

The Bridge

Selby Primary School Newsletter

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- *A Bridge To The Future* -

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday in preparation for another exciting and challenging year ahead. Thank you to all the staff, students and families for making me feel so welcome. For the past few years I have been working in Southern Region schools, which I have really enjoyed, but I am delighted to be at Selby Primary School and am really looking forward to working in partnership with each one of you to make your child's educational journey rewarding and successful. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to be part of a school that has such a vibrant, enthusiastic and supportive community.



Welcome to Our New Families

A special welcome to our new families! It was lovely to see the new preps starting their school journey in such a positive and happy way. Please do not hesitate to talk with your child's teacher or any member of staff if you have any concerns.

Welcome Mrs Ramsden and Welcome Back Mr Thompson

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Catherine Ramsden who is joining us this year as a part-time integration aide. Catherine has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is already building a strong rapport with our students. Welcome Catherine!

Paul Thompson has returned from his exciting travels and is settling back into life at Selby. We are very happy to have Paul return to the Selby fold and look forward to working with him again. Welcome back Paul!



Thank You

A very big “thank you” to:

- Maureen Argoon and Meredith King for their great work during the holidays. Our school is always so beautifully cleaned and cared for, and we thank Maureen for her wonderful dedication over 30 years (yes – 30 years!!);
- Rob Walgers for his wonderful upkeep of the school grounds. It was a pleasure to walk up to the school on the first day and see everything so beautifully prepared and maintained;
- All the staff, many of whom came to school several times during the holidays to get their rooms and programs ready for the first day. Selby is very lucky to have such competent, dedicated and caring staff!

Did You Know?

Did you know there are various sign in/sign out books in the passageway opposite the office? There is a **Late Book**, a **Children Collected in School Hours** book and a **Visitors Book**. Please remember to complete the appropriate book as these records become very important in an emergency (eg a bushfire). Thank you!

School Council Elections

All information relating to our school council elections will be published in next week’s newsletter. For those new to the school, school council is made up of 10 parents and 5 staff members. Every year half the positions are declared vacant and anyone is entitled to stand for election.

The role of school council, which meets monthly (8 meetings per year) is to determine school policy issues and discuss other important matters. The meetings run smoothly and professionally, commencing at 7:30 pm and rarely finish later than 9:30 pm.

If you are interested, and it is a great way to become involved in your child's school, please check next week's newsletter.

Student Code of Conduct

A copy of the Student Code of Conduct is included in this newsletter. Please take the time to read this with your child, paying particular attention to how each of the values can be attained. It is important that we start the year off on a very positive note and I'm sure that if every child observes the code of conduct we will all have a fantastic year.

SunSmart

As part of our SunSmart program all students are required to wear school hats during Term 1 and Term 4.



Curriculum Days

As many of you will be aware, curriculum days are now scheduled at the start of a school year. Staff officially returned to school last Wednesday and had three days of professional learning before the students commenced on Monday.

On Wednesday we attended a Dandenong Ranges Network Curriculum Day with Dr Loretta Giorcelli (in 44+° heat!). The theme for the presentation was "Schools for the 21st Century: Changing Schools: Reshaping what we do to suit the needs of modern learners and their communities". We were challenged to reflect on how children learn and what we need to do to enable them to thrive as learners.

On Thursday all staff completed the first part of First Aid training with St John's Ambulance. We will complete the training on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 February, 4.00 - 8.00 pm. Many thanks to Julie Hedger for organising this most worthwhile professional learning.

On Friday staff worked in teams to plan and prepare for the year ahead.

Insurance

Accident insurance: The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not provide personal accident insurance for students.

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. There are low cost accident insurance policies available from the commercial insurance sector. For more details please contact the office.

Personal Property Insurance: The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development do not hold insurance for personal property brought to school by staff, students and parents.

Mobile Phones (Personal Property)

We have noticed that a few students are using mobile phones during the day at school. Some parents may wish their child to have a mobile for going to and from school, but students do not need a mobile phone during the day. If you wish your child to have a mobile phone for going to and from school, please send a note to the office. Students will be requested to leave their phone at the office at 9.00 am, and pick it up at 3.30 pm. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office. (Please note that there is no school insurance to cover mobile phones.)



Information Night

Our information nights are scheduled for Tuesday 10 February. The times for each of the grades are as follows:

Preps:	7:00 pm	Grades 1 & 2:	7:45 pm
Grades 3 & 4:	7:00 pm	Grades 5 & 6:	7:45 pm

The information sessions provide a perfect opportunity to find out what has been planned for your child in 2009, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing all parents and carers at these sessions.

