



The Bridge Issue 15, 2022

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 4. It is hard to believe that we are here already. I hope everyone had the time to relax and unwind after a busy Term 3. When I spent some time reflecting on the term I realised how much our students had achieved during this time.

Term 4 promises to be another busy term. Excursions, incursions, camps, House Sports Day, sporting opportunities, working bees, transitions, and graduation are just some of the things that are already planned.

### Staffing Changes

I would like to welcome Leanne Koska to our School. Leanne is joining us as our new performing arts teacher and is starting on Thursday. Leanne has a long history of performance, especially in singing and dance. We look forward to her joining our great school.

### Toilet Upgrades

As mentioned earlier in the year the school has been granted funds to complete an upgrade of our student toilet facilities. On Monday 17th October building works will commence and is expected to take 4 weeks. I look forward to sharing updates with you all in our next few newsletters.

### Bushfire Changes

In September 2022, Australia introduced a new fire danger forecasting system, the Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS).

This nationally consistent system will more accurately predict fire danger and produce clear, simple messages for communities.

Victoria currently uses a 6-tier system for fire danger ratings, from 'Low' or 'Moderate' to 'Code Red'. The AFDRS will use 4 tiers of fire danger, from 'Moderate' to 'Catastrophic'.

I have included more information about what this means for Selby Primary School later in this newsletter. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with these important changes.

## Calendar

### Wednesday 12th October

Prep 2023 Transition Day 1

### Friday 14th October

Selby Trivia Night 6:30pm

### Tuesday 18th October

Division Volleyball  
Division Basketball

### Wednesday 19th October

Year 3/4 Camp Phillip Island  
Year 1/2 Healesville Excursion

### Tuesday 25th October

EDEC T20 Blast Cricket

### Wednesday 26th October

Prep 2023 Transition Day 2

### Friday 28th October

Japanese Day



## Thunderstorm asthma

Grass pollen season, which runs from October to December each year, brings an increase in asthma and hay fever symptoms. It also increases the risk of thunderstorm asthma. For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life-threatening.

Selby Primary School will implement a range of measures to keep our school community safe when the risk of thunderstorm asthma increases.

Many of our staff are trained in asthma first aid, and we will monitor the VicEmergency app to receive thunderstorm warnings, and, where appropriate, keep students indoors when weather forecasts identify a greater level of risk.

## 2023 Class Placements

We are about to start the process of making plans for teacher and student placements for 2023. This is a complex process involving a range of factors and allocations. Student and teacher placements will not be finalised until later in the school year. Each year the staff work through a comprehensive process to form classes for the new year. Current teaching teams (including specialist teachers) develop prospective lists based on their knowledge of the students in relation to their academic, social/emotional and physical needs. I wish to offer parents an opportunity to provide, in writing, any special considerations in terms of any particular educational needs their child/ren may have, in line with school policy.

Please be aware that we will consider all requests but make no guarantees that all requests will be met. Please note that specific requests for teachers will not be considered. Any specific requests from parents in regard to the placement of their child/ren must be in writing and emailed to the office at [selby.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:selby.ps@education.vic.gov.au) by no later than Friday 28th October 2022. It is essential to have requests in by this date to assist with planning, staffing and organisation. Late requests will not be considered.

To further assist us in our planning for the 2023 school year it is imperative that we have as accurate a figure as possible of enrolments for 2023. If you have any kindergarten children ready for Prep next year or if you know anyone who is intending to enrol their child at Selby but hasn't done so already, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If they are unsure about the process, please direct them to call the office for assistance. It is equally important to know if any families of children currently in Prep to Year 5 are leaving Selby in 2023. Please inform the office as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning next year.

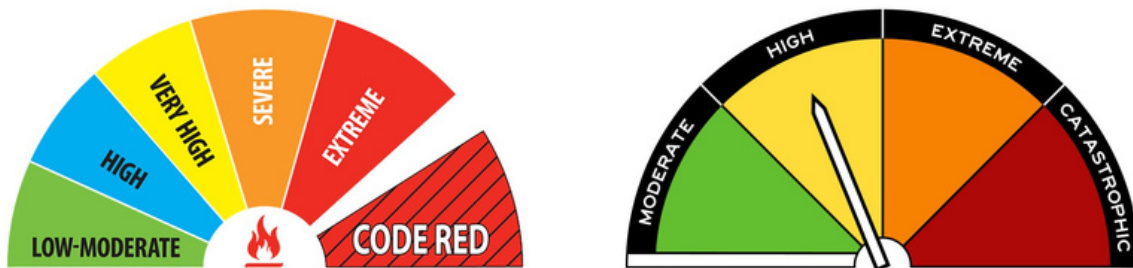
# School procedures for the bushfire season

In September 2022, all jurisdictions across Australia will implement a new fire danger forecasting system, the Australian Fire Danger Rating System (AFDRS). This will deliver a nationally consistent system for fire danger ratings based on the latest scientific research. This will result in more accurate predictions for fire danger as well as clearer, simplified messaging for all communities.

