



February 3, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as we start the 2021 school year! I hope you have all managed to enjoy some quality family time together over the summer holiday break. With continued hard work and cooperation all Victorians are currently enjoying a period of COVID-normal with more relaxed restrictions. We sincerely hope that this trend continues and there are no disruptions to our 2021 school 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 19 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 Bianca Mason and Mrs Emma Jones who are 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 were in throughout 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 5

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

Tuesday February 9

Year 1/2 Incursion am
Whole School Incursion pm

Parent/Teacher Information Exchange
2.30pm -7.30pm

Monday, February 22

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

Tuesday February 23

EDEC Swimming
School Council Meeting

Friday February 26

Twilight Working Bee 3:30pm—7pm

Monday March 1

Back to School Evening

Prep -Yr 2 4:00—5:15

Yr 3—Yr 6 5:30—6:45

Friday March 5

Curriculum Day—no students



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PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGE

We have set aside very important time for 'Parent/Teacher Information Exchange' on Tuesday, February 9th. 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 they:

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 their knowledge of number facts.
5. Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of their 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; Camps and excursions. 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.

ASSEMBLY

This Friday at our first assembly we will present the Year 6 students with their leadership badges and (hopefully their Year 6 jackets if delivery arrives before Friday). It is also the first assembly for our Prep students. Parents are encouraged to attend assembly which starts at 3:05pm on a Friday in our school hall. Our first Good Book Awards will also be presented at assembly. We ask that any parent who attends please sign in using the QR code system which will be placed at the entrances to the hall.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

As we are in the middle of the fire season 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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Last Monday, information regarding the 2021 School Council election process was sent to families via Compass. I would encourage any interested parent to contact me for more information. School council is an extremely vital part of the school and in 2021 will be pivotal to the school review and next strategic plan. Please look out for this if you think you may be interested in nominating or being nominated for 2021. The information included a timeline and summary of the role of School Council was all included in the Compass post.

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. For more information on applying go to <https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/individuals/applicants/how-to-apply>

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.

WORKING BEE

The first scheduled working bee for 2021 will be a twilight one on Friday February 26 from 3:30—7:00pm. It has been a year since we have last held a working bee and we would love to have many hands to help complete many tasks to improve our school grounds. Any time no matter how small would be greatly appreciated on the night. Our major focus will be on the gardens and having a good tidy up of the garden beds.

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

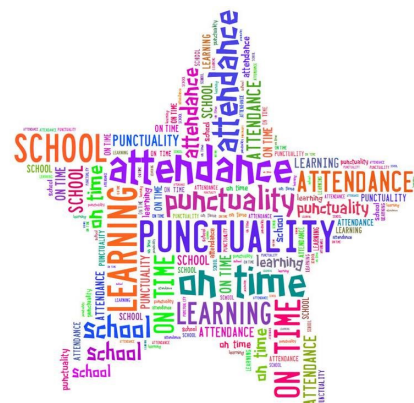


These lovely butterflies were enjoying the flowers in the Butterfly Fairy Garden. The green one is a Macleays Swallowtail and they lay their eggs on Sassafras trees in the forest and the brown one is a male Common Brown which lays their eggs on native grasses. This was a great reward for one of our grandparents Yvonne Duke who has worked to plant the garden bed out with butterfly attracting plants over the past couple of years.

Thank you Yvonne.

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 add up to missing 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
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
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

Just as important as regular attendance is punctuality. Our music plays at 8:53am 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 the 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.

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

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.

Good Book Awards

- Prep B Louis J** for **CONFIDENCE** Louis, it was fantastic to see you making your name out of playdough. You did a great job at making your lowercase letters of your name. It was great to see you do this so confidently and then help your peers make their names.
- 1/2A Poppy S** for **CONFIDENCE** I am so impressed with how confidently you have started the year Poppy! You have settled into the routine very well and are participating happily in all areas of school. Keep up the fantastic effort Poppy and welcome to Selby!
- 1/2H Asta W** for **CONFIDENCE** I really like the way you were able to confidently present your "Me" bag to your new classmates. You did this with such clarity and we found out new things about you.
- 1/2S Eve M** for **RESILIENCE** Eve, you have done a great job of settling into Year 1 and making new friends. It has been hard at times but you have soldiered on, and I am very proud of you. Well done!
- 3/4J Brooke S** for **CONFIDENCE** Amazing effort for the start of the school year. You showed your personal best during reading groups when you found more 'er' words from your spelling book without being asked to look for them. Keep up the wonderful initiative.
- 3/4M Miles S** for **CONFIDENCE** Miles it has been a delight to observe your happy return to school. You are demonstrating excellent confidence when completing classroom activities. I was especially impressed with the descriptive letter addressed to me. Keep up the great work!
- 5/6H Evie S** for **PERSONAL BEST** Evie, you have made such a terrific start to the year. You have come in enthusiastic, focused and resilient. If you continue with this brilliant attitude then 2021 is sure to be terrific!
- 5/6M Holly H** for **PERSONAL BEST** Holly you should be so proud of the way you have started Grade 5. Your positive attitude and enthusiastic approach to all tasks is wonderful! Well done!
- 5/6S Xavier W** for **PERSONAL BEST** Wow! What a fantastic start you have made to the year. I have been so impressed with how focussed you have been while working and the amazing quality of work that you are producing. Keep it up Superstar!





Coming up Term 1, 2021 . . .



CROCODILES, KAKADU AND THE SCIENCE OF WETLANDS



What is a wetland? Where are they? What sort of creatures live there? How dangerous can the wetlands be? Why can't you see a crocodile waiting for you? What does conservation mean in practice? Discover the basic science involved with our Australian wetlands. Find out about the birds and reptiles that live there. You will learn memory tricks to gain a better memory and remember many wetlands creatures by playing games and having fun as well with your learning.

WiseOnes Application for 1st Term, 2021

This program is available for all Grade 2 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes. . (Testing for Year 1 students will be conducted during 1st Term so Year 1 students who have qualified can join in the program in Term 2).

The unit for first term commences week beginning Monday, 8th February 2021.

The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: **Monday 8th Feb, 15th Feb, 22nd Feb, 1st Mar, 8th Mar, 15th Mar, 22nd Mar, 29th March.**

WiseOnes Teacher: Noel Blacker: Mobile 0409 435 396

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I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Crocodiles, Kakadu and the Science of Wetlands" starting week beginning **Monday, 8th February 2021.**

Child's Name _____ School: **Park Orchards Primary School**

Date of Birth _____ Class (2021) _____

Parents' Names _____

Address _____

Phone: BH _____ AH _____ Mobile _____ Email: _____

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO

I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.

I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost \$500 inc GST).

The cost of the program is \$270.60 (fees \$246 plus GST of \$24.60).

To access the WiseOnes program for 1st Term 2021:

Please send the Enrolment form to Noel Blacker; email: noelblacker@bigpond.com by Friday, 5th February 2021.

Payment of \$270.60 (inc GST) also needs to be received by Friday, 5th February 2021.

Payment: Access Re-Ed Services Pty Ltd (WiseOnes)

BSB 083218 Account No. 516636659 (Please include your Child's name, Grade and School so I know who the payment is for)

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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

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

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.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2020.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





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