

# The Bridge

## Selby Primary School Newsletter

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- *A Bridge To The Future* -

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### DIARY

- Sat. 30 May** : 7.30 pm Dancefair Victoria.  
**Thurs. 4 June** : 7.30 pm 2010 prep information night.  
**Frid. 5 June** : Coach Approach, grades 5 & 6.  
**Monday 8 June** : Queen's Birthday holiday.  
**Friday 12 June** : Pupil Free Day (no students at school).  
**Monday 15 June** : School photos.  
: 8.30 am uniform shop open.  
**Monday 22 June** : Parent/teacher interviews.  
**Friday 26 June** : End term 2.  
**Monday 13 July** : Commence term 3.



### GOOD BOOK RECIPIENTS

| Grade  | Name           | Reason   |
|--------|----------------|--|
| Prep M | Ethan          | Wonderful worker always tries his best.                            |
| Prep S | Charlotte      | Kind, helpful. Fantastic reader – always cheerful.                 |
| 1B     | Brayden        | Doing very nice work.  |
| 1W     | Phoebe         | Overall excellence.  |
| 2H     | Chris          | Photo trail explorer!  |
| 2/3V   | Riona<br>Class | Great attitude, work and helper.<br>Great behaviour for Mrs Brown. |

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| 4M   | Maureen<br>Jake   | Fantastic English speaking.<br>Demonstrating excellent skipping techniques. |
| 4/5O | Christian<br>Luke | For producing fabulous pieces of writing depicting "Australia is Me".       |
| 5T   | Kyla              | Fantastic poetry writing.   |
| 6A   | Ryan              | Fantastic working week.   |
| 6S   | Tim               | Writing skills.   |

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **New Zealand Delegation**

What an experience! The Belgrave South/Selby Delegation arrived safely back in Belgrave South at 10.00 pm on Monday night after an incredible ten days in New Zealand.

We had a very warm and welcoming sister school in Takapuna Normal Intermediate School, magnificent host families, beautiful weather, and we participated in a wide range of exciting and informative activities that helped us to learn about and begin to develop an appreciation of the unique culture and landscape of New Zealand.

It was a privilege to watch and experience the growth in our students over the ten days. They have come back to Australia with greater levels of independence,



resilience and maturity, and many will have formed friendships that will endure for a lifetime. It was incredible to watch the interaction between the host families and our students when we arrived back from Rotorua on Friday night. The families and the students were delighted to see each other, which was a clear indication of the warmth and rapport that had developed in just a week!

For some of our students the trip may well be a life-changing experience. My own children were very lucky to participate in the ISSE program, and as a result of this unique experience they have travelled to many parts in the world.

A very special thank you to:

- Takapuna Normal Intermediate School for continuing the rich and much-valued relationship with Selby Primary School and Belgrave South Primary School that has developed and strengthened over a long period of time;
- All the host families for everything they did for us. Nothing was too much trouble for them, they made us feel so valued and welcome, and provided us with a wonderful home-away-from-home;
- All the families (both Selby and Belgrave South) for preparing the students for their trip, all the students for participating so enthusiastically and whole-heartedly, and the teachers who were on duty 24 hours a day for 10 days;
- Tina Holdsworth for making all the travel arrangements. Everything went exactly to plan without a single hitch!
- And Phillip Van Dorp, who took care of all the organisation for Selby Primary School. Well done Chief Phill!



We look forward to hosting the Takapuna Normal Intermediate School Delegation in October.

The selection process for the 2010 New Zealand Delegation will commence in Term 4.

### **Lunchtime Clubs**

We have had a suggestion from some students and parents to introduce a Lunchtime Club for students, which would be held one day per week in the Library. Activities could include Chess, Snakes and Ladders, Card Games etc. If you would like to assist with the Lunchtime Club please contact the office. Thank you.

## **Education Week**

Thank you to all the families who visited our school during Education Week. I was very sorry to miss out on all the activities, but I understand from feedback from teachers, students and parents that it was a very successful and enjoyable day. We have much to be proud of at Selby, and Education Week gave us the opportunity to showcase and celebrate our great school. Special thanks to Jan Abbott for organising the week's activities.

Kind regards,

*Wendy Worrell*

**Principal**

## **SWINE INFLUENZA**

*As parents would be aware there are currently a number of confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in Victoria. Appropriate measures are being taken in relation to these cases. Specific concerns from parents about Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) can be referred to any of the following:*

- ***The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007***
- ***Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)***
- ***Your doctor (GP) – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.***

*Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.*

*This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.*

*If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.*

## **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to Ferntree Gully Officeworks for their donation of a paper slicer, which will be greatly used. It is much appreciated.

***Nikki Lewis, Art***

## **SCHOOL PHOTOS ORDER FORMS**

Photo package order forms (with flyer inside) have been sent home today with each child. As mentioned in last week's The Bridge, we have chosen Greener Choice Photobooks as part of your order but you still need to choose which option pack you want. See the 'How to order school photos' article in this newsletter. Sibling photo order forms (Selby Primary School children only) are available at the office. **Bring your order forms with money on photo day, Monday 15 June**. Any enquiries call Advancedlife on 1300 728 972 during business hours.