In Victoria, the implementation for the AFDRS is being led by Emergency Management Victoria (EMV). The department has been working closely with EMV to prepare for this change and support our education communities to implement bushfire preparedness activities throughout the transition to the new system.

Victoria currently utilises a six-tier system for fire danger ratings, spanning from Low-Moderate to Code Red. The AFDRS will use four tiers of fire danger, from Moderate to Catastrophic. The department has worked with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) to update our bushfire risk methodology in line with the changes. There are minimal changes to the methodology and department policy as a result of the new fire danger rating system.

The below outlines the changes under the new AFDRS:



## Fire Danger rating

## Key Messages for the community

<b>Catastrophic</b>	<b>If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. For your survival leave bushfire risk areas.</b>
<b>Extreme</b>	<b>Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous. Take action now to protect your life and property.</b>
<b>High</b>	<b>Fires can be dangerous. Be ready to act.</b>
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>Most fires can be controlled. Plan and prepare.</b>

The new Extreme fire danger rating under the AFDRS will cover a broader scope of fire danger ratings combining the current Severe and Extreme fire danger ratings.

In addition, Code Red will now be known as Catastrophic fire danger.

As a result, the triggers for pre-emptive relocation and closure on elevated fire danger days will be adjusted slightly to reflect this new system.

**Selby Primary School is classified as a Category 2 School- – considered to be at very high risk from bushfire.**

Category 2 schools from 1 September 2022 will now relocate or close in accordance with their pre-approved plan on a day forecast Extreme FDR for their LGA (continues to be captured under the broader Extreme FDR under the AFDRS).

As per current arrangements, all schools on the BARR (Category 1-3) and Category 4 list, regardless of risk category, must close on a forecast Catastrophic FDR day under the AFDRS in their weather district, and their buses will be cancelled. All other buses which travel through the Catastrophic FDR area will also be cancelled.

### **Specific Arrangements for Selby Primary School**

Where possible, we will provide parents with as much notice as possible of a potential Extreme or Catastrophic day closure by our Compass Portal. Extreme and catastrophic days will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure.

Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Extreme or Catastrophic day, we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

In the event of an Extreme Fire Day, the school will relocate to

**Heany Park Primary School  
81 Buckingham Dr,  
Rowville VIC 3178**

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on-site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Extreme/Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Catastrophic days, families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

# SELBY JAPANESE DAY 2022

## Friday 28th October

Our Japanese day is back this year! The day will be full of Japanese culture fun. We will have Japanese song performance by Prep and Year 1/2 students, Karate demonstration by Loong Fu Pai Martial Arts, fashion parade, cultural activity and Manga (Japanese style drawing) workshop by Manga artist Kenny. Of course, you can order Sushi and dumplings for lunch through QKR (school lunch order App).

Again this year, our Year 5/6 students are taking a huge leadership role to run cultural sessions and will teach our younger students fun activities.

I am always amazed with how well Selby children are dressed up in Japanese style on that day. Great effort everyone! We encourage all students to dress-up in Japanese style or in the Japanese colours (red and white) again on that day! We will pick 4 of the 'Best Japanese dressers of the day' who will receive a certificate and small Japanese prize.

Thank you,  
Toko Oadczuk



# Good Book Awards

## **Prep B - Lux Z - Personal Best**

Lux, you work hard in class to show your Personal Best and all of our school values. It has been wonderful to see your wonderful writing. You worked by yourself to sound out words and write about the feel of the different objects in Investigations. Outstanding work Lux!! You should be very proud.

## **1/2A - Lucy P - Confidence**

What a confident member of our class you are Lucy! You are consistently offering ideas and suggestions for our class meetings and frequently contribute in class discussions. It's lovely to hear you share your thoughts.

## **1/2S - Jacob R - Confidence**

Jacob, it has been such a pleasure to see how much your confidence has developed. You are participating in class discussions, being independent, and making funny comments when I take the roll each morning. I love that you make me laugh and can't wait to see how much more your confidence grows by the end of the year!





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## **3/4J - Alistair M - Personal Best**

Thank you Alistair for your continued positive approach to your learning and trying your personal best in your work. It's also wonderful to hear your contributions during group discussions. Keep them coming.  
Well Done!

## **3/4M - Rory C - Confidence**

Rory, what a great term you have completed. Your confidence has shone in the classroom when engaging in digital technology and completing your Inquiry Project on iMovie. This week I have admired seeing you confidently complete your video editing with your team. Keep up the excellent work!

