



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Another busy fortnight at Selby Primary School with students engaging in a variety of classroom and extracurricular learning opportunities. It's hard to believe that we have just over two weeks until the school holidays and that we have almost been onsite for the full term.

### Prep Enrolments 2023

I would like to thank those families who have already enrolled their children for next year. If you have a child starting Prep please ensure you have completed an enrolment form as soon as possible. Additionally, if you know of a family in our local area who plan to send their child to Selby in 2023, please encourage them to enrol immediately. Enrolment forms can be found on our website or by contacting the school directly.

### Public Reporting Meeting

Tuesday 5th April, we will hold our Public reporting Meeting during the School Council meeting

The report focuses on the school's performance during the last 12 months. This report will be placed on the school's website, once approved by School Council following the meeting.

### NAPLAN Online

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3 and 5 students is held in May each year.

As part of the National Protocols for Test Administration (Online), it is a requirement that students are provided with the opportunity to become familiar with the question types contained in the NAPLAN Online tests. Selby Primary School students will be participating in the Coordinated Practice Test (CPT) which is a nationally run event, held at 11.30am AEDT on **Thursday 24 March**, this also helps to test the capacity of the platform to manage the volume of activity expected during the May testing window.

**Scott Burton**  
Acting Principal

## Calendar

### Wednesday 23rd March

EDEC Athletics - Cockatoo

### Friday 25th March

Regional Swimming Finals

### Thursday 31st March

Welcome to Selby Evening

### Saturday 2nd April

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

### Sunday 3rd April

Trash 2 Treasure market

### Tuesday 5th April

School Council Meeting

### Friday 8th April

Last day of Term 1

### Tuesday 26th April

First Day Term 2



### **Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

We have been lucky enough to secure a date for a BBQ fundraiser at Bunnings Fountain Gate. on Saturday 2nd April. We only need 4 more volunteers to help fill out the roster on the day. The day has been broken into 4 two hour shifts. Please click on the link below to sign up to assist on the day. <https://volunteersignup.org/CHFLR>

### **Welcome to Selby Evening**

On Thursday 31st March we will be hosting the Welcome to Selby evening. An RSVP form has been sent out to help provide an indication for catering purposes. Let's hope for some great weather so that we can enjoy some time together.

### **Trash 2 Treasure Market**

Don't forget the PFA Trash2Treasure market on Sunday 3rd April. A lot of work has gone into the organisation of this events and it is a great opportunity to get involved in our community. See below flyer for more information.



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# STUDENT VOICE TEAM

**Congratulations to our Student Voice Team (SVT) on running their first successful event for 2022. They did a great job at organising the Free Dress Day last Wednesday which raised over \$360 for Monkey In My Chair.**

This program supplies a "monkey kit" to students who are absent from school due to serious illness. Each kit includes a big stuffed monkey that takes their place in school when they are unable to be there. The kits include the monkey with a backpack, a book to help teachers explain to students the situation their classmate is facing and how it affects them, teacher companion guide, along with other items that can be utilised by the child and/or their classmates. All kits are sent out at no cost to the families or hospitals.

**Thank you Selby Primary School!**



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# #WhatLiftsYou

Our Year 3 to 6 students have been busily creating this amazing feather mural using American street Artist Kelsey Montague as inspiration. Kelsey believes that art should not be separated from the human experience. Instead, the human experience should have a hand in creating the art itself. Kelsey's art relies on self-expression and comes with the hashtag #WhatLiftsYou. Every student designed their very own feather with 'what lifts their spirits', makes them feel good. Each unique feather was added to the final collaboration - this big, beautiful and colourful feathered wing mural! I am speechless! It's that good! #ProudArtTeacher



