

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

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

23-25 Nov. : Grade 4 camp

25-27 Nov. : Grade 3 camp



GOOD BOOK RECIPIENTS

Grade	Name	Reason
Prep M	Zoe	Helpful in packing up and friendliness.
Prep S	Ashley	Working well in Maths.
1B	William	Focused into learning. Individual touch in his work. Clever boy.
1W	Phoebe	Initiative and consideration.
2/3V	Ben	"Secret Cave" picture.
3S	Edmund	A great start to school at Selby.
4M	Zoe	Fantastic attention to school work.
5T	Jake Teisha	A great week on camp.
6A	Tyler	A bright spark in class.
6S	Ramon	Marvellous mathematician.
	Mr Thompson	For organising a fabulous camp for grade 5.
	All grade 5 children	For being a great group to take on camp.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Teachers have had a busy week this week with the Prep to Year 2 teachers working on the English Online Interview, Year 2 camp at Wombat Corner in Emerald, the farewell dinner for the New Zealand visitors, etc etc. The working bee on Sunday was fantastic – there were many families present, and they completed works such as weeding, washing down walls, mowing the grass, cleaning out various garden beds and the amphitheatre area, and also replacing the pavers that were removed when the buildings were treated for termites – this in itself was a huge job, and I believe some families stayed until 3.30 pm on Sunday to complete it. I would like to thank the Whites, Dinkgreve, Guzzardi, Wright, Hughes, Thomas, Patterson, Craig, Birch, Armstrong, Miles, Dowell, Zaramara and Bloxham families (apologies if I have missed anyone, there were so many I'm sure I didn't get everyone's names), and special thanks to Michael Dinkgreve for coming back on Monday to fix a hole in a withdrawal room ceiling. Thank you to Louise Bloxham and her committee for doing a great job with ordering sand, organising equipment etc, and to Kate Craig for organising the barbeque. The school is looking beautiful!



School Council News

School Council last week accepted Faorligh Hunter's resignation as School Council president, and formally thanked her on behalf of the community for her wonderful contribution to the school over several years. Vice president Kate Craig was approved as the school's new School Council president.

Thank you to the parents who have offered their services to fill two casual parent vacancies on School Council until the next Annual General Meeting early next year. School Council will announce the names of these new parent members after the next meeting formally confirms their appointment in November.

CFA meeting

Last night the CFA held a community meeting in the Selby Community House to answer questions about fire safety. The school has also received the following advice regarding school closures and risk factor ratings.

School and Pre School Closures:

The Government announced last week that government schools and children's services that have been identified as being at high fire risk, will close on a day declared a **Code Red Fire Danger Rating Day**. Bus routes and offsite activities such as excursions, schools camps and outdoor activities may also be cancelled or changed.

The pre-emptive closure policy arises from an assessment and audit process into the preparedness of all Government and non Government schools and children's services after the February fires. Where possible, DEECD will provide up to 3 days notice of a planned closure (including warnings about cancelling, changing, rescheduling or recalling off-site activities, such as camps and excursions), as well as information about cancellation or changes to bus transport routes.

Schools, children's services and local communities should however expect that, in some instances, fewer than 3 days notice may be provided. The final decision to close a facility will be confirmed no later than 12 noon the day before planned closure.

Once the decision to close is made, this will not change – regardless of changes in weather forecast – this will help limit confusion and provide time for parents to make alternative care arrangements for their children. ***The list of closures will be published on the Department's website (www.education.vic.gov.au).***

A Fire Danger Rating is a prediction of fire behaviour, including how hard it would be to put out a fire once it starts. It provides information on: the sort of bushfire behaviour that could be experienced on that day, the type of threat bushfires may pose to life and property on any day given the forecast weather conditions. A new Fire Danger Rating Barometer will alert you to danger so you can take action. Fire Danger Ratings will be a feature of weather forecasts and alert you to the actions you should take in preparation for and on the day. It will be in newspapers, broadcast on radio, TV and on websites.

Lindy Cooney

RATING	RECOMMENDED ACTION
CODE RED (Catastrophic):	If you live in a bushfire prone area the safest option is to leave the night before, or early in the morning.
EXTREME:	The safest option is to leave early in the day if you live in a bushfire prone area and your Bushfire Survival Plan is to leave. Only stay if your home is well prepared, well constructed and you can actively defend it.
SEVERE:	The safest option is to leave early in the day if you live in a bushfire prone area and your Bushfire Survival Plan is to leave. Only stay if your home is well prepared and you can actively defend it.
VERY HIGH:	If you live in a bushfire prone area and your Bushfire Survival Plan is to leave, the safest option is to leave at the beginning of a day.
HIGH:	Check your Bushfire Survival Plan
LOW-MODERATE:	Check your Bushfire Survival Plan

URGENT UPDATE OF SCHOOL RECORDS

It is very important that the school has accurate student information records so that you can be contacted quickly if necessary and also to enable our school to receive appropriate funding based on cumulative family details.

