

# The Bridge

## Selby Primary School Newsletter

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- *A Bridge To The Future* -

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### DIARY

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- 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
- Sunday 13 Sept.** : Working Bee for grades 3 & 4 families.
- 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	Alana	Approaching learning with gusto!
Prep S	Ashley	Great thinking and great working.
1B	Molly	Great reading, great sentences.
1W	Riley	Excellent maths & minibeast project.
2H	Payton	A terrific "Very Hungry Dog" story.
2/3V	Isaac	SWAT work.
3S	Mickey	Super worker and helper.
4M	Ben	A terrific reading response.
5T	Jacob	Great new attitude.
6A	Oscar	A real bright spark.
6S	Tyrone	Recount on Scienceworks.

Dear Students, Parents, and Selby School Community,

Another exciting week is upon us at Selby Primary. The Term 3 holidays are drawing near and the rain has been wonderful for our plants, our school grounds, and surrounding water catchments. I have been so pleased to get around in the past week or so and get to meet members from the School Council and the PFA. The commitment, endeavour, and innovative thinking of these hard working parents ensures that Selby Primary is well and truly supported and we are all focusing on school improvement.

We have some exciting new additions to our classrooms and learning environments in the coming weeks. We have ordered a number of MP3 players and Interactive Whiteboards for all classrooms in 2010. The use of technology in the classroom is a fantastic strategy to enhance engagement and student learning.

The production is drawing closer and this will be a great opportunity for all grades to showcase their dancing, singing, and celebrate what has been a very busy term. I encourage all parents to come along and be a part of our end of term spectacular!

On Monday morning we had a whole school assembly and it was such a brilliant way to start the week. We had presentations from the grades 3 and 4 students on the SWAT project. The students unveiled a very large Puffing Billy display. This term grades 3 and 4 have been completing a census on the school's habitat and this has culminated in the display being entered into the Habitat School Awards. This has been taken to the Yarra Ranges Council chambers and will be on display during October. We also saw a performance from 1W who sang a great song about "Old Mr Wobble Goose's Bicycle". We heard from our talented Selby guitar players who were accompanied by the very skilled Mr Meeking and Mr Arnold. We enjoyed a Russian tune and an old guitar favourite "Smoke on the Water".



On the sporting field the senior girls excelled in the recent AFL competition and coach, Mr Arnold, was extremely pleased with how the girls played and more importantly their great sportsmanship on and off the field.

I was even lucky enough this week to bump into Sydney and make his acquaintance.

I look forward to another exciting week ahead. Thank you again for making me feel so welcome and truly a part of the Selby community.

***Kristen Douglas***  
***Acting Principal***

*Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire.*

*-- W. B. Yeats*

## **CYPRESS TREES UPDATE**

During the last month we have had several arborists inspect and assess the health of the cypress trees out the front of the school. The update this week is that Selby Primary School was contacted by the Department of Education & Early Childhood (DEECD) Regional Manager, Mr Phillip Dawkins. As part of the fire refuge audits that were conducted at the school during term 3, a vegetation assessment was completed by bushfire risk engineering experts. Selby is one of 27 schools that have been identified where vegetation removal is necessary and has been programmed to occur during the September school holidays. Ms Kristen Douglas will be attending an urgent meeting tomorrow with all of the principals from the 27 schools to learn more about which trees have been selected for removal for Selby. Early discussions have revealed that given the size, age and proximity to the school, the cypress trees may be involved in this process. Further information will be released next week to all members of the school community. We will be provided with a letter for parents from DEECD outlining the process.

Also, Robby, the chainsaw artist, spoke at assembly on Monday last week about how he learnt to carve trees - he really liked to make sculptures out of plasticine when he was at primary school and then when he was a teenager he lived on a farm and learnt how to use a chainsaw. He then started to practice carving sculptures out of old tree stumps. There was a 'wow' across the hall when Robby showed some photos of his sculptures. It's amazing what animals and birds are hiding inside a tree trunk! Selby is considering using Robby to create some chainsaw art for us in the near future.

# SCHOOL PRODUCTION

## The Inventors

### TICKETS

Wednesday matinee - still available.

Wednesday night - almost sold out (only a few left).

Thursday night - SOLD OUT!

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

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All seats are \$10.00 each. There are no concessions.



### 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:** tomorrow, Thursday 10th September  
(please note there is no Footy lunch this year)

### 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.



## SELBY PRIMARY SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

Hosted by Dougie Hawkins

Andrew McAlister and his band will be performing

Ticket forms still 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.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### **Grab a bargain at Eliza and Hamish's GARAGE SALE**

This Saturday - 12th September, 33 Glen Harrow Heights Rd, Belgrave.  
Kids stuff, clothes, pet accessories plus lots more!

#### **Dandenong Ranges Community Bushfire Group**

Community meeting Mon. 21 Sept., 7.30 pm at Mt Dandenong Hotel.  
Please RSVP Jo Hirst 0427 494 831 or [duncjo31@aapt.net.au](mailto:duncjo31@aapt.net.au)

#### **Awesome Ornithorinkids Outing**

A fun afternoon for kids who love platypus and it's all free.  
Sun. 20 Sept., 1.00 – 3.00 pm, Belgrave Lake Park. Phone 9754 2274.

#### **Cockatoo Neighbourhood House Family Bush Dance**

Sun. 20 Sept., 5.00 – 9.00 pm, Cockatoo Community Complex Hall,  
Pakenham Rd, Cockatoo. Tickets \$15, conc. & child. \$10.  
Bookings essential, phone 5968 9031 or [cnh@netspace.net.au](mailto:cnh@netspace.net.au)

#### **Healesville Railway Heritage Festival**

Healesville Railway Station (Mel 278 A1), 19 & 20 Sept., 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.  
Phone 5962 2490 or [www.yarrvalleyrailway.org.au](http://www.yarrvalleyrailway.org.au)

#### **Monbulk Junior Cricket Club**

Indoor training and registration, Saxons Sports, 14 Gatwick Rd, Bayswater  
Nth, 11 Sept., 7.30 pm. All players welcome.

#### **Kids of Gold Camp**

Frid. 23 to Sun. 25 Oct. 2009. Designed to build confidence and self-esteem  
for primary kids in grades 4 – 6 at Lyrebird Park Camp, 510 Beenak Rd,  
Yellingbo. Cost \$45 per child. Phone Gary 9737 9475.

#### **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>.

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