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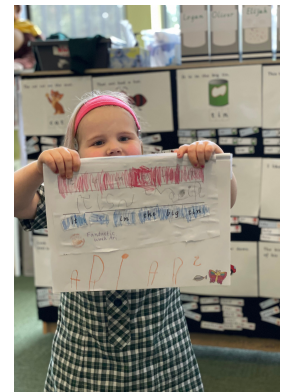
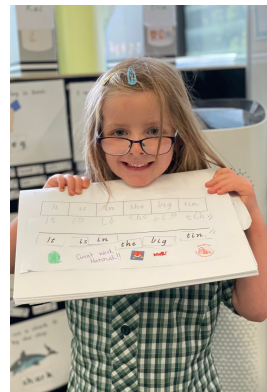
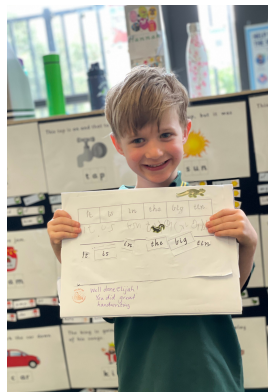
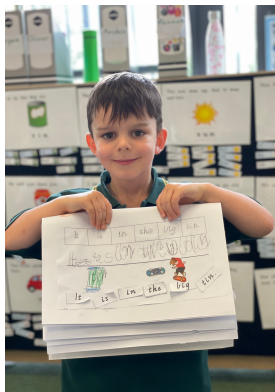
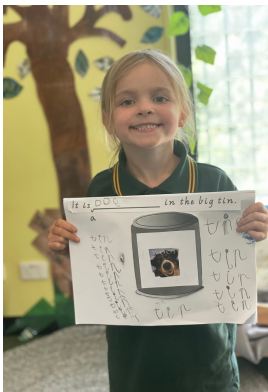


# PREP NEWS

We have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes in Prep! We went for a shape hunt around the school. Look at all the shapes we found....



We have learnt the letters and sounds in the word 'tin' in Prep. We were able to put our focus sentence back in order and place different things inside our own tins.



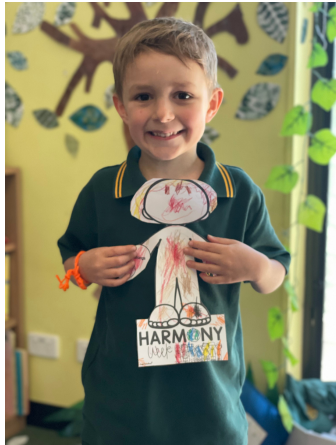
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# PREP NEWS

This week Prep B has been celebrating Australia's cultural diversity with a variety of activities.

For Harmony Day on Monday they made friendship bracelets and made a class paper people chain using self portraits.



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# Free Writing Friday - 1/2S

## Wolfs

Once upon a time, there was a three-headed dog that lived in the wild. It got scratches from a dragon.  
by Conor

Once there was a boy, he was going outside and then his foot got whacked. He lifted his foot and realised that it was hailing upwards so he ran inside and got his gumboots.  
by Jacob R

## My Recess

I went outside at recess. I played with Matilda and Evelyn, we played families. Matilda was a baby, I was the dog and Evelyn was the mum. The baby and the dog ran away! We ran away!  
by Lacey

## Lilly The Cat

Once upon a time, there lived a cat named Lilly. She did not want to go to school. She whinged all day. And she kept nagging. And her dad said to her you need to go to school! But Lilly did not listen. But her dad yelled and said that's it! And flicked his nose up. He got her onto his back. He walked her all the way to school. She jumped off his back and walked all the way to class. She was nervous about the children that they were going to laugh at her. At the start of the day Mrs. Grapher said to the class ok children let's get started with our Maths. There is sheets on your tables. Lilly was very confused. She asked for help but Mrs. Grapher said try and figure it out yourself. But she couldn't. When Mrs. Grapher said Maths time is over, time to share your ideas. And she said Lilly can go first! And Lilly was brave. And she said I was too confused so I didn't write anything. The children laughed so loud that Mrs. Grapher couldn't hear anything but loud laughing. Mrs. Grapher got angry, she yelled STOP LAUGHING! And they stopped. Mrs. Grapher said laughing at Lilly is making her feel sad so can you please stop. Then Mrs. Grapher said say sorry to Lilly and they did.  
by Evelyn

## Magic Hat

If I had a magic hat I would make it build a castle. I also would paint it yellow. I would also make it build a pool and a pony room.  
by Piper

## The Basketball Match

I, Jacob, and Ollie were playing basketball then Puffing Billy came by. We continued our game of basketball and we were practicing. And then it started to rain but we ignored it. It was fun.  
by Louis

## How Do You Play Foursquare?

There is a king.  
There is a queen.  
There is god.  
Bounce the ball and no fools.  
by Leonas



### **Ghosts**

Once upon a time I and my family went on Puffing Billy. I heard a clank and I thought it was a ghost. I asked the train driver what it was. He said it was a ghost. We all went home and did not tell anyone.

by Lotte

Today at snack time me and my friends were played, Mums and Dads. It was fun. so SO SO SO SO SO SO much fun.

