



December 8, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a big year it has been yet again at Selby. The 2021 school year is coming to a close and Christmas is just around the corner. It has been yet another year of disruption to all of our lives but we need to take stock and reflect on what has been achieved this year. The 'unknowns' of this year made planning hard and we have become increasingly flexible and adaptable. Production is an example of this, initially we were booked to perform on stage on August 4 and 5. Lockdowns meant that this plan needed to change and the decision to film the Production was made. Whilst disappointing that the students were again denied the opportunity to perform on stage, staff worked tirelessly led by Kristy Lewis, to ensure that the show continued. We await the arrival of the finished show to see the students shine.

This year more than ever the partnership between home and school has been so vital in providing educational opportunities to our students. You have been placed in a position that you and we never expected to ever be in, and together we have got through this with a range of new skills. I thank you for all of your efforts in supporting the students throughout the year and also for your support of the school as we have navigated through the year.

I would also like to thank the wonderful staff. The challenge of educating our students is something which we take seriously and the passion that our staff have to make a difference to each and every student is inspiring. This year they have delivered an outstanding year of opportunities to the students as they have negotiated the seamless stepping in and out of remote and onsite learning. I know that they are proud of what the students have achieved this year.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our School Council members for their commitment to our school. The time and effort dedicated to this role often goes unrecognised and whilst rewarding, can also be challenging. At Selby, we are fortunate to have an outstanding group of people led superbly by our School Council President Sarah Thompson.

Looking forward to 2022, I ask all parents to consider how they are contributing to the Selby Community? Maybe membership of the 2022 School Council is a role that you would like to take on. Watch out early next year as the election process begins.

Calendar

Thursday December 9

House Sports Day

Monday December 13

Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday December 15

Cameo Movie Day

Thursday December 16

Last day of Term 4

School finishes at 1.30pm

Monday January 31

2022 School Year starts

Preps

9:00am—1:00pm

Year 1 - 6

9:00am—3:30pm

Friday March 4

School Photos

Friday March 11

Curriculum Day



LAST DAY 2021

The last day for students in 2021 will be Thursday December 16. School will finish at 1.30pm. We are intending to do our traditional farewell for our Year 6s on this day at our 1.00pm assembly which will be held outside (weather permitting) to allow families to attend in accordance with COVID guidelines. Friday 17th December is a Student Free Day.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND AGE APPROPRIATE VIEWING HABITS

Increasingly we have seen a growing number of students referring to Netflix, Tik Tok, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook and other platforms in relation to content that is well beyond their capacity for understanding.

I have had some families say that it happens outside of school and therefore has nothing to do with school. If only it were that simple.

What happens on social media and what the kids watch affects how they interact here at school. What is said on social media plays out here in our yard so it then does become a school issue.

Children move through developmental stages where their brains become better equipped to interpret themes in the broader world. The Australian rating system is based on these milestones and are a good guide for what your children should be exposed to. We have heard students discussing plot details of shows designed for adults. Some of these themes are particularly violent and simply not fit for our younger students, as it can leave them with disturbing images that they do not have the capacity to process.

As we head into the holidays your cooperation in ensuring your child is viewing and discussing appropriate content is appreciated.

DATES FOR 2022

Please note the following dates for your diary for the start of 2022.

- Friday January 28 2022 - Staff Resume for 2022 – preparation and planning day—NO STUDENTS
- Monday January 31 2022 – All students in Prep to Year 6 start school for 2022

And finally...

As I finish up, I leave Selby with many, many fond memories. I am proud of what we have achieved at the school since my arrival in 2017. As I have said previously, I was accepted into the community so easily and collectively, and we have strived to provide our students with the best opportunities to grow and prosper into the people they are. I will miss the daily interactions with the students who I have had the pleasure of working with across the years as well as the overwhelming support that I have received from the parent community. I will also miss working with the amazingly dedicated staff who strive to provide the students with a high quality education each and every day. Whilst I am excited for the new challenge, Selby has truly lived up to its motto of 'A place to belong' and I will always reflect on my memories here with great pride and look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things that will continue to happen at the school in the years to come.

Have a great week and a relaxing and safe holidays.

David Orlandi
Principal

Bike Education

Despite a chilly start to the Bike Education program, our Year 3 & 4 students have learning a variety of riding skills such as safe braking, U-turns, changing direction, turning, group and partner riding, road rules, road safety and care of bicycles. The children have been showing tremendous determination and improvement in not only their skills, but in their bike riding confidence. AND, having lots of fun!





Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief Service

Giving Tree

**Invitation to place some gifts under our school tree by
Friday 10th December**

This charity helps hundreds of people each year. Christmas can be a difficult time for families, many of whom are struggling to make ends meet because of illness, job loss or financial crisis.

The Dandenong Ranges Emergency Relief Service based in Belgrave, runs the Christmas in the Hills project to help people celebrate Christmas.

Selby Primary School is pleased to be able to support the program this year. We invite you to bring in new toys or gift vouchers for children 0-17 years old and place them under the tree at the school office.

Some simple guidelines :

- New toys
- Vouchers with a long expiry
- Consider teens (sports equipment/vouchers)



Martial Arts is back at Selby Primary School!

Loong Fu Pai Upwey Dojo has moved to Selby, with instructors
Sempai Jaicob Barrot, and Dai Sempai Holly Schwind.

Starting Wednesday 10th November, 7 – 8.30pm

All ages and abilities welcome

Contact Jaicob on (AH) 0473 575 131 or Mac (AH) 0437 318 157.

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Instrumental Music lessons at Selby PS 2022.

Expression of interest and bookings are now being taken
for 2022.

For more information.

Phone: Andrew McAlister 0408467147

Email: ismusic@bigpond.com

This program is available for Years 3 to 6.

It is a fee for service program offered during school time.
It is in addition to the Performing Arts program at Selby PS.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUPS



2 GROUPS

11-13 YEARS

14-17 YEARS



FOCUS AREAS

SOCIAL ANXIETY

LOW MOTIVATION

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