## **5/6S - Ruby J - Confidence**

Ruby, it has been wonderful seeing you consistently stepping outside of your comfort zone and demonstrating confidence in all areas of your schooling. I have no doubt that we will continue to see your true personality begin to shine

## **5/6M - Jasmin S - Confidence**

I am absolutely loving the energy you are bringing to school each day. Your confidence to raise your hand and give everything a go has been wonderful! This confidence has extended to your recent poetry writing. You have crafted engaging and emotive poems full of strong imagery on a challenging topic. Magnificent work!



# ***Working Bee***

Sunday 23rd October

9am-1pm

Our focus will be topping up the paths, sandpits, and garden beds.

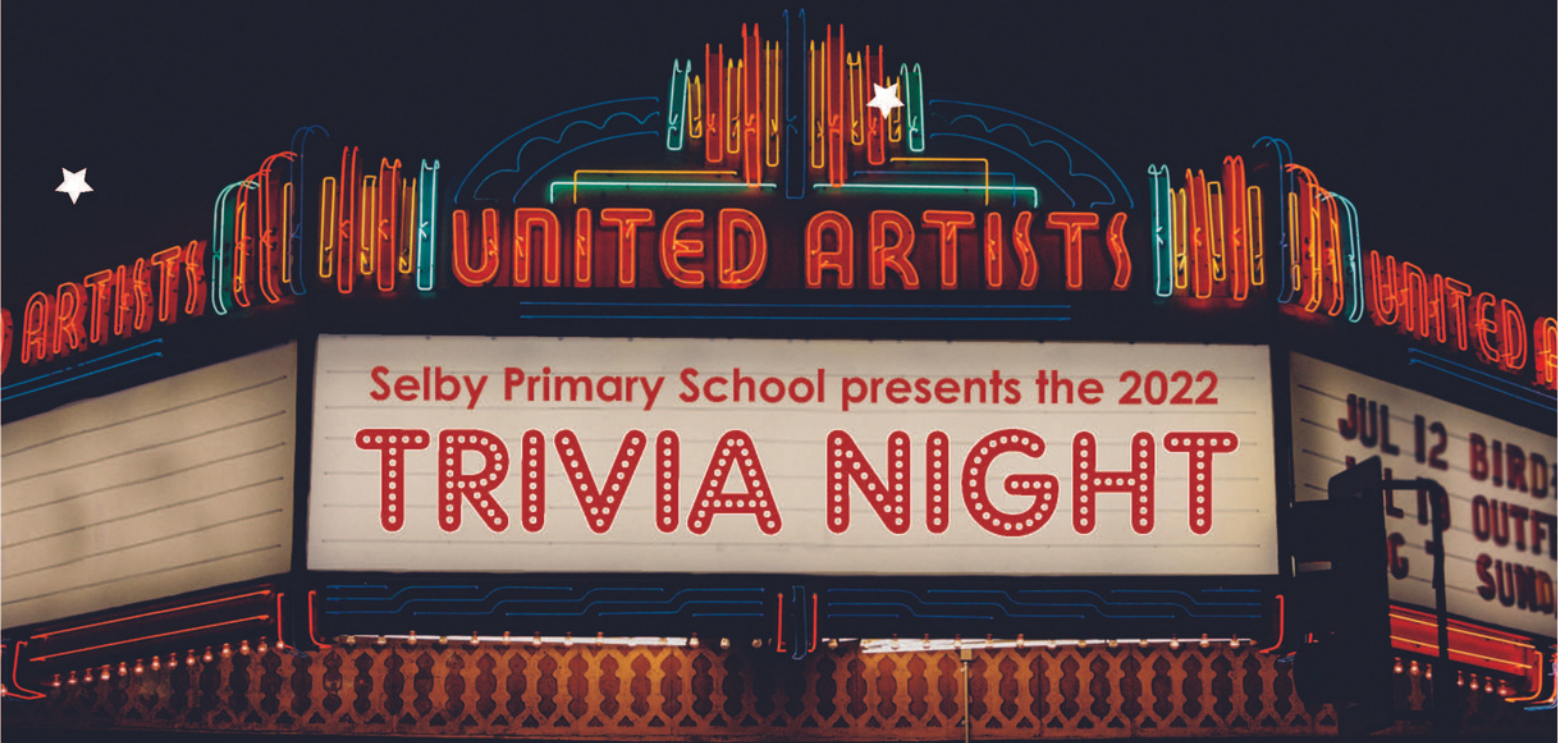
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*I like to move  
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14 OCTOBER**

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SCAN TO BOOK



**Competition: best dressed up & best decorated table**



Fundraising event organised by the  
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**When:** Monday afternoons (6 sessions)

Mon 10th Oct to Mon 14th Nov 2022

**Time:** 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

**Where:** Online via Zoom. Participants will need access to a device with video and audio in order to participate

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**Registrations:** [click here](#)

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