



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Scott Burton - Acting Principal

I would like to begin this newsletter by sincerely thanking all parents for their wonderful co-operation over the past weeks. The regular administration of the Rapid Antigen Tests and then timely communication with the school when students test positive is so important for helping us to manage many complex operations. As previously communicated, I'm pleased to report that our third shipment of rapid antigen tests has arrived and we, therefore, have started to distribute a box of tests to each student.

This new supply will support you to undertake two tests at home each week for each child during the next two weeks. We ask that you contact the school's main office immediately (9754 2675) if your child does return a positive test. In addition to notifying our school community each day, we are also logging each case onto a Department of Education portal so that numbers across the state can be closely tracked. We look forward to your continued support and understanding over the coming weeks as we do our best to ensure the safety & wellbeing of all students, staff, and parents.

Tutor Program to Continue in 2022

We are delighted to confirm that a tutoring program will operate again in 2022 as a result of the state government extending the funding for this program. Many students certainly benefitted enormously from this program last year thanks to the terrific work of our tutors.

In analysing our student achievement data from 2021 and our early 2022 assessments, we are currently in the process of identifying small groups of students who will be eligible to receive tutorial sessions in reading each week during this term.

Calendar

Tuesday 1st March

School Council Meeting

Friday 4th March

School Photo day

Book Club orders due

Friday 11th March

Curriculum Day - No Students

Monday 14th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 15th March

Preps Attend Full Days

Wednesday 23rd March

EDEC Athletics
Cockatoo



Parent-Teacher Information Evening

It was fantastic to see so many parents make time last Thursday to attend the Parent/Teacher Information evening. The staff value the input from parents on their child, particularly after the past 2 years. The evening establishes a working partnership which is vital to support the students throughout the year. Parent engagement in learning is known to lead to improved outcomes for students of all ages. Parents play an essential role as the first educators of children, and ongoing, active engagement of parents, families, and communities has a major impact on a child's success at school.

Athletics

It was great to see so many happy faces take to the athletics track on Monday. The weather decided to be kind to us and a fantastic day was had by all involved. I would like to thank Ms. Claire Williams for organising and running the day. A big thank you to parents who came along and helped out on the day. This made the day run extremely smoothly and ensured we finished on time.

School Council Elections

We have finalised our 2022 school council elections. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those school council members that are not returning for 2022. Although I have not had the opportunity to work with you directly your contributions have certainly had an impact on the School. Our first School Council meeting will be on Tuesday 1st March.

Scott Burton
Acting Principal



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PREP NEWS

Look at all the exciting things we have been up to in Prep!



PREP INCURSION

Last week the Preps enjoyed a team building incursion. During this incursion they learnt more about each other. They showed courage and worked collaboratively with their classmates. Well done Prep B!



Year 1/2 Team Building Incursion

On Tuesday 15th of February our Year 1 and 2 students enjoyed a fantastic Team Building Incursion as part of our Relationships unit. They worked with their peers to complete various tasks including The Claw, Tower Building, Parachute Bonanza and Maze Runner. To be successful, they had to use such skills as communication, teamwork and compromise. We all agreed it was an excellent incursion!



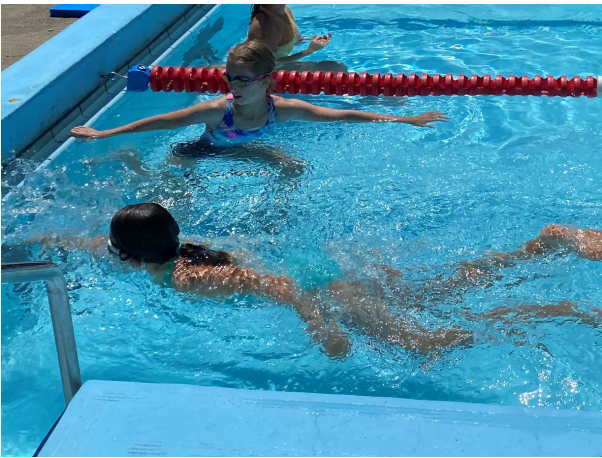
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Athletics Day



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EDEC Swimming



Sensational Selby Swimmers!

Yesterday our Team of 7 - Ebony O, Poppy S, Dan-Rose O, Persephone D, Amaya M, Maia D and Stella B competed in the EDEDC Swimming Sports at the Belgrave Pool.

All 7 team members swam beautifully on the day and have qualified for the Division Championships next week! The girls displayed terrific sportsmanship, supporting each other and cheering each other on. Congratulations on your fantastic efforts girls and best of luck next week!

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Good Book Awards

Prep B - Seren D - Personal Best

Seren, what a superstar you have been with your schoolwork. You work hard on all your tasks and you happily support your classmates. I was very proud to see you sound out words when you wrote about your weekend. Keep it up, Seren!

12/A - Amon P - Personal Best

What amazing reading! You certainly demonstrated how confident and focused you are and really met the challenge of a new reading level. A superstar!

1/2S - Eve M - Personal Best

Here is an example of what an amazing student Eve is. During a lesson, Eve's fidget toy broke, exploding flour everywhere. She quietly raised her hand, accepted the brush and shovel handed to her, and without a fuss, cleaned it all up. The whole time, she listened attentively and even raised her hand to provide an answer to a question! What a superstar!

3/4J - Ava D - Resilience

I am so proud of you Ava. Not only did you give everything a red hot go during Athletics day, but you also tried your best and showed amazing resilience when you found the triple jump difficult.

You are Amazing

3/4M - Macey P - Personal Best

Every day you wow me with your approach to complete tasks to your personal best level. Your story of The Little Fish from beginning to end was very entertaining. Keep up the great work!