The end

Have a good day

by Matilda

### **What if sausages were blue?**

Once upon a time, it was a normal day in Selby. People loved sausages they ate them every day. Right left-back and forward!! Until someone put a special ingredient and sausages then turned blue!!!!!! They were better than normal. They were the best ever! They said no more regular sausages and that was the end.

by Rory

### **Acorns**

Today we are playing the Okesys Club. Poppy and Mia are playing too. First, I make perfume. Then Poppy starts the free drink. Then Mia and me looked for baby acorns. Then we see an old container. We filled it with sand. We put the little acorns in.

by Asta

### **Creeper**

What is a creeper? A creeper is a creature that is green that has a heart that is made of TNT. It is allergic to people and explodes and has no arms. It appears at night.

by Ari K

### **Dragonet Names**

Flam, Fury, Flamey, Flames, Frosty, Frost, Icy, Ice, Coconut, CoCo, Parmy, Blizzy, Stormy, Rainy, Sunny, Endy, End, Ends, Fire, Firey, Fires, Naturey, Glowly, Ruby, Jade, Diamond, Foresty, Vine, Vines, Viney, Ivy, Leaf, Leafy, Leafs, Hivey.

by Poppy

### **How to make a crafting table in Minecraft**

STEP 1. Punch 1 block of wood

Step 2. Make a wood plank

Step 3. Make a crafting table.

by Raf



### **Ninjago legacy**

The green ninja is Lord Garmadon's son he used to be bad but now he's good! And now he joined the ninja's side and helped them stop the ghosts from attacking Ninjago City and ruling Ninjago City but the but the ninjas stopped the ghosts from ruling Ninjago City!

by Ollie

### **How to skate**

1. Put your feet on the bolts.
2. Then push and off you go.

by Gunner

### **Recess**

At recess I was playing with Audrey I was holding her pinky and going down the slide with it and I was going on wizzy dizzy with it then she was going to take me down the slide RECESS WAS SOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!

FUN

Audrey was funny it was soooo! Fun.

By Josie

### **Robots**

Today at recess Me, Piper, Ari and Lottie were playing robots. I was a robot too. You have to type on my back and I do it. Piper typed make me, Ari and Lottie go to candy land. I ran to candy land they said off and changed me to walk mode. We all walked together. When we got there we ate everything.

by Lincoln

### **Squirrel Squad**

One day there was a team of squirrels the boss was Brush Tail. The bad guys were the dark foxes the boss was Black Eye. Black Eye hated the squirrels. So Black Eye and the other foxes flooded their tree. The squirrels were so wet. But they stayed alive so Black Eye chopped the tree down the squirrels were so sad. The squirrels went and got sticky mud and put the tree back. The squirrels found some mice the little squirrels saved them. Thank you said the mice and they ran off. The squirrels were very happy. The foxes could not do anymore they left the squirrels and did something else. The squirrels had fun! The END!

by Audrey

### **The Oceys shop**

On Friday lunch play, me and Asta started an acorn shop. We found lots of acorns. Some grade 5 and 6 kids saw us and made their own acorn shop. Some other kids wanted to play like Darcy, Poppy, Mia and Rory. We gave the small acorns water so that they will grow. We have done this since the start of the year.

By Cassidy

### **Minecraft**

How you make a netherite sword

1. Get two netherite slabs.
2. Get a stick.
3. Get a crafting table.
4. Combine all the things you got.

by Jacob K

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This term the 3/4s have completed many activities to explore our identity. In literacy, we read a short interview with Andy Griffiths that told us some interesting things about him but we had some more questions that we wanted to ask him. We carefully formed and wrote open-ended questions to find out more about his identity and sent them to him. Last week we were very excited to receive a letter from Andy and his responses to our questions. Some interesting questions and responses include:

### Is Jill your wife?

Yes, she is. In real life, Jill is a book editor and she works on all the books with me and Terry.

### When do you get tired of writing?

I usually find I run out of energy to write after about 90 minutes. When I feel I'm running out of steam I'll take a break and then go back to it later.

