



February 6, 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to another school year. I trust that you all had a great time over the holidays and were able to spend some time together as a family and unwind after a busy year, recharge the batteries and get ready for the new year.

To our new families we welcome you into the Selby community and we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you over the coming weeks, months and years.



Last Thursday we had 28 excited Prep students start their journey in education. There was plenty of nerves and the odd tear but they soon made way for happy, smiling students who were keen and eager to learn. As well as welcoming our new families to the school I would like to welcome Miss Katie Smith who is a new staff to our school this year. We look forward to having you as part of our community.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our staff in making sure that we are all set up for the start of the new year and off to such a smooth start. All the staff have been in throughout parts of the holidays working on setting up their classrooms. Again we have had a huge clean up across all areas of the school and the school is looking fantastic.

## Calendar

### Friday February 7

Preps attend their first assembly  
Year 6 Students presented with  
Leadership badges

### Tuesday February 11

Parent/Teacher Information Exchange  
2.30pm -7.30pm

### Monday February 17

EDEC Swimming Sports

### Wednesday February 19

Shelter Building Excursion Yr 5/6

### Monday, February 24

Selby Athletics Day (Year 3-6)  
Knox Athletics Track

### Tuesday February 26

School Council Meeting



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## FACILITIES UPDATE

On the holidays I met with the builders who have been appointed to undertake the works on the hall. Work is scheduled to start on February 24 and be completed by the beginning of Term 2. It is an exciting time as the hall will be transformed into a great space with the roof lining covered in, new acoustic tiles on the upper walls and new lighting.

Also the school has been able to secure \$13000 in funding from the local Federal MP which has been provided to address the shade sail over the sandpit and cover some of the costs of repairing some asphalt around the school.

## PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE

We have set aside very important time for 'Parent/Teacher Information Exchange' on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. These meetings provide a timely opportunity for our teaching staff to form an effective partnership with each child's family. Working in partnership and having consistent expectations between home and school leads to better outcomes for our students. The Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and if you feel you need a longer time then a follow up time should be organised. The bookings for interviews can be done online through the Compass app.

## DEVELOPING A PARTNERSHIP WITH SELBY FAMILIES

Our teaching and support staff are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all students can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

1. Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day's learning program.
2. Completes all homework given by teachers.
3. Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.
4. Practices numeracy skills daily to develop his/her knowledge of number facts.
5. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.

Working and "learning together" we can achieve great results. There are many opportunities for parent involvement within the school: classroom assistance with Reading, Maths or investigations; Kitchen Classroom, assisting at Working Bees; and being a member of the Parents and Friends Committee who do such an amazing job of raising funds for the school and creating a caring culture with numerous events. Parental support of the teachers and the school's programs is also vital and includes displaying a positive attitude towards your child's learning, so I encourage you all to be fully involved in your child's education.



### Helpers

Dates for Term 1 kitchen Classroom sessions will be in next weeks newsletter. We welcome parent and grandparent helpers in the kitchen to support our sessions. Please add your name to the rosters outside the Kitchen if you are available to help.

All helpers MUST have a current Working With Children Check.

### **ASSEMBLY**

This Friday at our first assembly we will present the Year 6 students with their leadership badges and their Year jackets. It is also the first assembly for our Prep students. Parents are encouraged to attend assembly which starts at 3:00pm on a Friday in our school hall. Our first Good Book Awards will also be presented at assembly.

### **GEM PROGRAM**

Throughout Term 1 all classes will participate in a 40 minute GEM (Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness) session run by facilitator Sarah Johnson. The sessions are held every Tuesday and provide the students with some fantastic tools that they will be able to use as they go through the year to assist them in managing their emotions and developing the connections with their peers. A parent session will be held later in the term for interested parents.

### **UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS**

As we are in the middle of the fire season fast it is a good time to remind our families to ensure that all your details are up to date at the school. If you have changed address, got a new phone number or have a new alternative contact please contact the office to give us the details so that we are able to contact you if required.

### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECKS (WWCC)**

We encourage and value parental and community support at Selby Primary School. There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school. We require all parents to obtain a Working with Children Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education. These checks are free for volunteers. Please bring your WWCC to the office so we can photocopy and add your name to our list .

### **STUDENT INSURANCE – REMINDER FROM DET**

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not offer any form of 'student accident insurance'. If families are concerned about this they are advised to make their own arrangements. Ambulance cover could be one consideration as the school will not hesitate to call an ambulance if we are concerned for a child's wellbeing.

### **PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT THE 'OWNERS' RISK**

The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. All schools are requested to remind students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of each academic year and to discourage parents/students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Please avoid bringing these items as it can be most upsetting for all concerned if items go missing or are damaged.

Throughout the year we have many fantastic things planned and I am always happy to have input from our community as to how we can make Selby even better. If at any stage throughout the year you have any suggestions please come and see me and I will be more than happy to discuss these further with you.

