Shire's
draft Family and
Children's Strategy
for public comment.**

- Teddy Bears Concert - Lilydale
- Burrinja Get into Art and Children's Market - Upwey
- Fun 4 Kids Day - Healesville
- Family Expo - Yarra Junction
- Children's Performances and Film Festivals
- Various locations
- Children's Art Exhibition - Healesville

Children's Week in Yarra Ranges is presented in partnership with the Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the following organisations:

A Victorian
Government
initiative




**For more information
phone 1300 368 333**

Date	Time	Event	Age group	Location	Details	Bookings and Information
Sat 24th Oct	4pm	Children's Film Festival	Preschool - 12 years	Mooroolbark Arts Centre, Brice Ave. Mooroolbark Melway 37 H12	Screening of short films made by local primary school students	Mooroolbark Arts Centre 9726 5488
Sat 24th Oct to Sun 1st Nov	2pm-4.30pm weekend 10am-3pm weekdays	KidsART Exhibition	Preschool - 12 years	Healesville Swinburns TAFE Melway 278 C1	Exhibition of local children's art	Yarra Valley Arts Council 5962 6916
Sun 25th Oct	11am-3pm	Get into Art and Children's Market	0-12 years	Burnja Gallery 351 Glenfern Rd Upwey Melway 75 A12	An all day community art project and Children's Market for the whole family.	Burnja 9754 8723 Sherbrook Children's Centre 9754 4432
Mon 26th Oct	11am-12pm	Children's Storytime Performance	0-5 years	Belgrave Library Reynolds Lane Belgrave Melway 75 F10	Paul Jamieson "The Music Men" is a popular multi-talented children's entertainer.	Bookings essential Belgrave Library 9754 7266
Tue 27th Oct	10am-1.30pm	Fun 4 Kids Day	0-5 years	Healesville Memorial Hall Marcondah Hwy Healesville Melway 278 C1	An annual event celebrating children and their importance in the community. Activities include performances, displays, showbags, music, face painting, food and much more.	Yarra Valley Community Health 1300 130 361

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER - SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2009

Wed 28th Oct	10am-12pm	Teddy Bear's Concert and MEYP Launch	0-5 years	Lilydale Lake Cottage Swansea Rd Lilydale	A wonderful storytime performance and fun for children, displays and information. The launch of the Shire's draft Family and Children's Strategy.	Bookings essential Lilydale Library 9294 3120
Fri 30th Oct	10.30am-12.30pm 1.30pm-2.45pm	Family Expo Day	0-12 years	Upper Yarra Family Centre Hoddle St Yarra Junction Melway 288 D8	A free inter-active day sharing information about family service providers and support groups within the Yarra Valley. Displays, information, BBQ lunch and children's activities.	Upper Yarra Information and Referral Service 5967 1769
Sat 31st Oct	11am-12pm	BLACK SNAKE II	Preschool - 12 years	Yarra Junction Library, Hoddle St Yarra Junction Melway 288 D8	An interactive and very educational talk. Children get to pat or hold a huge range of reptiles and other animals.	Bookings essential Yarra Junction Library 5967 1588
 Children's Week Warm up Event* Costs apply						
Thur 22nd Oct	11am	Little Big Shots www.littlebigshots.com.au	2-12 years	Healesville Memorial Hall Marcondah Hwy Healesville Melway 278 C1	Australia's major annual and traveling children's film festival. An inspiring, and fun-filled festival of the best in local and international children's features, shorts, animations, documentaries and amazingly child-produced films.	\$4/ticket Upper Yarra Arts Council 5966 5040
Fri 23rd Oct	11am			Upper Yarra Arts Centre Warburton Hwy Warburton Melway 290 B4		

COMMUNITY NOTICES

For Sale

Hotpoint evaporative cooler with Ioniser clean air purifying cycle, Model VC1500, remote control, castors, water or ice compartment, nearly new, original box and instructions, \$100, see Elizabeth in school office.

Selby Art and Music Festival – 23, 24 and 25 October

At All Saints Anglican Church, Selby. See brochures at the office.

Shire of Yarra Ranges Children's Week, Sat. 24 Oct. to Sun. 1 Nov.

Fabulous FREE activities and events for children 0-12 years across the Shire. Burrinja open day Sunday 25 October. Bring the whole family and "Get into Art" at Burrinja from 11 am to 3 pm, with the children's market in the park.

Yarra Ranges Child & Family Network E-Bulletin

The network aims to improve access to services for all children aged 0 - 18 years and their families with a special focus on those who are parenting under difficult situations. Go to www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au or phone 9294 6243.

Home Insulation and Home Energy Efficiency

Hear about making your home more greenhouse friendly and about the government Green Loans Program, Sat. 24 Oct., 7.30 pm at Tecoma Uniting Church Hall. Gold coin donation.

Selby Community House is offering ACFE funded courses in environmental man. & sustainability, alternatives in food growing, web marketing, return to work/study skills & 6 week course in Greek Mythology. Enq. 9754-2039.

For Sale

Tempo Multifunction Oven, hardly used, EC, \$50. See Merle in the office.

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