

# The Bridge

## Selby Primary School Newsletter

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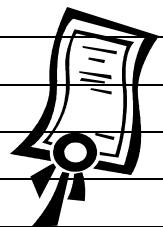
**25 March 2009**

### DIARY

- Every Friday** : Icy poles for sale, .50c.  
**Wed. 25 March** : Easter raffle tickets/money due back.  
**Frid. 27 March** : Hot cross buns order/money due back.  
**Mon. 30 March** : 8.30 am uniform shop open.  
: 2.30 pm PFA meeting.  
**Wed. 1 April** : School disco.  
**Frid. 3 April** : Last day of term 1.  
: Easter raffle drawn.  
**Mon. 20 April** : Commence term 2.

### GOOD BOOK RECIPIENTS

Grade	Recipients
PS	-
PM	-
1B	William
1W	Jessica
2H	Phoebe and Olivia
2/3V	Mitchell
3S	Cooper and Lauren
4M	Shawn
4/5O	Harrison
5T	Eliza
6A	Rebecca and Sasha
6S	Indiana and Emily



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **EDEC Athletic Sports**

What a wonderful day for everyone involved! The EDEC Athletic Sports were held at Cockatoo on Tuesday, and it was wonderful to see so many students, teachers, parents and members of the wider school communities participating in such an enjoyable, community day.

Congratulations and thank you to Heather Reid for her wonderful organisation of this big event, and a special thank you to all the teachers and parents who so ably assisted Heather on the day.

Congratulations to Macclesfield Primary School who were overall winners on the day.

Well done to Selby who came second and were the winners of the Rotary Shield.



### **School Council**

The newly-elected Selby School Council held their first meeting last Thursday night and elected the office bearers for 2009. They are:

President:	Leigh Hunter
Vice President:	Kate Craig
Minutes Secretary:	Louise Bloxham

Treasurer: Heather Reid  
Executive Officer: Wendy Worrell

The other School Council members are:

Chris O'Neill, Naomi Pritchard-Tiller, Mali Farnell,  
Stephanie White, Robyn Guzzardi, Rosa Boocock,  
Phillip Van Dorp and Janet Saber.

We welcome all members of School Council and look forward to the year ahead with great enthusiasm.

There are still two vacancies for community members. Please contact the office if you are interested in being a co-opted member of School Council.

School Council has decided to form a number of sub-committees as the need arises, for example a Buildings and Grounds sub-committee, a Uniform sub-committee and an OOSH sub-committee. Expressions of interest for members of the school community to participate in these sub-committees will be advertised in *The Bridge*. We have wonderful parent expertise in our community, and School Council will really appreciate your contribution and support.

Chris O'Neill has volunteered to lead the *Building the Education Revolution (BER)* (please see additional information about "BER" with this edition of *The Bridge*) sub-committee. We thank Chris for the much appreciated contribution he made as President in 2008, and we look forward to working with him on this very important and exciting project.

### **2008 Annual Report**

At last week's school council meeting the 2008 Annual Report was tabled, discussed and passed. The report is basically a review of the school year but it also looks at specific data. A copy of the 2008 Annual Report will be available on the school website or in hard copy from the office from next week. Special thanks to Jan Abbot, Julie Hedger and Chris O'Neill for their significant and important contributions to the Annual Report.

### ***Let's Think About This and Rethink Notices***

A *Let's Think About This* notice and a *Rethink* notice have been included with this edition of *The Bridge*. These notices are used when an incident or a challenge has occurred. The student is encouraged to reflect on their behaviour and actions, helping them to understand how the situation came about and how they can change

their response in the future if the same situation arises. The notice is then sent home at the end of the day, and we ask parents to help their child reflect on what has happened. The notice is signed by parents and returned to school. If you have any questions or wish to seek any more information about this process please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Head Lice**

Head lice are an issue that is common to all schools and causes concern for parents, students and teachers. Please be vigilant and keep a look out for head lice. Additional information about head lice is available in the Public Health Division brochure "Treating and Controlling Head Lice". Copies are available at the office.

Please report any cases to the office and your child's class teacher so that the appropriate action can be taken.

### **Car Park Lines**

Some parents may have observed some new lines in the car park. Special thanks to Robert Young, father of Rebecca, Victoria and Olivia, who has been painting the lines when there are no cars in the car park (which is quite a challenge in itself). We do appreciate your contribution to Selby Primary School Robert.

### **Education Tax Refund Update**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is in ongoing discussion with the Australian Tax Office about the Education Tax Refund. We will continue to update the community as more information becomes available.

### **Building the Education Revolution (BER)**

The Commonwealth Government's economic stimulus package has committed \$14.7 billion over three years to Australian schools through the Building the Education Revolution program.

The Building the Education Revolution (BER) program begins this year and will provide schools with new facilities and refurbishments to better meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. In addition to this, it will create numerous jobs within local communities.

The Building the Education Revolution funding is broken into three programs:

***Primary Schools for the 21st Century*** Funding will be provided for the construction of facilities including libraries, multi-purpose halls,

sheltered outdoor learning areas or early learning facilities, classrooms or refurbishment of existing facilities.

**Science and Language Centres for 21st Century Secondary Schools** Up to 500 new science or language learning centres will be funded in disadvantaged secondary schools across Australia. Eligible schools will need to have a demonstrated need, readiness and capacity to complete the facilities before 30 June 2010.

**National School Pride Program** Every Australian school will be eligible to receive funding for construction of small scale infrastructure and/or minor refurbishment projects. Funding will be allocated on the basis of student enrolments.

