Selby Primary School a place to belong



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as we start the 2022 school year! I hope you have enjoyed some quality family time together over the holiday break. To our new families we welcome you into the Selby community and look forward to getting to know you over the coming weeks, months and years.

As well as welcoming our new families to the school I would like to welcome Nicole Phillips, who will be working in Prep B this year. We look forward to having you as part of our community.

This term I am Acting Principal at Selby Primary School, following David Orlandi's departure to The Basin Primary. We wish David the very best of luck at his new school. I am really excited to join the Selby community, having moved down from Bright, Victoria. Please stop by and have a chat, I am looking forward to meeting all students and families over the coming weeks.

On 31st January we had 24 excited Prep students start their journey in education. There was plenty of nerves, but they soon made way for happy, smiling students who were keen and eager to learn.

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.

I would also like to thank all families who have supported the safety of our students by following the mask and rapid antigen testing guidelines so far this term. Our next delivery of rapid antigen tests have arrived so please call into the office for collection.

Scott Burton

Acting Principal

Calendar

Thursday 17th February

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Monday 21st February

Year 3 - 6 Athletics Knox Athletics Track

Tuesday 22nd February

EDEC Swimming Belgrave

Tuesday 1st March

School Council Meeting

Friday 4th March

School Photo day

Friday 11th March

Curriculum Day - No Students

Monday 14th March

Labour Day Public Holiday



Parent/Teacher Information Exchange

We have set aside very important time for 'Parent/Teacher Information Exchange' on Thursday, February 17th. 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. Attend school daily and arrives on time ready for the day's learning program.
- 2. Complete all homework given by teachers.
- 3. Read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.
- 4. Practice numeracy skills daily to develop their knowledge of number facts.
- 5. Share 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

Last Monday we presented our Year 6 students with their Leadership badges and Year 6 Jackets. This Friday will be our first assembly. Until further notice, our assemblies will be held on WebEx starting at 1.30 pm. Parents are encouraged to log in on a Friday. Our first Good Book Awards will also be presented at the assembly. The WebEx link will be sent via Compass shortly.

Review and 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 update your profile on Compass so that we are able to contact you if required.

School Council Elections

Last Monday, information regarding the 2022 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. Please see the Compass notice for a timeline and role summary.

Working with Children 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. 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

Privacy Policy

Our school collects, uses, discloses, and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the **Schools' Privacy Policy.**Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice,

For more information about privacy, refer to **Schools' Privacy Policy** — **information for parents**. This information is also available in ten community languages:

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.



Good Book Awards

Prep B - Idris S - Personal Best

Idris, It has been fantastic to see you showing all of Selby's school values. You are respectfully participating in class discussions, confidently sharing your ideas, being resilient at starting your day with a smile and working hard on all your tasks. Well done Idris, keep up the amazing work!

12/A - Lilith R - Confidence

It was lovely to see you write so confidently and try the spelling of new words. You have great ideas!

1/2S - Audrey M - Confidence

Audrey, it is terrific to see your developing Confidence as you settle in to Grade 2 this year. I love seeing your hand up to share your thoughts – you always have such fabulous ideas to contribute!

3/4J - Alistair M - Respect

Alistair, you have started off this year with amazing focus, determination and respect. I love seeing your 'can do' attitude and your willingness to help out others. Thank you for being so respectful towards our class.

3/4M - Alex W - Respect

It is always a pleasure to see your cheery smile and receive your warm greeting each day. I love seeing you thinking of others and helping where you can. Our room is going to be spotless this year!

5/6H - Evie S - Personal Best

Evie, you are off and running! What a terrific start to your final year of Primary School. You bounced in on the first day with a big smile, ready to work hard and make the most of opportunities of Year 6. I'm so excited to see what you'll accomplish this year with such a positive attitude - I know you're going to go far!

5/6M - Will P - Personal Best

Will, you have made an outstanding start to your final year of primary school! I am so impressed with your focus, positive attitude towards learning and your confidence to share more with the class. Fantastic effort, keep it up!

5/6S - Millie J - Confidence

Millie I am so proud of the amazing start that you have had so far this year. You have confidently made new friends and approached everything that we have done with a positive attitude and a smile on your face. What a fantastic way to begin your final year of primary school!

5/6s - Kyuss R - Resilience

Kyuss, you are just amazing. When things don't go quite to plan you always find a way to make everything alright. You encompass all of the qualities of a good human being and you are a pleasure to have in the class. Your giant smile, the way you care for your friends and how you change the most mundane situation into a whole lot of fun are just a few of the fantastic things that make you, you.



PREP NEWS

The Preps have had a great first week of school. They have played with their buddies and worked in the investigation room. The Preps have learnt about the letters in their names and the word cat and numbers 0-10! GO Prep B!!!







































Science with 5/6



This term the 5/6s are learning all about Adaptations. To kick things off we looked at some human adaptations and experimented with how difficult our lives would be without opposable thumbs...





It's been really fantastic to see such excitement around the return to school and we want to keep it that way. A crucial part of that is getting as many students vaccinated as possible. Alongside ventilation and other vital COVIDSafe steps such as regular rapid antigen testing, supporting as many students as possible to be vaccinated will help make our school as safe as possible.