### Who is your favourite author?

When I was young I loved the books of Enid Blyton, especially The Adventures of the Wishing Chair and The Magic Faraway Tree.

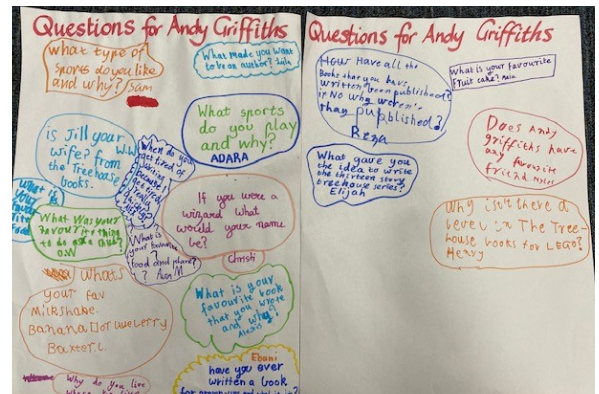
### What do you do on your birthday?

If I'm lucky Jill makes me a banana cream pie and I eat as much of it as I can.

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11 March 2022

Emma Jones & Grade 3/4  
Selby Primary School  
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Hi Emma, Adara, Sam, Leila, Christi, Alex, Ava, Alexis, Baxter, Ebani, Reza, Maia, Elijah, Myles, Henry, Isla, Aurelia, Ewan, Ezra, Raffy, James, Keira, Shannon, Seraphina, Clem, Stella, Jesse, Sage, Alexa, Scout, Edward, Alistair, Amelia, Angus and Morganna,

Thank you for your letters. I really enjoyed reading them and I'm glad to hear that you like the treehouse books so much. I hope you enjoy reading the answers to your many questions.

Terry and I are working on the next book, *The 156-Storey Treehouse*, and it will come out later this year. We also have another book coming out in April called *Treehouse Tales ... Too Silly to be Told, Until Now!*, and when I receive copies in a few weeks I will send you one for your class to share.

Keep reading and having fun. See you in the treehouse!

Your friend,

Andy

Questions From  
the year 3/4  
Students for  
Andy Griffiths

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# Good Book Awards

## **Prep B - Tahli O - Respect**

Tahli, you approach your learning with fantastic respect and kindness. You participate in class discussions by actively listening and respectfully sharing your great ideas. It was wonderful to see you demonstrate your fantastic respect in how you led the building of the pizza shop in Investigations. Keep up the great work Tahli!

## **1/2A - Arlo S - Personal Best**

Arlo, well done on the hard work you have been putting in to improve your handwriting. We have been so impressed by the time and effort you are putting into writing neatly on the line. Keep up the great work!

## **1/2S - Lotte P - Personal Best**

Lotte, you have been trying so hard in everything you do - what a superstar! Your writing is really coming along, and it is great to see your confidence developing. Keep it up Lotte!

## **3/4J - Jesse P - Personal Best**

Jesse, you have been a superstar this week with your reading and understanding towards how to find the author's purpose in our reading groups. I have really enjoyed reading your responses and looking at your covers. Well Done!

## **3/4M - Oliver W - Confidence**

Oliver I love your focus in class. You are a sponge as you learn new knowledge and you have lots of great insight that you freely share with the grade. Your recall and understanding of what we learned about sugar's effect on the brain was excellent!

## **5/6M - Ebony O - Personal Best**

Ebony, you should feel so proud of your work in maths lessons recently. You have confidently shown your addition and subtraction skills and knowledge on time. Well done!

## **5/6H - Sean W - Personal Best**

Sean, you've done a terrific job as a Science and Environment Captain so far. You're organised and proactive and you look after your 1/2s with great care. I know you were nervous to teach 5/6s and I'm very proud that you went through all the planning and implementation of a lesson for older students. Keep up the terrific work, I can't wait to see what you'll do with your role!

## **5/6S - Adrian S - Personal Best**

Sean, you've done a terrific job with your leadership role so far. You're organised and proactive and you look after your 1/2s with great care. I know you were nervous to teach 5/6s and I'm very proud that you went through all the planning and implementation of a lesson for older students. Keep up the terrific work, I can't wait to see what you'll do with it!