We have sent home a printout with details for your child.

We ask that you check the sheet, changing it where necessary with a **red pen** and return the printout **by Friday 30 October 2009**. Thank you.



PARENTS (any year level) WANTED SWAT DAY (Save Water and Trees)
This Friday, 23 October, the SWAT team is planning to do a spring clean of the school grounds.

We will be fixing the path near the new tree sculptures, fixing and weeding garden beds, cleaning the frog bog and hoping to create a three sectioned compost bin. We have the pallets - we need brain, brawn and tools. Please meet in the library at 11.30 am.

P.S. Come and see the wonderful trophy we won.

PARENT HELP ON JAPANESE DAY

Kei Sensei is currently planning another wonderful Japanese Day for the children on Monday November 9th. As usual there will be a yummy Japanese cooking activity. We need four parents to help us prepare ingredients for this activity in the morning. If you are free and would like to assist us could you please let me know this week.

Thank you very much.

Lynne Westaway and Kei Sensei

UNIFORM UPDATE

Summer Dress

The new Selby summer dress currently in stock at Beleza is an Australian made item and is currently \$36. With an increased production of the dress Beleza will be producing the dress from their factory in China. This stock will arrive in the store in December and will be \$28. The Australian stock will remain in the shop until the new Chinese stock arrives. If you are buying a new dress you have the option to purchase the current stock at \$36 or wait for the new stock to pay \$28.

Jumpers

The new polar fleece jumpers and jackets (with Selby logos) are now available at the shop. Hoodies are not yet available.

Uniform Transition

Just a reminder that the majority of base items in our uniform – track pants, girls pants, shorts, culottes – remain unchanged.

With the transition from old t-shirts, dresses and jumpers to new ones, there is no expectation on families to rush out and buy new items. The long transition phase allows you to replace the old with the new when the time is right for you – when the old items become worn out or just outgrown.

New Zealand Exchange

Another year (our 16th) of visiting and hosting our friends at Takapuna Normal Intermediate School (TNIS) in Auckland, New Zealand has come and gone again. The kiwi teachers and students asked me to pass on their thanks to all the students and their families who hosted and made their stay so enjoyable. I know all the students had a fantastic time spending ten days with you.

Thank you to the following students and their families who hosted:

Billyjean Boxall	Emily Moore
Rebecca Clarke	Emily Pargeter
Natasha Crowe	Jessi Ryan
Emma Geyson	Eilish Trimmer
Sam Grant	Kyra Watson
Sasha Grant	Abby Yelland

I hope you have made friends you will stay in contact with for many years. Thank you also to Mrs Hedger who hosted one of the TNIS teachers.

The TNIS staff and students also asked me to let you know that after the devastating bushfires earlier in the year, the school held a free dress day to raise some money to be donated to the bushfire cause. We thank the TNIS school community for their donations.

Soon there will be expression of interest notes going home with students in grade four and five for next year's exchange. I can thoroughly recommend the exchange and encourage you to consider the exchange program in 2010.

Phill Van Dorp

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Accounts

Accounts are now available for pick up from Before or After School Care.

Many people did not pick up accounts at the end of term 3 because of the school production throwing things out of routine. If you have used our service please check to see if you have an outstanding account as we do not post out statements.

Many thanks.



Jackie Downton, Coordinator

GRADE 5 CAMP 2009

Day 1 – Tuesday 13th October

On Tuesday the 13th of October, 30 bouncy and excited kids and 4 teachers braced themselves for the most action packed 3 days of the year. At 9.30 am, we loaded the bus and set off for grade 5 camp 2009. On the way there I sat next to Gemma S right up the front. Gemma B and Kara were opposite us. They counted buses on the way there. Mrs. O called us the front seat fairies. Our bus driver, Gordon, was awesome. He was always talking to us. Finally, we arrived at Melbourne Discovery.