## **BOOK SALE**

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who purchased books for the library. Approx. \$1,000 worth of books were donated and with commission from the company additional books were bought. A very big THANK YOU for such wonderful support.

***Heather Reid***

## **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

A great 'Jump Off' day was held on Friday as the conclusion to our skipping activities. Thank you for all the sponsorship already received. Remember forms can be handed in until tomorrow, 28 May. A total amount of approx. \$2,441.00 has currently been receipted with more sponsorship forms to be returned.

***Heather Reid***

## **SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE**

WHEN: Thursday 4th June

WHERE: In the staff room

TIME: 9.00 am

- \* A variety of second hand school clothing for sale at a fraction of the cost. A few school bags also for sale.
- \* Brand new yellow drink bottles with a green Selby logo will also be for sale - \$5.00 each.

NOTE: If you cannot attend but are interested please send a note to school and we will try to accommodate you. Also anyone wanting drink bottles can send details and money in a sealed envelope to school and we can process your order.

***Regards PFA***

## **DONATIONS NEEDED - PFA**

Early next term we will be holding a Second Hand Clothing Sale. All items \$2 only. In order for this to work we require any "IN GOOD CONDITION & CLEAN" clothing that you no longer need. Please put any items in the box outside the office. We are looking for any baby, child, teen or adult items of clothing and shoes.

*Thank you PFA*

### **PFA FUNDRAISER** **INFOBAND.....BOO BOO BUDDY.....MEDIBUDDY**

This fundraiser is a 3 in 1. We have selected 3 items for you to look at and hopefully there will be something for everyone.

#### **ITEM NUMBER 1: INFOBAND**

This is a cool ID wrist tag for children. Produced from a soft reusable and waterproof material, parents and carers can write contact details and/or vital medical information such as allergies or special needs with the use of a standard pen. 12 groovy options to choose from.

Takes some of the stress away.....

**COST : \$ 7.50 each.**

#### **ITEM NUMBER 2: BOO BOO BUDDY**

This easy-to-store and easy-to-handle non-toxic re-usable cold pack is a must for every home. Its small size enables small hands to hold it and provides relief for scrapes, bumps, bruises, insect bites and fever. Great for adults too. Remains soft when cold. 12 fun designs.

**COST: \$ 9.95 each**

#### **ITEM NUMBER 3: MEDDIBUDDY**

Meddibuddy is a paediatrician approved and convenient take-anywhere first aid kit, packed with 40 quality first aid items. Ideal for your handbag, schoolbag, glove box or pusher, Meddibuddy is also perfect for carrying specific medications eg. asthma inhalers. Meddibuddy plastic is 100% recyclable, US & EU certified LEAD and BPA Free. **See form for detail of contents.**

**COST: \$12.95 each**

**\*TO VIEW A SAMPLE OF EACH ITEM PLEASE ASK AT OFFICE.**

**\*ALL ORDERS HANDED OUT THIS WEEK, MUST BE HANDED IN BY: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE FOR DELIVERY START OF TERM 3.**

## Selby SWAT Squad Habitat Census - Friday 22/05/09

On Friday 22/05/09 for our Habitat Census activity some people came to our school to help us. Bernadette was our group leader. We were looking for weeds and we found a great big ivy that was choking an old tree. When we were at the frog pond we found out that what we thought was duck weed is really a native plant. Some of the weeds were very small and some were very big.

**Bonnie 4M**



On Friday we did a fun outdoor Habitat Census. Grade 3 and 4 were put into groups of about 7. I was put in a group called, Soil Cover. Our job was to look closely at the soil to decide if it's healthy and brainstorm what we could do to make the ground healthy and green. We went down to the frog pond to have a look at the soil down there. It was moist and had roots all through it. It looked rich and felt rich. I would love to be a bug and live down there! Anne and Damian were the helpers and helped a lot.

**Samara 4M**



On Friday I was weeding in the vegie patch with Kayla, Dylan, Tristan and Mrs Stout. We found lots of potatoes and Shaylee found some cherry tomatoes. I got very dirty. When we had taken out most of the weeds we put them in the compost. I found lots of worms, beetles, snails and a few spiders. I put the worms in the compost so that they can break down the compost. I had lots of fun.

**Shelby 4M**



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Belgrave Lantern Parade – Sat. 20 June**

In Belgrave main street from 5.30 pm. [www.burrinja.org.au/lanternparade](http://www.burrinja.org.au/lanternparade)

### **Phenomenal Stars, Fun, Professional Netball Clinics**

Knox Regional Netball Centre, Dempster St, Ferntree Gully, Frid. 3 July, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm, \$50 per participant. RSVP Wed. 1 July. For more details phone Phenomenal Stars 0404 449 862 or see Heather Reid at school.

### **Hag Day Afternoon**

HAGS (Happy Autism Group Support) in the hills (non profit organisation of women blessed with children who have autism or aspergers) are having an afternoon of market stalls and pampering on 30 May at Selby Community House, between 1.00 and 5.00 pm, \$5.00. Enquiries to HAG 0450 880 270 or Sarah 0431 765 527.

### **Belgrave Pre School Open Day**

On Tuesday 2 June, 1.30 – 3.30 pm. Phone 9754 5594.

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