



June 10, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As our students came walking into school on Tuesday this week I was taken back to the start of the year when we were just getting going for 2020. The morning was colder than January 30, but the smiles were still there, and the anticipation of being back with friends, teachers and support staff. This same story played out in schools all over the state and was similar to the scenes two weeks ago when our Prep and Year 1/2 students started back.

With the much appreciated support of parents, our drop off routine proved successful, and everyone was safely in their class and raring to go. Things are different now, and will be for a little while yet, but it is great to have kids back learning at school. The next three weeks will be especially important, and we need to stick to the advice of the Chief Health Officer, who asks us to remain careful in order to minimise the spread of COVID-19. Working together I feel confident that we have the right plan to keep students and staff safe at school.

GETTING LEARNING BACK ON TRACK

For the remainder of the term our teachers will focus on re-establishing learning routines and school expectations, much like we would do at the start of every school year. It made a lot of sense that our Prep to Year 2s returned to school first, as they are likely to need more time to settle back into routine. Once we get our routines re-established we will get back to the teaching the Victorian Curriculum for Literacy and Numeracy for the remainder of Term 2. Whilst there is only 3 weeks to go, a lot can be achieved in that time. The idea is not to 'cram' everything into one term, but to keep things moving along at a steady pace. Term 3 is sometimes known as the 'hard working' term. As we anticipate very few disruptions in Term 3 we will have the opportunity to spend this time to get things moving along. By the end of Term 3, all things going well, we should be back on track.

It also important to note that for the past 9 weeks students have actually continued learning from the Victorian Curriculum. It's been delivered using Compass and Seesaw which has proven to be an exceptional tool to support learning. We may not have covered as much as normal, but students have been able to keep up quite well. In fact we have received feedback that for some kids it's been a very productive time of learning.

The way that schools have responded has taught us some very valuable lessons about learning. We need to take the positives out of this crisis and see what we have learnt in this time. There is a summit planned for later in June to analyse and discuss the things we have learnt.

ENHANCED CLEANING

The Department of Education and Training has provided all schools with enhanced cleaning. A cleaner is now working at our school during the day and continuing to clean after school, cleaning high touch points on playgrounds, doors, toilets and so on. This complements our hand hygiene routines very well, and adds an important action to further minimise the spread of any germs or virus. We are hoping that the general incidence of students and staff catching colds is positively effected as well, with less illness overall during this time.



UNWELL STUDENTS

If a staff member is unsure whether a student is unwell, the parent/carer will be contacted to discuss any concerns about the health status of the student and we will take a precautionary approach, requesting the parent/carer to collect their child if concerns remain.

Students experiencing symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19) are encouraged to seek the advice of their healthcare professional who can advise on next steps. A medical certificate is not required to return to school after a period of illness, however staff and students should not return until symptoms resolve.

YEAR 6—7 TRANSITION

Thank you to all of our Year 6 families who ensured Transition to Secondary school forms were completed and submitted to the school by the due date. Our fabulous Year 6 teachers made sure that all applications were submitted to the secondary schools on time. This is a complex process and I thank these teachers for their attention to detail and proactive response to the varying needs of our families at Selby.

Parents of Year 5 students who are considering placement in a private school setting are reminded that these places are often arranged when students are in Year 5, and seeking private school placements in Year 6 can often be unsuccessful.

Parents and carers can access the Year 7 placement information from the Department of Education webpage: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/year-6-to-7.aspx>

UPCOMING 6-7 TRANSITION DATES:

Wednesday August 19, 2020	Primary Schools notify parent and carers of Year 6 students of Year 7 placement offers, in writing.
Monday August 31, 2020	Closing date for parents to lodge any non-placement appeals with secondary schools.
Tuesday December 8, 2020	Secondary Schools host orientation day for all 2021 Year 7 students.

LOST PROPERTY

With the onset of our Melbourne winter, students are wearing layers of warmer clothing, which is often 'peeled off' and discarded around the school during the day. Parents are urged to please name every item worn to school, to enable a swift return of these items.

We are so pleased to have the students back and it is a great reminder to all of the staff here at Selby that the kids are the reason that we love coming to school each day. Whilst we learned a lot and had some great interactions with the students it simply cannot be replaced with the face to face contact that we get at school.

Thank you all for your continued support during this time.

Stay safe

David Orlandi

Principal

**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you to Kaori and Keith Bawden for their help in moving the mulch pile onto the garden beds on the weekend. You made light work of the job.

Thank you also to Mark Homewood for your repair job on the bench seating in the hall. The Year 6 students will love sitting on them again once assemblies restart.



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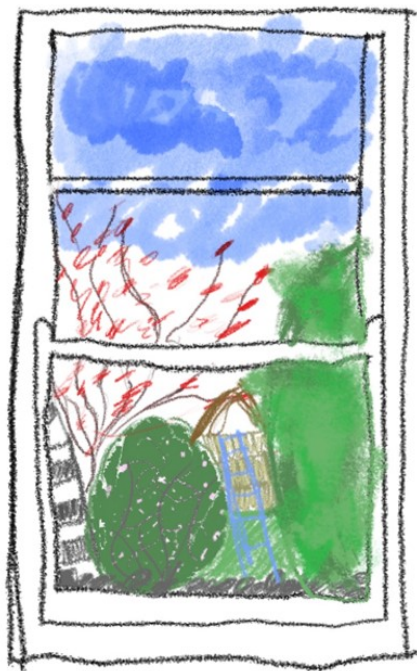
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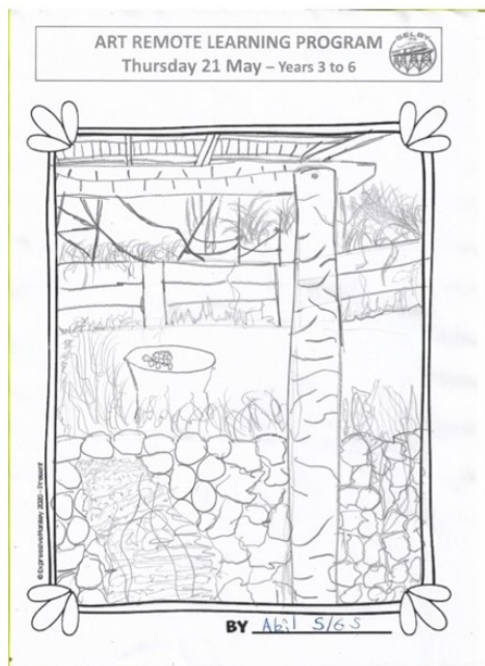
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and emotionally intelligent brains. How to use games, play and connection to help regulate your child's stress responses. Participants will find new ways to support challenging behaviour and increase family fun.

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Mindful Parents

Tuesday 16th June 2020, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Practice mindful moments in your daily life. Train the brain for a sense of calm, self compassion and kindness. Participants explore how mindfulness physically changes our brain, behaviour & transforms our relationships.

To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJRPY>

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13/05/2020

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Following the Victorian government's recent announcements regarding a return to on-campus learning, we have chosen to return to regular trading hours across our retail stores. Please note that as of **Monday 18th of May**, your local Beleza School Uniforms store will be open at the following times:

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- Weekdays from **10am to 5pm**
- Saturday from **10am to 1pm**

While we are returning to regular hours, we will be continuing to operate with appropriate safety measures in place to ensure that social distancing guidelines are met. We would like to thank you for your patience and co-operation in response to the changes that have been made over the previous weeks, and look forward to helping students prepare for their return to school.

Thank you, and stay safe,

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