First thing, we went to the Galactic Lounge and we got a card each which opened our room, the toilets and the showers. There were lots of stairs there and it was hard work carrying 3 heavy bags of luggage. We were in room 219. In our room there was Gemma B, Kara, Gemma S, Pippa, Jade, Lara, Sophie, Ally, Eliza, Sarah and myself. We all slept on bunk beds and Kara slept on top of me. We unpacked and then got ready to go to the MCG.

When we arrived, we ate lunch. There were workmen packing up the Melbourne Marathon equipment. Then we walked around to Gate 3 and entered. We put our bags in a trolley then headed down to the 'Game On' interactive learning and games centre. It was so cool. There was a circular table with 4 touch screen computers on it. You had to write a review on the Grand Final. There were other games as well such as cycling, netball, football, cricket and soccer. After that we went to the National Sports Museum. The exit was lined with track from the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

It was very annoying because in the National Sports Museum you weren't allowed to take photos. But that was understandable because there were lots of very old and valuable things there. There was a computer screen and when you selected your team it would play your team's song and the lyrics would come up. But everyone kept on pressing buttons and it malfunctioned or did something to that effect. I liked looking at all the premiership posters that 'WEG' and Mark Knight drew. They are very clever. After that we went to the Shrine of Remembrance. Before we went in, we ate the remainder of our lunch at the Royal Botanic Gardens. At the Shrine, all the medals were displayed in a pattern that repeated itself on a huge wall which was about 30m long. It was really pretty. Then the tour began. We went to the crypt where there was a stone that had 'Greater Love Hath No Man' engraved on it. We listened to *The Last Post* and I think we had a minute's silence. In the crypt there were 12 marble pillars. They were very pretty and they were black. Then we went down to the Eternal Flame. It was a gas flame and it was also very hot. There was a statue which had 4 men carrying a stretcher. On every side there was a listing of where people fought.

Then we went inside, walked up a lot of stairs, and went up to the balcony. It was quite windy up there and I'm glad I didn't fall off! We could get a great view of the city. It was also very high up. I was relieved when we got inside. We saw a statue, on one side there was a father, on the other side there was a son. The last thing we saw was the Olive Tree which honoured the widows and children who lost husbands and fathers.

We made an unexpected visit to the beach, from which we could see Station Pier. I went on the playground. I bashed my lip on a bar and it started to bleed. Scarlett collected some shells and I brought some home. Mr T. kept on playing tricks on us. Then we went to dinner at Crown. We ate at the Automatic Café and we had pizza. It was some of the best pizza I've ever had. I also had a Sprite. I sat with Gemma B, Gemma S and Kara. Then we went upstairs to Bowling. I was in a group with Gemma B, Kara, Gemma S, Scarlett and Jack S. We had the bumpers up. I won and my score was 103. That was probably a personal best for me. We went to Laser Wars next. My name was Starscream and I came 3rd out of Blue Team. I kept aiming for Mr T. and Mr. Arnold.

After Laser Wars we went downstairs to the Galactic Circus. We didn't have any credits but we found some cards. The one I found was empty. I almost lost my camera. When we got back I got ready for bed. I didn't go to sleep until about 11.30pm.

Day 2 – Wednesday 14th October

In the morning I got up at 4.30 am which was very annoying because I felt sick and I couldn't go back to sleep. We ate breakfast at 7.30 am. I had toast. Then we packed our day bags and headed over the West Gate Bridge to Scienceworks. First we went to the Planetarium. We watched a film in a dome. We lay back in the seats and looked up. I didn't like it much because it made me feel sea sick. After that we ate playlunch. I got a bag of chips and a Sprite. Then we went into Scienceworks. It was fun. I liked pressing all the buttons and the Newton's Law activities. Lunch wasn't that impressive. Lebanese Pizza is not quite my cup of tea. After Scienceworks we went to the Old Melbourne Gaol.

My group was second so while we were waiting we went to the Carlton Gardens. It was quite boring. I kicked the footy with Mr Meeking and it started to bucket down. We all had to run to the bus. I think everyone got fairly wet. We headed back to the Old Melbourne Gaol and it was our turn. I was Mr O'Donald, the Prosecuting Counsel. The play was called "You'll hang by your neck until you're dead!" It was the trial of Elizabeth Scott. She was hanged innocently. The play took place in a real courtroom. After that, we went back to the Carlton Gardens. While Alan was in the toilet, the handle fell off so he was stuck inside. Half an hour later he forced himself out.