All schools are required to work closely with their Regional Network Leader in developing their BER proposals. School Council considered and discussed the options available to our school at the last meeting, and further information will be shared with the school community as it becomes available.

For more information about BER:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/buildingrevolution/default.htm>

Kind regards,

*Wendy Worrell*

**Principal**

### **FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

As the new School Council President, I would like to introduce myself to the broader Selby community. My name is Faorligh (but I'm usually known as Leigh) Hunter and I have two daughters in grades 2 and 4 at Selby, with two more young children yet to start school. I'm hoping to be able to contribute to a dynamic and supportive School Council over the next two years.

With a new and enthusiastic Principal and a group of committed parents and staff, the School Council can be a central part of the Selby school community.

I am hoping to give a brief update in The Bridge every couple of months and would encourage parents and community members to raise ideas, concerns, feedback that they may have with the School Council so that we can continue to build on the already strong partnerships that exist at our wonderful school.

## **\$ MONEY \$**

Parents please note that fundraising money should be in a separate envelope to school excursions etc, as fundraising money is initially processed by the Parents' & Friends' Association. Thank you.

### **PARENT CONTACT DETAILS**

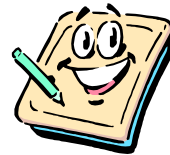


Are your contact details up to date?

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.



### **GOING ON TO ZONE**

Congratulations to the following, who are going on to zone in fourth term:

Oscar	Cassandra
Sam	Taylah
Jasmine	Alan
Cassidy	Shelby
Kara	Rebeccah

12 year old girls circular relay.

### **LIBRARY HELPERS**

Thank you to all the parents who offered to assist in the library. It has enabled me to organise a roster for all days of the week and with others available when required. It is very much appreciated.

***Heather Reid***

### **SWIMMING NOTICES**

These are due back next week whether your child is attending or not. As the program is in the first week back next term all organisation needs to be completed before the end of term.

***Heather Reid***

## **BULB ORDERS**

Unless we receive more bulb orders, we will not be making any profit on this fundraising venture.

Copies of the order form have been sent home with this newsletter. Please place your order by this Friday, 27 March. Thank you.

Unfortunately your order will not be back until next term, but bulbs can still be planted until May.



## **SELBY'S GOT TALENT 2009**

As you may have heard on the grapevine, a group of grade five students have got together and organised a talent show to raise some money for social service. Selby's Got Talent has started auditioning students who wish to show off their many and varied talents. The students paid 50 cents to enter and all the money raised will go towards the RSPCA bushfire appeal.

Auditions have started this week and will conclude on Friday. Students who are through to the next round will be notified privately by the end of the week. The competition will conclude with a free dress day and a grand final, possibly on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

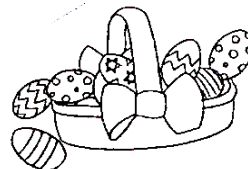
It's important that the students who enter realise that this is a fun charity event and other events such as the Fairhills dance competition should be given priority for those students who wish to participate in both. The grand final will be a public event but the auditions will take place in the hall without spectators.

If you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

***Steve Arnold***

## **EASTER DONATIONS .... REMINDER..... REMINDER.....**

We are still taking donations of eggs and all things Easter.



SELBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# DISCO

## and Free Dress Day

**WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL, 2009**

**(DURING SCHOOL HOURS)**

In the Selby Hall

**JUNIOR DISCO**

**Grades Prep, 1, 2, 3 : 11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**SENIOR DISCO**

**Grades 4, 5 & 6 : 2:00 pm – 3.30 pm**

**\$2.00 entry**

Mini Pop drinks	\$1.00
LCM bars	\$1.00
Plain chips	.70c
Popcorn	.80c
BBQ shapes	.60c
Pizza shapes	.60c
Fruit combos	.80c
Sultanas	.80c



Glow sticks – various prices.

Karaoke and games will also be on during the disco.

## **PFA MEETING**

This meeting is everyone's chance to put forward their thoughts and ideas for fundraising for 2009 before it goes to school council to be approved.

Anyone interested in joining in PFA activities would be welcomed as "more hands make for lighter work" (besides it's a great opportunity to have a cuppa and a chat while raising much needed funds to aid in our children's futures at Selby). If interested, you are not obligated to come to every meeting, just when you can.

PFA meeting, last one for this term, in the staff room, Monday 30 March 2009, at 2.30 pm. Toddlers and any interested persons welcome.

## **SELBY EASTER RAFFLE**

Tickets and money due back Wednesday 25 March.

Tickets: .50c per each or 5 for \$2.

Drawn: Friday 3 April (last day of term).



## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **Do You Have A Self-Contained Bungalow / Granny Flat?**

A parent with a child attending The Patch School are seeking local accommodation ASAP. Please phone 0407 369 857.

### **Shire of Yarra Ranges Family and Children's Strategy Community Seminar and consultative Series**

Have your say in the development of a new Family and Children's Strategy. For more information phone 1300 368 333 or [www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au) or see brochures in the school office.

### **Nettas (Junior Netball)**

If you are 8, or turning 8, and interested in playing junior netball please contact Kate Young on 0400 344 123. Training is on Mondays after school, 3.30 - 4.30 pm, on the basketball court.

### **Free Community Open Day – National Rhododendron Gardens**

Tuesday 7 April, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm at the National Rhododendron Gardens, The Georgian Rd, Olinda. Free entry and activities.

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