

The Bridge

Selby Primary School Newsletter

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DIARY

- Thursday 27 Aug.** : 7.30 pm Education meeting.
Monday 31 Aug. : 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.

GOOD BOOK RECIPIENTS



Grade	Name	Reason
Prep M	Kate	Keen learner, great enthusiasm.
1B	Isabelle	Independent student.
	Reuben	Great class work.
1W	Andrew	Maths star. Great overall effort.
2H	Alex Ryan	Worked fantastically together on finding strategies to count flies.

2/3V	Grade 3's	Imax excursion.
3S	Grade 3's Josh & Matt	Imax excursion. Great guitar playing for production.
4M	Samara	For speedy counting.
4/5O	Jesse	Great contributions to grade discussions.
5T	Lara	Impressive work.
6A	Doug	Thrive on challenging work.
6S	Nathan	Being a great roady.
Principal's Award	Alan	For being a proactive and courageous bystander.

Working Bee – Grades 5 and 6

It was great to see so many families helping out at the Working Bee on Sunday! We completed many tasks including painting the shipping container, brightening up a range of seats around the school, putting barrow loads of gravel where they were needed, picking up sticks and trimming trees, starting work on removing treated pine posts to make a new play area and of course, the all-important BBQ lunch.

Special thanks to the following families:

- The Sebire family: Daniel, Kathy Callaghan, Jamieson, Jack and Darcy;
- The Thomas family: Phil and Jack;
- The Smith family: Tania Allister-Smith, Molly and Daisy;
- The Jose family: Kevin, Louise Bloxham, Emily and Zoe;
- The Miles family: Claire Ferres-Miles, Emily, Kate and Amy;
- Sue Sorrell;
- The Hunter-Clear family: Matt Clear, Leigh Hunter, Maya, Niamh and Dashiell;
- The Gisler family: Birgit and Daniela;
- The Grigoriadis family: Stan, Lisa, Cassie and Ethan;

- The McCleary family: Emma, Luke and Maddy.

Louise Bloxham and Leigh Hunter did a great job in organising the day – thank you! And special thanks to Emily Jose for recording the names of the attendees, and making the wonderful certificates for them.

Congratulations to everyone involved – it was a great Selby effort! Look out for the date of the next Working Bee, which will be for families in Grades 3 and 4.

Tickets Orders for “The Inventors”

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

Japanese @ Selby PS

Following on from my comments last week about our specialist program at Selby Primary School, I would like to highlight our Japanese program this week. For many years Selby Primary School has been very fortunate to be part of the Assistants to Teachers of Japanese (ATJ) program. The ATJ program enables us to have a teacher assistant who is able to teach our students about the culture and language of Japan.

We have been very fortunate to have Kei return for a second year at Selby. Kei has been able to pick up where she left off last year, which has been of great benefit to both our students and Kei. The students really enjoy participating in Japanese activities, and benefit from having the opportunity to learn about another language and culture. Thanks Kei for your great work, which is really valued by the students, teachers and parents of our school.

Our Japanese program would not be possible without the wonderful support of our families who provide homestay care for our teacher assistants. We really appreciate all the families who have been willing to host over the years, with our most recent hosts being the McCleary family. Thank you Emma, Luke and Maddie for taking such good care of Kei this term!

We are currently looking for a host family for Kei for Term 4; if you are able to help please see Lynne Westaway or the office.

We also really value the time and effort that Lynne Westaway puts into organising the Japanese Program. Thank you Lynne!

Goodbye for now

Last week our families received a letter explaining the arrangements that will be made during my absence. We are very mindful of the need to minimise disruption to the school, Jan Abbott, Julie Hedger and their classes during this period. The Regional Network Leader, Anne-Marie Quinn, and the Eastern Regional Office have been very supportive of both me and the school, and will ensure that the smooth running of the school, with minimal disruption, continues. It will be “business as usual”.

I thank the community for their wonderful support and look forward to returning in Term 1 2010 in full health, ready for an exciting year ahead.

Kind regards,

Wendy Worrall

Principal

WHOLE SCHOOL AND GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS

Orders have now closed and will arrive early term 4.

UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED THIS MONDAY

The uniform shop will be closed on Monday 31 August but orders can be left at the school office and will be filled later in the day.

ART ROOM

The art room relies fairly heavily on donated or recycled materials to ease our budget woes. Sometimes we receive bulk lots of unique items from industry that we can turn into interesting art works. These are always a fantastic bonus. We also get regular supplies of household items. A huge THANK YOU for all of these items and for thinking of the art room when you have materials such as these.

At the moment I am really low on:

- coloured wool
- corks
- ice-cream containers
- cardboard tubes
- plastic take away containers
- stockings or stocking socks.

Thank you.