5/6M - Dax I - Personal Best

Dax, great work recently with our work on subtraction. You should be so proud of your focus and effort! Well done

5/6S - Dani-Rose O - Confidence

Dani-Rose you are a kind, caring, helpful, and amazing young lady who always shows respect in the classroom. It is a pleasure to teach you this year and to have such a wonderful role model in the room.



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.

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 bit late every day.

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

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Covid 19 - Update from the Department of Education

We want to thank parents and students for the great job they have done in keeping our school as safe as possible by following important COVIDSafe measures such as mask-wearing, physical distancing, ventilation, getting vaccinated, and rapid antigen testing.

This has meant that our school has remained open and our students in class. This is a fantastic outcome and a testament to the hard work of parents, carers, students, and school staff.

Rapid antigen tests

To keep schools as safe as possible, the Victorian Government has extended the COVIDSafe measures introduced for the beginning of Term 1. This includes extending the availability of free rapid antigen tests (RAT) for screening until the end of term. It is anticipated an additional 24 million RATs will be provided to schools and early childhood settings to continue to support early detection and prevent infection, for use at home.

The need for this program will continue to be monitored and may end earlier based on health advice. This is great news and will mean we're able to continue identifying COVID-19 cases as early as possible, reducing the impact on our school and individuals.

Department of Health modeling indicates that in the first two weeks of school returning, the program has already prevented more than 21,000 cases in schools alone. Their modeling indicates, assuming a 75 percent compliance rate with a screening of students, that by continuing RAT screening in schools for the full 10 weeks of Term 1, we will prevent:

- 61,000 COVID-19 infections in children aged 5 to 17
- more than 150,000 COVID-19 infections in the overall community (on average 15,000 per week over 10 weeks, or more than 2,100 per day)
- around 400 hospital admissions.

The department will continue to supply RATs to our school for your use. Twice-a-week testing continues to be strongly recommended for both students and staff.

Testing will be conducted at home, and students and staff must report any positive result. There is no requirement to report a negative result.

Vaccination

Vaccination is another key component to protect students and staff in school settings.

Vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 are open and third dose vaccinations for 16 to 17-year-olds are now available.

There are lots of convenient options to access vaccinations. These include state-wide vaccination hubs, your local GP, or your pharmacy.

You can book your appointment in a few different ways, including

- online: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine
- by phone: 1800 675 398 (Coronavirus Hotline)
- In-person: talk to your local pharmacy, doctor, or attend a state-wide vaccination hub.
- using the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder - [COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Finder](#) | Australian Government Department of Health

In addition, schools provide a trusted place among the community to access vaccination, particularly for families who may experience language or social barriers.

Following the successful implementation of school pop-up clinics at the commencement of Term 1, more than 230 schools across Victoria are currently hosting mini-vaccination clinics led by GPs and pharmacists. Many of these clinics will also make vaccinations available to the broader school community, inclusive of families of students and school staff.

Ventilation

Improving ventilation is one of the most effective measures to keep education settings safe. 51,000 air purifiers were delivered to schools by Term 1, 2022 to support COVIDSafe settings in schools.

Up to an additional 60,000 air purifiers will be rolled out to schools ahead of winter to supplement natural and mechanical ventilation during the cooler months.

The winter allocation will provide enough purifiers to cover all classrooms, in government schools and low-fee non-government schools based on current enrolments. This includes general-purpose classrooms and other specialist classrooms such as art and science rooms.

Face Masks

Mask rules will remain the same, with students in Year 3 and above required to wear masks – although they will not be required outdoors.

On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you again for your continued support in helping your child to complete the rapid antigen tests and other COVID Safe measures. As a result of these efforts our school can continue providing a safe environment for students and staff.

UPWEY TECOMA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

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COMMUNITY DAY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27
UPWEY TECOMA FOOTBALL & CRICKET CLUB
 CHOSEN AVENUE, UPWEY
10AM - 1PM

BBQ RUNNING ALL DAY
ACTIVITIES RUN BY OUR COACHES & SENIOR (U17) PLAYERS

ENCOURAGING ALL CURRENT & NEW MEMBERS TO COME DOWN AND HAVE A KICK OF THE FOOTY, A BITE TO EAT, AND GET A FEEL FOR THE CLUB!

50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY




MINI RANGES

The Mini Ranges Basketball Program is specifically designed for primary school aged children for both boys and girls from Prep to Grade 6.

Developed to help children of all abilities to learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and supportive atmosphere, this program will prepare children for junior domestic competition with Ranges Basketball Club. Ranges domestic Basketball Club have teams from U8 – U23 so if you are ages 6-22 Ranges have a team for you!

To book a place for Mini Ranges please contact: Carey on 0417 398 834 or secretary@rangesbasketball.com.au Please note that parents are expected to stay and all participants are expected to behave in an orderly manner.

DATES: All Wednesday's:
 23 February
 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 March
 4 April

TIME: 4pm - 5pm

WHERE: Monbulk College Sports Stadium

HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT TO BRING: Runners and a basketball (ball not compulsory)

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The logo for Selby Netball Club is a large, light grey watermark in the background. It features a stylized netball with a leafy branch arching over it, all enclosed within a shield-like border.

Selby Netball Club is looking for players to join our friendly community club for the Winter 2022 season, commencing 26th February.

We have positions available in NetSetGO (7 years +) through to Opens; from beginners through to experienced players, and everything in-between!

Please register your interest via Leanne on 0409 778 824 or email selbynetball@hotmail.com

Teams and training times TBC.



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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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