

# The



# Bridge

## Selby Primary School Newsletter

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- ***A Bridge To The Future*** -

**4<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

### DIARY

**Every Friday**

**Frid. 6 March**

**Mon. 9 March**

**Frid. 13 March**

**Wed. 18 March**

**Thur. 19 March**

**Mon. 23 March**

- Icy Poles for sale, .50c.

- Grades 1B, 1W & 2H excursion

- Last day for bulb orders.

- Labour Day holiday.

- Grades 2/3V, 3S, 4M, 4/5O & 5T excursion.

- Preps excursion.

- 7.30 pm School Council meeting.

- 8.30 am uniform shop open.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Thank you**

A big thank you to the whole school community for making Miss Rutter's last week so memorable and enjoyable. It was a very special week indeed, with a presentation at assembly from



Grade 6 students, rolling morning teas every day of the week starting with the PFA on Monday, and an unexpected last day that was a day early (due to the closure of the school). We wish Heather all the very best for her retirement and the future.

## **School closures**

Over the past week we've been directed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to close the school on two occasions as a precautionary measure following advice from the CFA, the State Emergency Services and other authorities due to extreme weather conditions. The impact of the forecast weather conditions could have included falling trees weakened by drought and fire, potential structural collapse in areas of extreme winds, flying debris and road closures, as well as new fire activity. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

How wonderful it was to have some rain last night after such an incredibly long dry spell. Hopefully the weather will start to cool down from now on with regular rainfall, thus reducing the need for closures.

If you have any queries about the school closures please contact either the Eastern Metropolitan Regional office on 9265 2400, or the Department's Information and Referral Service on 1800 809 834.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Parent Teacher Interviews on Monday. If you were not able to see your child's teacher on the night, please contact them to make another time. Thank you to the staff for their work in making the evening a success.

## **Special School Assembly**

There will be special school assembly on Monday 16 March. A guest of honour will be presenting our school badges to school and house captains and vice captains. Many thanks to Heather Reid for organising this important occasion.

## **Grade 6 Camp**

The Grades 6s had a wonderful time at Portsea. They arrived home on Thursday night looking tired but very happy. Teachers have an enormous 24 hour-a-day responsibility when they take students on camp. A big thank you to Jan Abbott, Steve Arnold, Heather Reid and Michael Meeking for making the camp such a great success.

## **Swimming Trials**

Three Selby students have been selected to represent our district at the zone swimming carnival at Doveton pool. Congratulations to Alan Damen, Cassandra Kay and Abby Yelland on their selection.

## **Digital Citizenship**

### **– A Presentation for Families incorporating ‘Cybersafety’**

Emerald Secondary College has teamed up with Monbulk and Upwey Secondary College to organise a special event for families on the important issue of *Digital Citizenship*. The presentation will include information relating to ‘Cybersafety’, and it will be delivered by an expert in this field, Ms Robyn Treyuvaud, founder of *CyberSafeWorld*. Robyn is an engaging speaker who will deliver a thought provoking and timely presentation on what it is to be a responsible ‘digital citizen’. The presentation will be on:

**Monday 16th of March, 2009, 7.00 pm at  
Monbulk Secondary College (Performing Arts Centre)**

The presentation is pitched at parents of secondary school students in Years 7 to 9. Parents of Grade 6 students in surrounding primary schools in the Dandenong Ranges are also warmly invited to attend. There is no cost to parents although families are welcome to make a gold coin donation on arrival. Places are limited so please register your interest at Selby Primary School’s office ASAP.

## Did you know?

“The Bridge” is now online at :

<http://www.selbyps.vic.edu.au/downloads.htm>



Kind regards,

*Wendy Worrell*

**Principal**

## BULBS REMINDER

To please return bulb order forms with money by this Friday, 6 March. After all, you'll want some colour in your lives! You should receive your bulbs in time to plant them during the Easter vacation. Spring in Selby will be sensational!!



## BIG THANK YOU

To Marita Marshall and especially to her mother for the wonderful job in making and installing the new curtains in the music room.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Thank You

To everyone who generously donated toiletries to the Red Cross bushfire relief effort. It is my understanding that they were taken last week to the township of Flowerdale. Monbulk CWA co-ordinated the distribution of the toiletries and were extremely grateful for our contribution.

Meredith King.

### Maccy Family Festival - Saturday March 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2009 3.00 pm til 8.30 pm

FOOD, STALLS, RIDES, PLANTS, AUCTION,  
FIRE TWIRLERS AND HEAPS OF FUN.

Macclesfield Primary School – 405 Macclesfield Rd., Macclesfield.



### Solar Hot Water Bulk Purchase

The Dandenong Ranges Renewable Energy Assoc. Inc. is organising the bulk buy of solar hot water systems for households in the area. The information session is open to anyone interested. Hear about the bulk purchase project at Upwey Community Hall, Burwood Hwy, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm. Free entry. All welcome. Inquiries 5968 2824.

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