

The Bridge

Selby Primary School Newsletter

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- *A Bridge To The Future* -

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DIARY

- Thursday 20 Aug.** : 7.30 pm school council meeting.
Friday 21 Aug. : Grs. 3 & 4 Imax excursion. Hoop Time.
Sunday 23 Aug. : 10.00 am – 2.00 pm Working Bee for families of children in grade 5 and 6.
Wed. 26 Aug. : Grs. 1 & 2 Imax excursion.
Monday 31 Aug. : 8.30 am uniform shop open.
: Gr. 6 Scienceworks excursion.
Friday 4 Sept. : Father's Day stall.
Monday 7 Sept. : 8.30 am uniform shop open.
Thurs. 10 Sept. : Footy Day.
Friday 11 Sept. : 7.30 pm Trivia Night at Fountain Gate Hotel
Monday 14 Sept. : 8.30 am uniform shop open.
Wed. 16 Sept. : 1.15 pm school production.
: 7.30 pm school production.
Thurs. 17 Sept. : 7.30 pm school production.
Friday 18 Sept. : Last day of term 3. Dismiss 2.30 pm.
Monday 5 Oct. : Commence term 4.

BOOK FAIR

This is on today, Wednesday 19 August, until 5.00 pm.



GOOD BOOK RECIPIENTS



Grade	Name	Reason
Prep M	Chris	Super attitude and happy worker.
Prep S	Whole	Showing kindness to sad people.
1B	Zarli	Reading and Maths efforts.
1W	Bridget Mira	Great interest in class topics. Great interest in class topics.
2H	Darcy	Co-operative, friendly and hard working qualities.
2/3V	Shanice Radha	Great effort in production. Making Miss Alder feel welcome.
3S	Danny	Dinc sketches.
4M	Tuck	Super SWAT team member.
4/5O	Chelsea Jacob	Fabulous maths results. Welcome back!
5T	Zane	Honest, hard working.
6A	Rebecca	A consistently great student.
6S	Emily	Fantastic to have in the grade.

Life Long Learning

For the past few years DEECD has brought principals together from all around Victoria for the annual “Big Day Out”. This year the event was called the “Big Day In”, and on Friday I attended this day of professional learning at Etihad Stadium along with all the principals from schools in Eastern Metropolitan Region. In the morning Dr Doug Reeves from The Leadership and Learning Centre worked with us (www.leadandlearn.com), and in the afternoon we explored a number of concepts being developed by Professor Richard Elmore, including instructional rounds.

No matter what occupation we work in, whether it be as a plumber, doctor, electrician, nurse, customer service, accountant, technician, builder, teacher, telemarketer, ranger or scientist (and the list goes

on!), our lifelong challenge is to keep learning, developing and improving so that we can do the very best job that we can.

The amount and pace of change in our workplaces and everyday lives is considerable and can seem daunting at times. But equally we live in very exciting times, with so many advances being made in so many fields. For example, if we are ill we are treated using modern techniques that have evolved through extensive research and development. Technology has revolutionised medicine; many diseases are becoming more manageable, and the prognosis for many people is much brighter than it was 10 years ago. If we were to compare a hospital of 100 years ago with a hospital of today it would be unrecognisable.

In education there is the same imperative to keep learning. If we were to visit a classroom of the 1900s and a classroom today, we would find that there are still many similarities. The challenge for educators is to keep and improve the things that are effective and that work, but at the same time look for opportunities that will enhance what we do. We are preparing our students to live and work in an unknown world. Many occupations that school leavers take up today did not exist 5 years ago – let alone 20 years ago when they were being educated. We must prepare our students to embrace change, to think creatively and positively, to problem solve, and to develop a positive, flexible and proactive attitude to their life and learning.

Specialist programs @ Selby PS

Selby Primary School is very fortunate to have a most enthusiastic and experienced team of specialists.

Nikki Lewis provides a rich and stimulating visual arts program, and the visual art work that is displayed around our school is an absolute highlight.

Michael Meeking and the students entertain us each Monday morning with wonderful musical items, and we are all waiting with great anticipation and excitement for the annual production, another much-valued highlight of our school.

Heather Reid provides a rich and diverse physical education program that gives our students so many opportunities to develop their talents and abilities, and enables them to participate in a wide range of sporting activities and events. In addition to her PE responsibilities, Heather also keeps our Library running!

As I write this she is busily preparing for the Book Fair, another highlight on the school calendar.

We are educating the whole child, and our specialist programs provide students with wonderful opportunities to develop their special talents. Thank you Nikki, Michael and Heather!

Working Bee – Grades 5 and 6 – this Sunday 23 August

School Council has organised a Working Bee for this Sunday – which includes a BBQ lunch! We are very proud of our school, and hope to see lots of families helping us on the day.

Many thanks to the Sustainability and Maintenance (SAM) sub-committee for organising this event, and for the great work they are doing in developing a creative plan for our school grounds.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to the Selby Primary School netball team who won the EDEC Lightning Premiership! They also competed in the Schools Netball Championship at Waverley. Special thanks to Linda Clarke for coaching the team, and Heather Reid for all her organisation leading up to the event, and for “going above and beyond” in providing special uniforms for our team.