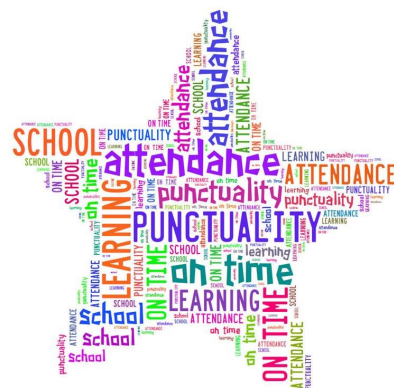
Have a great week

David Orlandi

Principal

## EVERY MINUTE AND EVERY DAY COUNTS

At Selby Primary School we are committed to providing your child with an excellent education. The building blocks of a great education begin with all students coming to school each and every day. Regular school attendance is vital and missing school days can have a big impact on your child's future – missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. From Prep to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school!



5 days off per year is approximately a day off every 8 weeks	=	Just 5 days off per year adds up to 7 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School.
10 days off per year is approximately a day off every 4 weeks	=	10 days off per year adds up to 14 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School which is about a term and a half of school.
15 days off per year is approximately a day off every 2 1/2 weeks	=	15 days off per year adds up to 21 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School which is about two terms of school.
20 days off per year is approximately a day off every 2 weeks	=	20 days off per year adds up to 28 weeks of missed schooling throughout your child's time at Primary School which is almost three terms of school.

Just as important as regular attendance is punctuality. Our music plays at 8:50am with the aim that students will be in class, organised and ready for their school day to start at 9:00am. If you are finding that you are regularly late, please take the time to look at the morning routines and see if there is something which can be changed to help you get your child to school on time each day. As well as the missed learning time, your child being late also impacts the other students in the class as teachers time is taken up re-introducing the learning tasks and means that your child is playing catch up from the time they enter the room. If the school can be of any assistance please feel free to make a time to see me to discuss the issue.

Being late to school can have a considerable impact over the whole school year. The table shows you just how much time can be missed through a year by being just a little late every day.

**5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year**

**10 minutes late every day = 6.5 days of school lost a year**

**15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year**

**20 minutes late every day = 13 days of school lost a year**

**30 minutes late every day = 19 days of school lost a year**



# Good Book Awards



- Prep B Archer R** for **PERSONAL BEST** Congratulations Archer on a great start to school. You showed your personal best when hunting for the letters in your name. Keep up the great work!
- Prep H Rory O** for **CONFIDENCE** What a great start to your first year at school. You are very confident and focused at your tasks. Great job!
- 1/2M Ari P** for **CONFIDENCE** You have made a terrific start to the year displaying excellent listening skills and enthusiasm to share your thoughts and ideas. Keep up the great work Ari.
- 1/2W James W** for **RESILIENCE** Congratulations James for trying so hard to make yourself happy when you are missing your mum. It is great to see you entering the room more happily now!
- 3/4K Harry M** for **CONFIDENCE** Harry has participated beautifully in all class activities. Keep up the amazing work.
- 3/4R Sophie H** for **CONFIDENCE** What an amazing start you have made to the year! You tackle each new task with confidence and a positive approach. I am loving the effort you are putting in. Keep it up superstar!
- 3/4S Dax I** for **CONFIDENCE** WOW what a start to the year! I have been so impressed with your confidence and positive attitude towards school this year. You have started the year as an amazing leader. Well Done
- 5/6H Callum d** for **CONFIDENCE** Callum it has been such a pleasure to have such a confident young man join our class! I am so impressed with how courageously you have tackled the difficult transition into grade 6 at Selby. I love hearing your contributions to our class discussions and seeing you put yourself out there to make friends and figure out your place at Selby. Keep up the terrific attitude!
- 5/6S Sydney P** for **CONFIDENCE** You approach everything at school with such wonderful confidence and a big smile. With such a terrific 'Have-a-Go' attitude, you will achieve great things this year Sydney!



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#### Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, visit our website [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au). If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our Customer Care Team, available to support families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2019, you do not need to complete an application form in 2020 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019.
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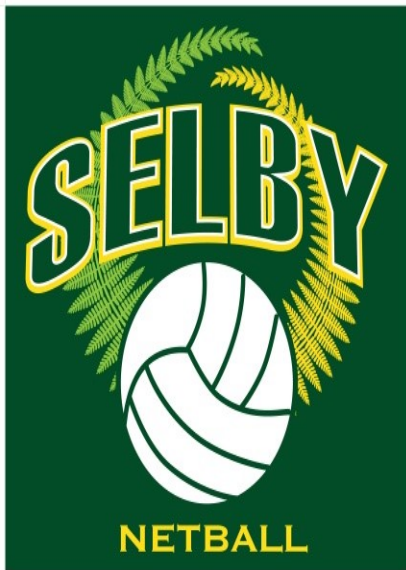


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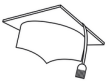


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