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# Bridge

## Selby Primary School Newsletter

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**22 April 2009**

### DIARY

- Wed. 22 April** : Grs. 2-4 swimming until Frid. 1 May.  
**Mon. 27 April** : 8.30 am Uniform shop open.  
**Friday 1 May** : Free Dress Day – gold coin donation.  
**Mon. 4 May** : 8.30 am Uniform shop open.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### **Welcome back**

Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing break, ready for another busy term. Even though there were no children at school, it was still a very busy place to be! Maureen Argoon and Meredith King did a magnificent job with the big term-break clean (thank you ladies), and we had various trades people carrying out repairs and doing routine maintenance tasks. We are ready for another busy term, with the calendar being included with this edition of *The Bridge*.

#### **Welcome back Kei!**

It's wonderful to have Kei back at Selby Primary School. It was lovely to see the delight on the students' faces when Kei was welcomed at assembly. Students benefit in many ways from having the opportunity to learn a language at Primary School, and Kei will be able to continue with and build on the Japanese program that she commenced last year.

A big thank you to Lynne Westaway for all the work she has done with the International Division of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development which has enabled Kei to return to

Selby this year, and Barb Masterton and her family for caring for Kei when she first arrived.

Very special thanks to the Smits family who are caring for Kei during this term. Our Japanese program could not happen without the support of our wonderful families. Thank you!

### **ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony**

The School Captains and Vice-Captains have represented our school at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ANZAC Commemoration Ceremony, which is organised each year by the Yarra Valley Legacy. The ceremony is conducted at the site of the Kokoda Walk Memorial Plaques at Dandenong Ranges National Park.

### ***The Kokoda Walk in the Dandenong Ranges National Park***

*“The Kokoda Walk in the Dandenong Ranges National Park has been reconstructed in order to honour the men and women of Australia who in times of war, fought for and often gave their lives for our freedom. The walk has been designed to tell the story of how Australian soldiers, sailors and airmen defeated the Japanese Army on the Kokoda Trail in Papua-New Guinea during the Second World War (1939-1945).”*

From *The Kokoda Walk in the Dandenong Ranges Park* by Ross J Bastiaan.

The Kokoda Walk is located at the Ferntree Gully section of Dandenong Ranges National Park, and steadily ascends One Tree Hill on the One Thousand Steps Track.

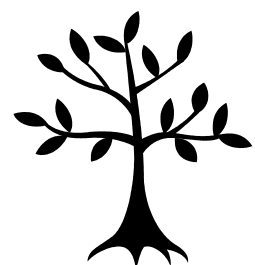
### **Trees**

During the holidays we had a number of trees drop branches, which is an ongoing issue at Selby Primary School. As well as removing the fallen branches, we have had an arborist assess several trees. There is an old blackwood tree by the playground that is infested with termites and will unfortunately need to be removed. However, we will be planting a range of small trees during the term to replace the trees we've lost through the drought.

Kind regards,

*Wendy Worrell*

**Principal**



## **SELBY'S GOT TALENT**

The final for Selby's got talent will be on next Friday in the hall. It will commence at around 3:10 pm and will feature the final three acts. All the very talented people who entered the competition will be awarded with a certificate on the day.

The competition has already raised money for the RSPCA's bushfire appeal and there will be a free dress day on Friday the 1st of May to raise further funds. A gold coin donation can be made on the day.

Thank you very much to all the wonderful organisers of this spectacular event.

***Steve Arnold***

## **MOTHERS' DAY STALL**

Mothers' day is fast approaching us with only 2½ weeks away.

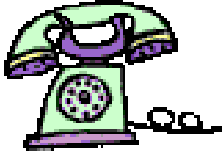
Our Mothers' Day stall will be held on Friday 8 May with a variety of gifts ranging from .50c to \$6.00 for the children to purchase.

We are in desperate need of gifts and are asking families for their kind donations (of no more than \$5) to assist us in making sure we have enough gifts to make this a wonderful Mothers' Day for all. Please leave donations at the office by Friday 1 May. Thank you.

We also require parent helpers to help man the stall between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm. If you are able to help please contact Robyn on 9752 6098. Thanks.

***Parents' & Friends' Association***

## PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

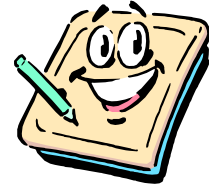


Are your contact details up to date?

We have had instances where work or mobile numbers are not current when we have urgently needed to contact parents.

Please ensure you advise the office in writing of any changes. Each child should also have two (2) emergency contact numbers apart from parents.

Thanks for your help.



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education committee is involved in discussing educational issues pertaining to Selby PS and reviewing school policies.

We meet approximately once a term on a Thursday evening at 7.30 pm in the staffroom. If you would like to be involved in this forum now is your opportunity! We are looking for new members to come to our first meeting for the year on Thursday 7th May.

Don't miss the chance to have your say.

Please fill in the form below and return to Jan Abbott in room 9.



## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, would like to join the Education committee and will be at the meeting on May 7th, 2009.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name and grade \_\_\_\_\_

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Dear Parents,**

Anyone living near Grey & Best St, Belgrave who could help out running Miles and Montana Nicel to and from school for a short while, please contact Helen Nicel on 9754 7717. Thanks.

### **Cross Country – Cockatoo Little Aths Winter Season**

Starts Sat. 25 April, 10 am at Cockatoo Little Aths track, Mountain Rd Reserve, Cockatoo. Enquiries phone Wendy Neagle 0413 512 123.

### **Cockatoo May-Fair**

Sat. 2 May, 10 am – 4 pm, Alma Treloar Reserve, Pakenham Rd. Visit [www.cockatoomayfair.org.au](http://www.cockatoomayfair.org.au) for more information.

### **Kids Club**

Kids Club starts on Frid. 24 April, 7.30 - 9.30 at Belgrave South Baptist Church. Cost \$2. All students in grade 4 - 6 are welcome. Medical form required to be filled out on first night, please bring Medicare no. For information contact Hannah Denny on 9754 1387 or 0438 684 727.

### **Dandenong Ranges Community Bushfire Group Community Meeting**

Hosted by Cr Noel Cliff, James Merlino MP and Jason Wood MP at Burrinja Cultural Centre, 351 Glenfern Rd, Upwey on Sun. 3 May, 9.00 am - 12.00 pm. [drdbg@aapt.net.au](mailto:drdbg@aapt.net.au) or 9755 2313 to register for attendance.

### **VolleyStars 2009**

Fridays 4.00 - 4.45 pm, Upwey High school stadium, gr. 3 up. Starts 24/4. Cost \$5 per player per night (pay on the night). Just turn up.

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