

The Bridge

Selby Primary School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Miss Rutter's Last Week

Next week is going to be very special (and sad) – it's Heather Rutter's last week before her well-earned and much deserved retirement. Heather has had a life-long career in and dedication to education and has made a significant contribution over many years. She will be greatly missed by everyone at Selby. We wish her a very happy last week.

Free Dress Day - Bushfire Appeal

What an unbelievably outstanding effort from the Selby Primary School community!! On Friday we raised the amazing total of \$3,356.95 for the Bushfire Appeal.

Special thanks to Steve Arnold and the Grade 6 students for collecting and counting such a large sum of money – what a great maths lesson!

We hope that our contribution goes some way to help all those people affected by the fires.

In *The Sunday Age* you may have read the poem titled *From the Shadows* that was written by *Animalia's* author and illustrator Graeme Base.

From the Shadows

*A world of ashes leached of life.
The colours swept away.
A paradise lies lost beneath a shroud
Of ashen grey.
And yet in time the veil will fall.
The streams once more will flow,
And from the shadows 'tween the trees
New life will surely grow.*



Selby CFA Car park

Selby CFA has requested that parents not park in the CFA car park when dropping off and picking up students. Crews are being sent away twice a day and the car park is required by crew members for their vehicles. Thank you!

School Assembly

Congratulations to our school captains, Emilly Van Dijk and Douglas Whattam, who did an excellent job in leading our school assembly on Monday morning. They were organised, confident and poised. They approached their task in a very mature way, displaying great leadership skills. To help students develop leadership skills, confidence, self-esteem and organisational skills, they will be actively encouraged to take on different roles and responsibilities within our school.

New Zealand Exchange

We have completed the selection process for the New Zealand Exchange which will take place from 15 May to the 25 May. Eleven students and two teachers will be participating this year.

Help needed - Japanese Hosting

We are looking forward to Kei Yamamoto returning to Selby PS in Term 2, and require families to host Kei for Term 2, 3 and 4.

If you are able to host Kei please contact Lynne Westaway, our Japanese coordinator, or alternatively let the office staff know. Japanese is a very important part of our school program but we are reliant upon parent support to run the program effectively.

First Aid Training

Staff completed the final two sessions of their First Aid training this week – and we all passed! We thank them for their commitment (4.00 – 8.00 pm Monday and Tuesday evening), which ensures that all staff are able to respond to any incidents that may occur. Special thanks to Julie Hedger for organising the training, and Heather Rutter and Julie for making sure we were well looked after.

School Council Elections

Just a quick reminder that nominations for School Council will close on Friday 20 February 2009. Nomination forms are available from the office.

The process is:

- Call for nominations: 11 February;
- Nominations close: 20 February at 4.00 pm;
- Nominations listed at Office, and election form, if required, sent to parents on 23 February;
- Election process (if required) to be completed by 4.00 pm 27 February. Results announced in “The Bridge” 4 March;
- First school Council Meeting Thursday 19 February.

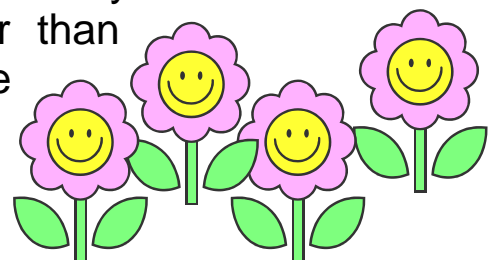
Kind regards,

Wendy Worrell
Principal

BULBS !

We at Selby PS are pretty confident that it will rain again one day soon – and when it does we’ll be thinking about our gardens and looking forward to a bit of spring colour. Included with this newsletter is an order form for our bulb fundraiser. Please gather as many orders as you can from family and friends and return money and order form no later than Friday, 6 March. You should receive your bulbs in time to plant them during the Easter vacation.

Spring in Selby will be sensational!!



VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The reading challenge is on again and we hope to have lots of students participating this year. Consent forms were sent home on Monday and are due back at school by Friday, 20 February. Please encourage your child to take up the challenge. Students from prep – 2 are challenged to experience 30 books and grades 3 – 6 are to read 15 books. Reading challenge books in our library have special stickers on them so that students can easily identify books from the challenge list at their level.

Students **MUST** keep a written record of their reading and hand this in when they have completed the challenge. They may use their home reading diaries or print a record from the challenge website.

Find out more at www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/vicprc.

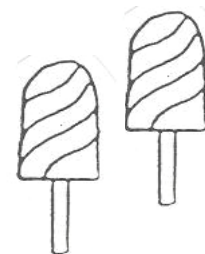
I look forward to being inundated by consent forms later this week!