Nikki Lewis

FATHER'S DAY STALL

We are seeking donations for this stall. We would ask that you purchase a gift for each of your children to donate, up to \$5 in value, and hand it in to the office by Wednesday 2 September. At this stage we only have 20 gifts for 260 children! We need tools and car wash sponges, for example. 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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Lost

Reading diary inside gold sparkly reader cover. Please return to Alex King PM. Thanks.

Len Jeffrey Memorial Pre School

Enrolment applications are closing for 3yr old and 4yr old Kinder for 2010. If you are interested, please contact the Kinder on 97545965 or visit <http://www.lenjeffreymemorialpreschool.vic.edu.au/About/index.html>.

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SCHOOL PRODUCTION - The Inventors

There are only a couple of Thursday night tickets left but plenty of tickets for Wednesday matinee and evening.

Tickets will be coming home in the first week of September, so look out for them in your child's school bag.

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

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. 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.

CYPRESS TREES CHAINSAW ART

WOW – what a fantastic response to the survey about our idea for the cypress trees – 23 surveys were completed! THANK YOU There is a lot of interest in this project from both kids and parents, which is brilliant.

Who responded?

We had a great response from kids across the school – prep (4 surveys), grade 1 (4), grade 2 (4), grade 3 (4), grade 4 (4), grade 5 (3), grade 6 (3).

What did you think of the idea?

20 surveys were in support of the idea and 3 were against it

All the survey responses and ideas for sculptures will be on a presentation board in the front foyer this Thursday. A short summary below...

I don't like the idea because... (18 comments)

- 6 I don't want to see all the trees removed, too barren, they provide shade in the summer, stop the 'heat bank' effect, protect us from rain
- 3 I like the beauty of the trees, the trees look earthy
- 3 We play hide and seek, fairy gardens, use the 'round things' that fall off the tree for soccer balls, don't need any more playgrounds
- 3 Trees have a major job in the world and shouldn't be chopped down, animals might be living in the trees, why are the trees sick?
- 2 Very sad to see the trees cut down, they've been there a long time
- 1 Sculptures will get wrecked and it would waste money

I like the idea because.... (62 comments)

- 10 Fantastic idea, great, brilliant, excellent, unique, beautiful, fully support it
- 9 Love the idea of art sculptures, not just cutting down the trees but creating something new, turning trees into art, the sculptures will be another artistic element into an already individual school
- 7 Love the idea of a new playground in this area – where climbing is allowed, and kids can climb all over the sculptures
- 5 This area has always been a concern to me - we need to make it safe
- 5 We need to plant more indigenous plants to provide food and shelter for local wildlife and attract new wildlife - great for kids to see
- 4 Love the idea of a new children' garden
- 4 Sculptures will decorate the school and make it pretty, great to look at
- 4 OK but only if 2 - 4 / half / some of the trees are removed
- 4 This is a fun idea, sculptures will be fun to play on, more fun than now

- 3 Removal of the trees would let more light into this area, which is great
- 2 Gives a focus to the front of the school 'a showpiece'
- 2 The trees are ugly, an eye sore, block light, not native to Australia
- 2 The trees take too much from the soil, removal of half the trees will allow water to divert to the roots of the remaining trees & make them healthier
- 2 Need another sand pit area, removing some trees would give us space
- 1 This area is wasted space and it would be good to do something with it

...and what are your ideas for sculptures?

Selby kids are definitely not short of imagination! There were 148 responses with a total of 72 ideas. The ideas were around six key themes:

- **Australian Animals** (48 comments)
Favourites: Kookaburra, Lyrebird, Kangaroo
- **An Enchanted Forest** (32 comments)
Fairy Castle, Dragon, Fairies, Butterfly, Caterpillar, Mushrooms
- **What's special about Selby?** (18 comments)
Friendly and Caring, Kids holding hands, Puffing Billy, Trestle Bridge
- **A Ship in an Ocean of Dolphins?** (17 comments)
Pirate Ship, Dolphins/Dancing Whale/Ocean animals, Waves, Diving Board
- **Our Environment** (8 comments)
Recycling Sign, YEP character, Giant Spade, Light Bulb, Warrior
- **Space** (6 comments)
Rocket, Spaceship, Solar System, Moon, Star

What's Next?

1. Based on the survey responses and the support from the school community for the idea, on Thursday 20th August the School Council supported the recommendation to go ahead with the project.
2. Robby Bast, a local chainsaw artist from Seville, has agreed to do a presentation to the next school assembly on Monday August 31st to tell you about what he does and to show some photos of his artwork.
3. The School Council has arranged for an aborist to visit the school next week to complete a more detailed assessment of the health of the trees.
4. We welcome your feedback at any stage and if you have concerns about the project please leave a note at the office or call Claire on 9754 1175.

Claire Ferres Miles