Fire Drill

We have practiced our fire drill today. Please read the TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS PROCEDURE FOR SELBY PS sheet included with this newsletter with your child so that your family is familiar with the procedure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any staff member if you wish to discuss anything, or if you have any concerns. Our doors are always open and we seek and value all feedback. I look forward to working with you all!

Kind regards,

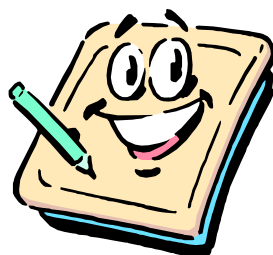
Wendy Worrell
Principal

WANTED / DONATIONS

- Donations of old calendars, RACV magazines, Readers Digest, National Geographic or general magazines gratefully accepted by Pat O'Donohue (4/5O) and Paul Thompson (5T).
- Children's books, PS2 console in working order. Please speak to Kate Mercer in room 5 if you are able to donate any of these pre loved items.
- Clothing suitable for creative "dress up" play. Items for the home corner – dishes, vases, pots & pans, old microwaves, TVs (not working), coffee tables, curtains. Basically anything you don't want before you take it to the op shop. Please offer it to the prep grades and grade ones.

PREP ATTENDANCE FOR 2009

Thursday 5 February, 2009	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Friday 6 February, 2009	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
Monday 9 February to Friday 27 February (<u>excluding</u> Wednesdays)	9.00 am - 3.30 pm
From Monday 2 March, 2009 (Wednesdays inclusive)	9.00 am - 3.30 pm Full time school



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Selby Netball Club

Registration day is Sun. 8 Feb., 9.00 am at Selby Primary School. New players welcome. Any further enquiries please contact Tracy Abson 9754 2093.

Piano Lessons in Selby

It's the beginning of a new school year – a good time to start piano lessons. If you have a piano to practise on, why not start now or pick up where you once left off? Experienced piano teacher in Selby is now taking students, beginners to advanced. Children from 6-7, adults any age. First lesson free. Ring Margaret Kofod 9754 1380. Full accredited member of the VMTA.

Extreme Tennis

Term 1 Summer "Get into Tennis" junior coaching special offer – enrol for term 1 and choose either a 33% discount on normal junior group coaching fees or a free junior racquet upon enrolment. Coaching days Tuesdays, Selby Tennis Club. Phone Stuart & Diana Sutterby 9759 6475, 0403 525 111, 0412 106 416.

Recreational Gymnastics – Upwey High School Gym Club

Classes are held at Upwey HS stadium, on the upper court, for girls and boys aged 4 and above. Held on Mondays 3.45 - 4.45 pm and 4.45 - 5.45 pm, beginning 2nd Feb. Cost \$8 per session. Phone Upwey HS 9754 2938, Yvonne Davis 9754 5522 or Stafford Smith 9754 7778.

Belgrave South Netball Club

Registration for upcoming season, Mondays 9, 16 & 23 Feb., 3.30 - 4.00 pm, at Belgrave South netball courts, Mt Morton Reserve.

Guide Dogs Victoria Open Day – Sunday 1 March from 10 am – 4 pm.

Chandler Hwy, Kew (Mel. 45 B1). Free parking off site with shuttle bus service. Meet Wags the Dog, guide dog demonstrations, live entertainment, giveaways, show bags, competitions, loads of fun activities for the kids. Entry via gold coin donation.

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Please look out for the following notices in your child's school bag:

* **Lunch Order Menu**

School lunch orders are collected every day by Hills Deli at 9.15 am. Lunches will be delivered in time for lunch.

* **Term 1 School Calendar**

Please retain this calendar (blue page) for your reference.

* **Total Fire Ban Days Procedure For Selby Primary School**

Please retain this notice (gold page) for your reference.

* **Student Code of Conduct**



DIARY

- Mon. 9 Feb.** - 8.30 am uniform shop open.
- Tues. 10 Feb.** - Parent information evening.
- 11 - 20 Feb.** - Grs. 4/5O, 5T, 6A & 6S swimming.
- Mon. 16 Feb.** - 8.30 am uniform shop open.
- Thurs. 19 Feb.** - 7.30 pm school council meeting.
- Mon. 23 Feb.** - 8.50 am uniform shop open.
- 24 - 27 Feb.** - Grade 6 camp.
- Frid. 27 Feb.** - Last day for EMA applications.
- Mon. 2 March** - 8.30 am uniform shop open.
- Parent/teachers interviews.
- Mon. 9 March** - Labour Day holiday.