***Heather Rutter
Teacher-librarian***

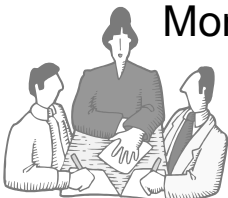
ICY POLE SALES

Icy pole sales will be starting this Friday (20th February), .50 cents each.



PFA Meeting

Due to lack of attendance we will hold a new meeting on Monday 2nd March after assembly in the staff room. Anyone interested in filling a position please come along. Toddlers welcome!!!



BUSHFIRE APPEAL – PFA

Look out for this notice (donations for farmers, wildlife and RSPCA) from the Parents' & Friends' Association – sent home today. Please help if you can.

BUSHFIRE RELIEF DONATIONS

I know that many of you may have already donated financially to the numerous funds which have been set up in the wake of the recent bushfires, however, I am now asking you to help in a more tangible way. There is now a desperate shortage of toiletries and the Red Cross is asking for donations of any of the following – toothbrushes and toothpaste, soap, razors and shaving creams, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, feminine hygiene products. If you can donate any of the above items, please do so to the school office and I will arrange for them to be passed on to the Red Cross. Alternatively, items can also be dropped off at Monbulk Aquatic Centre, Baynes Park Rd, Monbulk. Thanking you in anticipation, Meredith King.

BUSHFIRE RELIEF DONATIONS – HOW YOU CAN HELP

St Vinnie's Boronia has advised us that the following items are most in demand: family clothing, toiletries, baby furniture, non perishable food, bedding. These goods can be dropped off in the canteen lounge at the Knox Basketball Stadium where they will then be delivered to the St Vinnie's warehouse.

BUSH FIRE BENEFIT – FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

7.30 pm to midnight, Belgrave Heights Progress Hall, Colby Dve, Belgrave Heights (Mel. 84 F3). Live dance music courtesy of Grumpy Dog. Silent auction. BYO something to eat, drink and glasses. Make up a table of friends or just come along. Adults \$20, children under 12 \$2. You can help! ALL fundraised on the night will be donated to the Australian Red Cross Bush Fire Appeal. For further info or to donate goods or services for

auction, phone Stuart Semmens and Sue Amico on 9754 8046 or 0407 057 798. Email: semmico@netspace.net.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Environmental Career Workshop – Thursday 19th Feb., 12.30 – 300 pm

Facilitated by ECO co-ordinator for the Environmental jobs network. Aimed at career changers, graduates, students to provide advice on how to get started in the environmental industry. Cost \$15. Selby Comm. House, to book phone 9754 2039.

Belgrave Junior Football Club

Boys or girls interested in playing football are needed for U11 team. Players also welcome for all other age groups. Players must be 8 as at 1/1/09 to be eligible to play. All enquiries please phone Brad on 0418 539 028.

Piano Lessons in Selby

It's the beginning of a new school year – a good time to start piano lessons. If you have a piano to practise on, why not start now or pick up where you once left off? Experienced piano teacher in Selby is now taking students, beginners to advanced. Children from 6-7, adults any age. First lesson free. Ring Margaret Kofod 9754 1380. Full accredited member of the VMTA.

Films Made by Aussie Kids – Little Big Shots

A selection of short films made by Aussie kids from the “Little Big Shots International Film Festival for Kids”. Screening at Burrinja as part of the Blue Dandenong Young Filmmakers Festival. Perfect for families and kids aged 2 to 18. Sat. 21st Feb., 1 – 2 pm, for 2 to 18 y.o., cost \$8/\$6 (bookings of four or more), at Burrinja, 351 Glenfern Rd, Upwey. Bookings Burrinja 9754 8723.

Monbulk Junior Football Club Registration Night

Friday 20th Feb. from 5.00 to 7.30 pm, at the clubrooms, Monbulk Recreation Reserve. New players most welcome, age groups U10, 11,12, 14 & 16. Enquiries Karen Griffiths 9756 6239.

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DIARY

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| Every Friday | - Icy Poles for sale, .50c. |
| Thurs. 19 Feb. | - 7.30 pm school council meeting. |
| Mon. 23 Feb. | - 8.50 am uniform shop open. |
| 24 - 27 Feb. | - Grade 6 camp. |
| Frid. 27 Feb. | - Last day for EMA applications. |
| Mon. 2 March | - 8.30 am uniform shop open. |
| | - PFA meeting after assembly in the staff rm. |

Frid. 6 March

Mon. 9 March

Frid. 13 March

- Parent/teachers interviews.
- Grades 1B, 1W & 2H excursion.
- Labour Day holiday.
- Grades 2/3V, 3S, 4M, 4/5O & 5T excursion.