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# School Council President's Update March 2022

Dear wonderful community members of Selby Primary,

On behalf of the members of the School Council, I would like to welcome you all, somewhat belatedly, to the 2022 school year. Whether you were already a member of our community or if you have just joined us, it is so good to see our children, staff, and community members coming back together (in person!) after the challenges of the last few years to get back into learning and building our already strong sense of belonging.

This is especially so given the challenges across the world that we continue to witness on a daily basis.

With this energy coming back into our school grounds, as mentioned in the last installment of The Bridge, School Council had our first meeting of the year a few weeks ago. Like the theme many have experienced of late, it was a meeting of change. Last year we saw the completion of the tenures of Sandra Taylor, Jason Watson, Dan Zielinski, and Victoire Gibson - their efforts over the past few difficult years in helping to keep our community a vibrant one during our pandemic lockdowns will be missed. I would especially like to thank Jason and Sandra for their long-standing involvement over many years, and for Sandra's outstanding work as School Council Treasurer for much of that time as well.

This was also, of course, our first meeting since the departure of David Orlandi as Principal - who for many of us was the only Principal we have known at this school. I am grateful that Scott has stepped in as Acting Principal this term to help with our transition and to help with our first School Council meeting of the year.

But with some sad departures, we were grateful to see the return of Sarah Thompson, Lorelei Waite and Suzanne Smith as parent and carer members, as well as our long-standing staff members Kate Mercer, Jemima Hogg, Holly Schwind, and Marita Marshall (from Selby Kinder). To this, we also have the energy and enthusiasm of our new members, Chris Seymour (our new treasurer!), James Evans, Simon McIntosh, and Stephanie Jackson.

I had the honour of being nominated President of the school council this year, taking over from Sarah Thompson's fantastic work from last year which involved, amongst other things, helping to steer us through the pandemic, working on Selby Primary's four-year strategic plan and chairing the process to find an Acting Principal for this term.

There is plenty to do this year too, starting with finding the right ongoing Principal for Selby Primary. Our forever tireless members of the PFA already have an action-packed planned schedule for the year, with the excitement of the Trash 2 Treasure market not far away now. And as discussed at School Council, we are very keen this year to work together with everyone across the school to build the profile of the school and to see more enrolments starting next year to boost our student numbers and ensure we have the resourcing we need to help our children reach their full potential.

Members of the school council are always keen to hear about great ideas or concerns. If anyone wishes to raise an issue confidentially with me, please feel free to chat if you see me in the school or to email me at [mrdun1@gmail.com](mailto:mrdun1@gmail.com).

Many thanks, everyone

Michael

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# 5 tips

## to keep your family safe online

Parents and carers can use a combination of strategies to help young people build their digital technology skills and have safer experiences online.

### 1. Start the chat

Get into the habit of talking about online safety as a family, so your child feels comfortable coming to you if they ever need help working out an issue. It's never too early to introduce good online habits such as respect, empathy, critical thinking, responsible behaviour and resilience. As your child grows older, eSafety's advice about hard to have conversations will help with some of the tricky topics like sending nudes, online pornography and contact from sexual predators.

### 2. Create a family technology agreement

Creating a Family Technology Agreement can help you and your kids decide together when and how digital technology will be used at home. As a family, brainstorm easy-to-follow rules and display them where everyone will see them. Your agreement could cover things like: time limits, apps your kids are allowed to use and online behaviour. Families with younger children can download a template to guide the conversation.

### 3. Set up parental controls

Parental controls let you monitor and limit what your child sees and does online. It's best to use them in combination with the other online safety strategies listed here. Taming the technology can help you understand your options. Grab a device and get started with our guides to setting up parental controls on devices and accounts or in social media, games and apps.

### 4. Choose games and other apps carefully

Use eSafety's App checklist for parents to think about the positives and negatives when your child asks to download a new game or other app. The checklist covers things like age ratings, managing privacy settings and reporting abuse in-app. You can also use The eSafety guide to check and set up safety features with your child.

### 5. Use digital technology together

Exploring or playing on devices or online with your child can be a positive experience that promotes learning and development. Ask questions, be curious and get involved. To learn more, read our blogpost [How to encourage good screen practices for your child](#).

[esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)

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# Get to know our School Council

**A bit about:** Michael Dunstan, President 2022

**Our household:** me, my wife Jenny, our kids Henry (Year 3), Dorothy and Raymond (Selby 4 year old kinder), our rescue bunnies inside, and our six rescue ducks outside.

