

# The Bridge

## Selby Primary School Newsletter

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- *A Bridge To The Future* -

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### DIARY

- Wed. 2 Sept.** : School production tickets sent home today.  
**Thursday 3 Sept.** : EDEC grade 6 girls' football day.  
**Friday 4 Sept.** : Father's Day stall.  
**Monday 7 Sept.** : 8.30 am uniform shop open.  
**Thurs. 10 Sept.** : Footy Day – gold coin donation for free dress and \$1.00 for face painting.  
**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	Antony	Always trying hard.
Prep S	Holly Ruby	Kind, lovely nature, helpful.
1B	Caleb	Great work.
1W	Makai	Excellent ability and work habits.
2H	Amber	Great mini-beast guardian.
2/3V	Grade 2's	Imax excursion.
3S	Conor	Dino writing.
5T	Teisha	Completing all tasks.

## **Welcome Kristen Douglas**

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Kristen Douglas, who will be Acting Principal until the end of Term 3.

We are very fortunate indeed to have Kristen at Selby Primary School. She is the Assistant Manager – Student Wellbeing and Engagement at Eastern Metropolitan Region (EMR) and is very highly regarded and respected by teachers, principals, her regional colleagues and others who work with her on a day-to-day basis. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the area of student wellbeing and engagement and will be a wonderful asset to our school. We hope she enjoys her time in our school – I know you will give Kristen a warm Selby welcome.

## **Thank you**

Thank you so much for the lovely messages, phone calls, cards and flowers on Friday! I was a very spoiled and lucky person. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean a great deal to me and will really help in the weeks ahead. Thank you!

Kind regards,

*Wendy Worrell*

**Principal**



Dear staff, parents and students of Selby Primary School,

I have had a wonderful welcome to Selby this week in the role as Acting Principal until the end of Term 3.

The school staff have been fantastic and it is such a joy to see how the school runs like a very well oiled machine.

I was so excited to find out that I was coming to Selby for the beginning of spring.

This week all classes have been working towards the final touches on the production which is going to be spectacular.

Tickets are selling fast so make sure you don't miss out.

Walking around the school over the last couple of days I have felt such a warm sense of community.

The students have all greeted me with polite introductions and smiling faces, ready and eager to learn.

I'm looking forward to being a part of the school community for the near future and believe this is a very exciting time for change, innovation, creation, and growth at Selby PS.

Have a wonderful week!

***Kristen Douglas, Acting Principal***



## FOOTY DAY

Yes, it is already that time of the year, that one day in September when you get to put on your team colors, get your face painted and, if you're one of the lucky ones, boast about your team's place on the ladder. So join in the festivities:

**WHEN: Thursday 10th September (next Thursday)**

### WHAT TO WEAR:

Your team's colors (if you don't follow footy but follow another sport then you can wear their colors).

**COST: Gold Coin donation - free dress**

\$1 - Face painted (optional) in team colors

There will also be some footy related activities at LUNCH TIME for those who wish to participate. Thanks to Mr Arnold for his valuable time in running these lunch time activities for the children.



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## FACE PAINTING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of some volunteers to help with the FACE PAINTING

TIME: 9.00 am – 11.00 am (approx.)  
Thursday 10th September 2009

If you can help please fill out the following and return to school office ASAP.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Available to help from 9.00 am to 11.00 am – yes / no (please circle) or \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify your availability)

# SCHOOL PRODUCTION - The Inventors

**SOLD OUT!** – Thursday night tickets.

Tickets for Wednesday matinee and evening are still available.

**Tickets have been sent home today!**

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.

## **PURCHASE 'THE FIRST 200 WORDS CD'**

For several years now the school has used a spelling program on classroom computers that has proved very successful. It is an Australian program that breaks down the 200 most used words into sounds and digraphs (two letters / one sound eg. ph = f ) in an Australian accent. It takes children through activities and then rewards them with games. It has tests to assess children's levels and words are preset in groups for easy selection. Specific word lists can also be easily generated to suit the individual learner. We have found it to be very user friendly and a great CD to use for practising the first 200 words. These CD's are available in a home version for children who need extra practice. They can be purchased through the school office for \$25 each, which is a very reasonable price for this type of educational CD.

***Nikki Lewis, Literacy Co-ordinator***



## **WANTED**

Clean, glass jam jars.

Please leave at the office.

Thanks.

## **School Council News...**

This is certainly proving to be a busy year! School Council has been delighted with the commitment and passion this year by Selby Principal, Wendy Worrell. Wendy has demonstrated her open and flexible style of leadership and has been a wonderful asset to the Selby School community. Wendy has demonstrated her commitment to every child at Selby Primary School and works hard to ensure that student learning, student wellbeing and engagement, and student transitions/pathways are equal priorities. We have been very lucky to have her join our community and school!

Of course we are going to miss her for the remainder of the year as she takes some time to address some health concerns. We are however, very satisfied that the plans in place to fill her shoes while she is away will ensure that her absence causes very little disruption. We thank Wendy for her thorough consideration of all the issues arising from her absence and for her clear and thoughtful response to this difficult situation.

As usual we encourage any members of our community – teachers, students or parents to contact the School Council if they wish to participate in school community activities, talk, or offer feedback. We wish Wendy all the best for a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back on deck first day back next year!

In last week's edition of The Bridge you will have read about the exciting progress being made with our cypress tree carving. In addition, the Sustainability and Maintenance sub-committee has been working on a master plan for the re-development of our school grounds. This will be a long-term plan enabling staff, students and the broader school community to 'fill in the detail' and will enable us to target our future fundraising efforts toward a range of improvements to our already wonderful school grounds. Stay tuned also for updates on our uniform review, developing a vision for our school, and re-development of some of our key communication tools like the website and promotional material. Environmental focus within the school too is going ahead in leaps and bounds under the great stewardship of our wonderful level 3 teachers: Kate Mercer, Pat O'Donohue, Phill Van Dorp, and Rose Stout. We will be looking forward to lots more parent support for the great work being done by the staff and students, particularly at our next working bee on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September!

***Selby Primary School, School Council***

## 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.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### **Sherbrooke Little Athletics Centre**

Kings Park, Upper Ferntree Gully. Registration 12 & 19 Sept., 9 – 11 am, bring birth certificate. Season commences 3 October, 8.45 am. Contact Ian or Nicole McFarlane 0427 596 826 or AH 9754 1878.

#### **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>.

#### **Pandora in Monbulk!**

Monbulk Jewellers now stock Pandora, 102 Main Rd, Monbulk. Phone 9756 7652.

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