Bookings for children aged 5 to 11 to receive the paediatric Pfizer vaccine are open and we encourage parents and carers to get your child vaccinated, if you haven't already done so. The Pfizer vaccine is safe and recommended for children. The vaccine will help protect your child from getting sick from COVID-19, help to reduce the spread of COVID-19, and help ensure kids can have more time at school and playing with their friends.

Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 years old are delivered at 2 appointments, 8 weeks apart. Children with specific medical vulnerabilities can access their second dose 3 weeks after their first dose.

If you'd like more information about this, you can read a recent statement from the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI): https://www.health.gov.au/news/atagi-update-following-weekly-covid-19-meeting-19-january-2022

To book an appointment

You can book at your local GP or pharmacy: https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking You can also book at a family-friendly vaccination centre by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

You can also make vaccination centre bookings for your children online, though you will need to use an email address that has not been used in the system before: https://portal.cvms.vic.gov.au/

Helping children to get their vaccination

Vaccination centres understand that children may feel anxious about vaccination or have other support needs. A range of options are available to help children get vaccinated. Please discuss your child's needs with the vaccination centre when you book an appointment.

Appointments are also available at Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisations.

Find out more about vaccination for kids: https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccination-information-children-and-teenagers



2022 Photo Day Online and Envelope Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Selby Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 04-03-2022

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE - ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 03-03-2022 **

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Click Here - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [M8B AH3 TRN]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online 3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to <u>www.advancedlife.com.au</u> before photo day and enter your school code [M8B AH3 TRN]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 03-03-2022
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount.

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card - Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash - Please enclose correct money - as change is not available

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

<u>info@advancedlifevic.com.au</u> or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team







Friday 18th Feb, 4.30 - 6.30pm

- Meet the coach and club members
- Juniors & Adults welcome
- Come and find out about joining the club, including: coaching, competition or social tennis, have a hit!
- Where: Selby Tennis Club (Charles St, cnr Mimosa Rd)
- Cost: FREE
- Questions: selbytc@gmail.com OR 0404 001 242







Selby Netball Club is now taking enrolments for all age groups from <u>NetSetGO</u> to Opens for the Winter season starting February 26th 2022.

Selby is a small and friendly club established in 1993. Our aim is to provide the opportunity for players of all abilities to participate and have fun playing netball.

Please register your interest via email <u>selbynetball@hotmail.com</u> or message Leanne on 0409 778 824 for more information.



Art Attack Free Workshop for families and children at Belgrave Library, Saturdays 12th, 19th and 26th Feb, 10.30am to 12pm. Draw, Paint and create Animals, Birds, Fantasy creatures to be displayed in the library. The theme is "Peaceful Protectors of the Library". Covid requirements and vaccination certificates required. Bookings essential: bevpergl@hotmail.com, tel 0449 654 343



WiseOnes at Selby Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

WiseOnes is a user pays enrichment program (\$240 per term) which is offered in your school, in school time, and is available from Year 1 – Year 6. During the 1st term, the Year 1 students have the opportunity to qualify for WiseOnes, a program that is now in its twenty-second year, working in schools with advanced thinkers and faster learners. This is a free test without any obligation, but it gives parents further information about their child's potential. The test administered is the 'Raven's Progressive Matrices' which is a leading global non-verbal measure of mental ability, helping to identify individuals with advanced observation and clear thinking skills. The test, itself, is not related to reading, writing or spelling but to the child's creative ability. Parents and Guardians will be notified if their child has qualified. The test will be administered in a nearby classroom by a registered teacher, Educational Consultant, and former Principal Pat Truscott who has a working with children's check.

For further information please contact **Pat Truscot**t Dip Teach., B.Ed., Grad Dip R.E., ACEL, IML., M.A.W.A. **Mobile:** 0407 313 657, **emai**l: patrogers1@bigpond.com .

All WiseOnes teachers are qualified and faster learners themselves so can mentor with a great understanding of this ability. All enquiries are welcome.

Some indications:

- 1. Speaks fluently using advanced levels of words, seems older than his/her age.
- 2. Has a very good memory for words, songs, poems, stories, signs, places or numbers.
- 3. Puts ideas together in creative ways, seeing things in a new perspective.
- 4. Sets very high standards for self and doesn't like to fail. Maybe has trouble starting things.
- 5. Refuses to write things down or hand in the required amount of work.
- 6. Gets into trouble for asking too many questions.
- 7. Can tell you all about the topic in detail, but can't present work in written form.
- 8. Has been assessed as gifted by a psychologist, Krongold, CHIP or school.
- 9. Thinks and argues well, is independent, self sufficient and may be bossy.
- 10. Very good coordination for dance, sport or gym or technical or craft work.
- 11. Great interest in the future, world problems, or perhaps dinosaurs or astronomy.
- 12. Likes to mix with children a couple of years older or with adults.
- 13. A few of these children have very few or no real friends.
- 14. Has many friends is loud and sociable.
- 15. Is a lovely, well-mannered good person who is well-balanced and friendly.

The program has always taught STEM units and Art with exciting names throughout its 21 years: Science e.g. Astronomy, Expert on Shells Technology e.g. Electronics, Engineering e.g. Basic Engineering Mathematics e.g. Fibonacci Maths plus The Arts e.g. Draw with A Twist

if you wish your child to take part patrogers1@bigpond.com by Mo	n the testing, please complete the form below and return it via 6 nday, 28th February 2022	email to
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Signed	Date	



SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

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Flexible work options. Support your community between 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

If you or someone you know is interested in these roles, call us today!

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