We went to dinner at Universal Pizza on Lygon St. It was either pizza or pasta. I had about 5 noodles. I missed out! After dinner, we went to MSAC. It was so much fun. Our leaders were Tom and Greta. First we went in the wave pool. It's not as big as Casey Arc. Then we went on the waterslide. It was pitch black inside and you came out very quickly. Then we went on the inflatable. You had to crawl on the back of a crocodile. I was really good at it. Even with discouragements. We went on the Rocky Road, which was quite hard. We went in the Wave Pool one more time and then we went home. That night I was first asleep and I slept well.

Day 3 – Thursday 15th October

I woke up at 5.00 am on Thursday. Not as bad as the previous night. We ate breakfast at 6.45 am. We went to the Aquarium. It opened at 8.00 am for school groups. We were lead around by Kath. I really liked the Stingrays. Then we ate at QV for Recess. I got a Sprite, which was all I felt like. Then we went to the State Library which was across the road. We had a tour held by Bethany. She was really informative. We made Ned Kelly Armour out of plastic. Our group made the helmet. We went back to QV for Lunch. I got a cheese and bacon roll and a medium hot chips from Oporto. Then we went home. It was a great camp.

By Emily

PARENTS' & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

ICYPOLES

Anyone who would like to help sell icy poles at lunchtimes on a Friday please let the office know.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We are in desperate need of helpers for the following:

Spotlight - Fountain Gate (this Saturday)

Emerald Butcher - Saturday 14th November.

Please let the office or PFA members know if you are available to help out with a shift.

We cannot run these without your help and the monies raised goes towards our new playground.

CAMEL CARDS

If you haven't received your paperwork yet for this there are spare forms at the office.

I hope you have fun either drawing artwork or thinking up a creative scene for your cards and/or calendars.

Regards, your friendly PFA



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

OUTDOOR CINEMA NIGHT

The PFA have organised an outdoor cinema night at Selby Primary School for Friday 27 November. The movie will be "Arthur and the Invisibles". This event has been organised for families to enjoy an evening together with great company, food and a family movie. More details to follow regarding pricing. If the weather is forecasting rain we will have to re-schedule this event. We will also have Mr Whippy selling ice-cream, popcorn, fairy floss, drinks, Dutch pancakes and hot jam donuts as well as a coffee van on site. So why not turn up at 7.30 pm with a picnic dinner and grab a chance to catch up with friends and/or family before the movie starts.

For anyone with a business who is wishing to take advantage of advertising on the night we have a 30 minute time slot in which to advertise companies who have provided sponsorship for this event. A monetary donation will provide you with advertising time (see table below) at our outdoor cinema night to be viewed by the school community, their families, friends and the wider community.

Sponsorship	Advertising Time
\$50	30 seconds
\$100	1 minute
\$200	1 min. 30 seconds
\$500	3 minutes
\$1,000	5 minutes
\$1,500	10 minutes
Other	

Please note: for "Other" advertising time will be allocated in relation to amount donated.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please fill out the form below and return to the school with your cheque or money order before Friday 13 November, along with a disk with images and appropriate information in PowerPoint format for your advertising.

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Company Name:

Company Address:

Suburb: Postcode:

Phone:

I am sponsoring your event for the amount of:

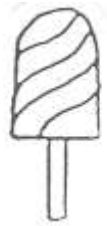
\$50 \$100 \$200 \$500 \$1,000 \$1,500

Other, please specify \$ _____



ICY POLES FOR SALE

Every Friday this term
at lunchtime.
.50c each



SUNSMART – TERM 4

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.

Upwey Primary School 75th Anniversary Country Fair & Music Festival

Inviting ALL community members, past and present staff, students and parents, Saturday 14 November, from 2.00 – 9.00 pm, 15 Darling Ave, Upwey. For more information please call Upwey PS on 9754 2369.

Belgrave Cricket Club – In2Cricket (Milo) Program

For children 5-10 yrs at Tecoma Primary School from Friday 30 October at 5.00 pm. Cost \$55 (includes back pack with cricket bat, hat, t-shirt and other goodies). Phone Jenny Porter on 0438 269 546.

Yarra Valley Railway's Halloween Ghost Train

Friday 30 and Sat. 31 October. Trolley rides \$22/\$18 conc. Dinner & trolley ride \$38/\$34 conc. For bookings or information phone Patricia 0400 171 657.

New Girl Guide Group in Emerald

For girls 10-14 yrs, commencing Tues. 10 Nov. at Clematis Hall, 6.00 – 7.30 pm. Also vacancies for girls aged 7-10 yrs.

Phone Melinda on 5968 0195 or www.outereasternregionguides.org.au

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