

# The Bridge

## Selby Primary School Newsletter

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- *A Bridge To The Future* -

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### DIARY

- Monday 3 Aug.** : 8.30 am uniform shop open.  
**Tuesday 4 Aug.** : "Wala" arts performance (whole school).  
**Friday 7 Aug.** : Last day for EMA applications.  
**Monday 10 Aug.** : 8.30 am uniform shop open.  
: Grs. 1 & 2 basketball.  
**Thursday 13 Aug.** : Grs. 3 & 4 basketball.  
**Monday 17 Aug.** : 8.30 am uniform shop open.  
**Wed. 19 Aug.** : 2.30 – 5.00 pm book fair.  
**Thursday 20 Aug.** : 7.30 pm school council meeting.  
**Friday 21 Aug.** : Grs. 3 & 4 Imax excursion.  
**Wed. 26 Aug.** : Grs. 1 & 2 Imax excursion.  
**Monday 31 Aug.** : Gr. 6 Scienceworks excursion.

### GOOD BOOK RECIPIENTS



Grade	Name	Reason
Prep M	Ty	Listening well and lovely manners.
Prep S	Jaran	Rainbow beard made everyone laugh.
1B	Sian	Positive attitude to learning.
	Isabella	Writing and reading effort.
1W	Corey	Excellent manners, friendly & hard worker.
2H	Daniela	Applying herself well.

2/3V	Josh Emily Breanna	Welcome to Selby. Excellent work all week. Work in the computer lab.
3S	Ruby Kara Kyle Ruby	Being a helpful classmate. Kind and helpful girl. Being a great mate. A sharing friend.
4M	Shelby Brianna	Kind and caring. Fantastic attitude.
4/5O	Kara	Great team worker!
5T	Tanner Sophie	Having a top week. High standard of presentation.
6A	Grade 6A	What a great grade.
6S	Eilish	Welcome back.

## Thanks Jan!

It's good to be back after experiencing some health issues. I hope everyone has settled into Term 3 smoothly.

Jan Abbott, with the support of the staff and School Councillors, has done a great job in my absence. Thanks Jan - and everyone - for all your hard work!

## Learning Community

There is the saying that *"It takes a whole village to raise a child"*. A principal is only one part of a learning community; the staff, students, School Council, school community, agencies and other organisations make up the rest of this community. If we are to have a vibrant, growing, innovative community, then all members have to play an active part. Selby is very lucky to have such an interested, caring and engaged community – we have a wonderful base on which to keep building our own unique learning community.

Our School Council, under the leadership of Leigh Hunter, is approaching their work with great energy, vision and enthusiasm.

You will notice the surveys that have been included with this edition of *The Bridge*, asking for feedback on our school's Vision, Mission and Values, and our Uniform Policy. School Council is very keen to receive your feedback, and I encourage you to voice your thoughts and opinions in these surveys. You will help shape the future directions of our school.

### **Staffing**

Heather Rutter retired at the end of February, and due to a number of factors we are not able to appoint another Assistant Principal (for at least 2-3 years). The Leading Teachers (Jan Abbott and Julie Hedger) have major leadership roles within the school, and are taking up some of the work of the Assistant Principal. They are being released from their classroom duties for a half day per fortnight to enable them to do this work, and Michael Meeking has been employed to continue the learning programs in their classrooms.

Whether a school is small or large, they still have to complete all of DEECD's requirements. This always poses more of a challenge in a smaller school as there are less staff to share the load. We are fortunate at Selby in having a large number of Expert Teachers, who also take on leadership roles within the school.

### **Did you know??**

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development started implementing their new Blueprint for Education and Early Childhood Development at the start of this year. The Blueprint can be accessed at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/blueprint2008/default.htm>

### **Innovating with Technologies Research Grants - 2009**

As briefly mentioned last term, we have been successful in our application for a \$6,000 Innovating with Technologies Research Grant. Our project is titled *Portable Student Reflections*, and proposes to use MP3 recorders to capture, store and share student learning reflections, with an initial focus on Preps.

Parents are being invited to participate in this project and will help by supporting students in using MP3 technology. Training sessions will be provided, and support will be given to helpers/tutors throughout the project. If you are interested in assisting with this project please complete the form in this newsletter and return it to the office. Thank you!

## Help with Production

Work is well under way towards this year's production. I have just seen Grade 3s and Mrs Stout practicing their dance in the music room with Mr Meeking. We need volunteers to help with a range of jobs including painting backdrops, designing and making costumes and other bits and pieces that need doing. If you are able to help please let Mr Meeking or the office know. Thank you.

Kind regards,

*Wendy Worrell*

**Principal**

We're well into winter and the chills and bugs have hit both teachers and students at Selby. There's been a lot of coughing, spluttering, headaches and sore tummies. It's at this time of the year that we enviously look towards Queensland with their warm weather. If your child is feeling unwell please keep them home for a day or two so that germs are not shared and we can contain spreading any illnesses.

We'd also like your help in reinforcing with your child or children that Selby is a 'no swearing' zone. At school we encourage the children to find alternative strategies to swearing and using inappropriate language. If we can get the message across that bad language will not be tolerated and teach the children that they need to be good role models within the school environment, it will go a long way to reducing problems in both the classroom and the playground.

Thank you to Heather Reid for applying successfully for a government grant that will enable all children from prep to grade 2 to receive a free piece of fruit every Friday. The program "Free Fruit Friday" is a government initiative to encourage positive eating habits in children and teach children the value of healthy foods.



Practise for the production is in full swing – Mrs O'Donohue is the dancing standout at this stage! Her grade are definitely taking the challenge very seriously and have co-operated together and created a great dance to go with their song. Parent volunteers may be required at different grade levels to help with costumes – some of us at Selby are not known for our sewing prowess.

Congratulations to Michael Meeking and his band for their successful 'gig' at Burrinja last Sunday. The response from the parents and teachers who attended was very positive and although Michael was not well he soldiered on to produce another terrific performance.

**Jan Abbott**

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) -  
SECOND INSTALMENT 2009**

- ❖ For parents who have claimed this allowance in term 1 the second, term 3 instalment payment will now **automatically** come to the school and you will be advised of its arrival in the usual manner - no form needs to be filled in.
- ❖ **If you have not to date claimed the EMA**, and hold a Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or Health Benefit Card current on 13 July 2009 and wish to claim this allowance at this school, you will need to fill out a form at the office by no later than **Friday 7 August**. No late claims will be accepted by the school.
- ❖ If you no longer wish to claim the EMA, **are no longer eligible** or have any changed information for this second instalment, ie no longer holding a Health Card, please also notify the office by no later than **Friday 7 August 2009**.

**PFA SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at the sausage sizzle on the weekend. We raised \$830.

Thanks also to Steve for the use of your barbeque and to Phillip and Paul for their help.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Lost/Missing**

Lego city dump truck – from after school care in the last week of term 2, in plastic shopping bag. Please return to Joshua Bulte in grade 1B.

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