**Minutes from school:** 5-minute walk (by myself), 15 minutes with the kids.

**My first primary school:** Killoura Primary School, Burwood East (now Blackburn English Language School)

**What I wanted to be when I grew up:** an archeologist or paleontologist... Henry and I went on a fossil expedition earlier this year, which confirmed this is still what I want to be when I eventually grow up

**My ideal day:** doing some gardening with the family and reading a book in the evening



## Easter Raffle

It would be greatly appreciated if families could please donate Easter eggs, Easter themed items, baskets, ribbons or biodegradable wrapping to our annual Easter Raffle.

Please bring donations to the office up to **Monday 4th April**. We ask that you check any used by dates on items that are donated as we won't be able to use anything that is out of date.

Raffle tickets will be available in the office and each student will receive a sheet to sell at home.

**Drawn Thursday 7th April**  
Thank you for your support!  
PFA 2022



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# **SELBY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## **2023 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

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# WELCOME TO SELBY

EVENING

4-6PM  
THURSDAY  
31ST MARCH

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MUSIC \* DANCING \* GAMES

SELBY PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL



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Selby Primary School

20 markets stalls, 2 food trucks a face painter and live music. A community event not to be missed! Grand prize for the silent auction: a brand new wooden cubby house!

SELBY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
presents

**TRASH  
2 TREASURE  
MARKET**

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
11 - 3pm**

Market Stalls  
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# Open Week

## School Tours 2022

Tuesday 5th April  
Wednesday 6th April  
Thursday 7th April

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# COVID-19 vaccinations for students & families at Emerald Secondary College

Emerald Secondary College will host a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination clinic where students aged 5 and above, family members and school staff can get vaccinated in a safe, welcoming environment. The local community can also attend at a later time.

The vaccination clinic will be operated by Monash Health who will bring their Vaccination Bus and set up a pop-up clinic in the school.



## Opening hours

Wednesday 23 March, 2:00pm to 7:00pm  
**General public can attend from 3:30pm**



## Location

The Emerald Performing Arts Centre at Emerald Secondary College



## Vaccinations available (Pfizer only)

- Children aged 5 to 11 years
- People aged 12 years and older
- Third dose (booster) for people aged 16 years and older



## How to participate

Bookings are not required, just walk in. **Interpreter services available.**

Parents or guardians are required to attend with their child. Please bring a Medicare card or ID if possible for parents/guardians and the child.

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 does more than protect you from serious illness – it helps protect your family, friends, school and the community.

**If you have previously tested positive to COVID-19**, you are still able and encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine if eligible as soon as you feel better (able to return to normal activities) and after you have completed 7 days of isolation.

A COVID-19 infection will provide some natural immunity, however it will decrease over time. Vaccination is important to get maximum protection against further COVID-19 infection.



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Have you ever considered becoming a  
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Selby CFA are currently looking for residents  
from our local area to join as recruits. With a new  
station and dedicated members, recruits will be  
trained and mentored in all aspects of  
CFA operations and support roles.

The brigade will have a stall at the upcoming  
school fair, so come and chat with our volunteers  
if you are interested and have any questions. Alternatively, contact Ian on  
0417 463 390, or attend a training session. We train at the station on  
Wednesday, starting at 8pm and Sunday, starting at 10am.



**ART  
ATTACK**

**LOCAL CREATIVES  
IN LOCAL PLACES!**

## **How Many Homes: eco music for kids**



**Kids 0-6! Sing and move with Cath Russell.**

Share songs and stories about insects, birds and animals who all live in our native trees together, like neighbours. Spoiler... some of these neighbours eat each other!!!

Free event for children and families from toddlers to junior primary. All children to be accompanied by parents/ carers at all times. Performances are approx. 30 mins.

**Friday 25th March @ 4pm | Sat 26th March @ 2pm & 4pm**

**Sun 27th March @ 12pm**

**📍 Selby Ampitheatre, behind Selby Community House, 2/1 Minak Road, Selby**



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## BOTANICAL ARTS EXHIBITION 2022

Exhibition Opening:  
Tuesday 8th March, 12 - 1pm

(High tea & Bubbles provided,  
alongside music by local harpist)

Exhibition Dates:  
8th March - 4th April  
(Open during office hours)



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