Another sporting highlight for the week was Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 participating in a range of basketball activities at Knox Stadium. Once again, thanks to Heather Reid for enabling our students to have so many sporting opportunities.

Tickets Orders for “The Inventors”

Don't forget to place your ticket orders ASAP for what is sure to be another wonderful Selby production!

Kind regards,

Wendy Worrell

Principal

WHOLE SCHOOL AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS - REMINDER

A reminder that whole school photo orders and Junior School Council, House Captains and School Captains group photo orders must be returned this **Friday, 21 August.** Order forms are available from the school office if you did not receive one last week.



A GREAT WEEK OF SPORTING EVENTS

Last week saw many different sporting events at Selby Primary School with children participating in the School's Netball Championships at Waverley, the Lightning Premiership (football, netball and volleyball) against other EDEC schools and basketball activities at the Knox Stadium.

All children displayed great sportsmanship in the various activities and it was great to see them involved in such healthy pursuits with smiles all round.

The girls' netball team was successful in winning the competition at the EDEC Lightning Premiership. Well done to all the girls and to Linda Clarke their coach. Other teams also had some very strong results.

A very big thank you to all the parents who helped out at these various activities as we could not have participated without your support. Also to some ex-students who also helped out on the day.

At the Lightning Premiership our PFA were responsible for running the canteen on the day - a very big undertaking. Thank you to all the mums who were involved in both the ordering, collection and selling of food for this event. With the wet weather the hot food was a very big hit with kids, parents and teachers. (The potato cakes were great!!!)

Sporting events continue with Hoop Time this Friday and the Girls' Football Tuesday. Good luck to both those teams.

FOOTBALL JUMPERS

Can these please be returned (clean) **BY TOMORROW, Thurs. 20 Aug.** They need to be given to our girls for next Tuesday. Thank you.

WORKING BEE REMINDER

A reminder to all parents of children in grades 5 and 6 that your presence is required on Sunday between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm for our term 3 working bee! Please bring along any tools you think might be useful (eg paint brushes, shovels, blowers, mowers, wheel barrows) and with your help we can give the school a real spruce up! We also need any spare bricks or brick pavers you might have for the veggie garden path. Sausages and drinks will be available around lunch time as your reward!! Hope to see you all there.

From the Sustainability and Maintenance Sub-committee

PFA - LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

Despite the bitter cold, fog and rain it was a great turnout. I guess it was the weather combined with soggy children and the smell of fresh, hot chips, potato cakes, pizza and hotdogs etc. that stirred up a continuous feeding frenzy. We had 3 deep fryers on the go at all times and still couldn't keep up with chip orders. I only recall one time during the course of the day that we could see out of the canteen window and there wasn't a sea of hungry faces.

Thank you so much to all the parent helpers - Jill, Marita, Kim, Kerry, Terese and Natalie, we couldn't run these fundraisers without you ALL.

Also congratulations to all the students for your efforts on and off the field/court. I'm not biased, but Selby students had the best manners. Last, but by no means least, thanks to Heather Reid for her support in the lead up to this event (hope we didn't pester you too much) but it was touch and go with the weather and we didn't want to be left with a truck load of food and no event, so thanks...

This event raised approximately \$1,000 towards our school.

Regards PFA

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Preparations are underway for this year's Father's Day stall. We are seeking donations for this stall. We would ask that you purchase a gift, up to \$5 in value, and hand it in to the office by Wednesday 2 September. The Father's Day stall will be held on Friday 4 September. On this day your child can bring money to purchase a gift from the stall. Thank you for your support.

PFA Committee

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - The Inventors

A ticket order form for this year's production was sent home last week.

Tickets are selling fast - so please make sure you get your order in early to avoid disappointment.

All students are involved in the performance so there is no need to purchase tickets for Selby school students.

The procedure for processing bookings is as follows:

- ❖ Bookings are processed in the order in which they are received, but tickets will not be distributed until closer to the production.
- ❖ **Payment MUST accompany the order form.**
- ❖ Please note that no refunds can be given.
- ❖ Wheelchairs
 - please indicate on your order and place orders early.
- ❖ No prams allowed due to restriction of space.
- ❖ No standing due to safety restrictions.

There will be three performances in the school hall:

Matinee (1.15 pm) on Wednesday 16 September

Evening (7.30 pm) on Wednesday 16 September

Evening (7.30 pm) on Thursday 17 September.

All seats are **\$10.00** each.

We keep the price as low as possible to cover our costs.

There are no concessions.



SELBY PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT



This is a Selby Primary School fundraiser and, although we welcome family and friends, all funds raised will go directly to our school.

The trivia night is hosted by Dougie Hawkins.
Make sure you purchase your tickets now to enter the early bird prize draw, which closes on 28 August.
Ticket forms available from the office.



Date: Friday 11 September
Time: 7.30 pm arrival for 8.00 pm start
Where: Fountain Gate Hotel
Cost: \$15 per ticket.
Individual tickets or tables 8 – 10 people.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Children's Book Sale

Everyone welcome. Thurs. 10 and Frid. 11 September, 9.00 am – 6.00 pm, at Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse, 9-11 Northern Rd, West Heidelberg.

English Premier League Comes to Australia

Bolton Wanderer's FC coming to Melbourne 28/9 to 2/10/09. See Heather Reid at school for more information or visit www.profootballaustralia.com.

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