

The Bridge Issue 16, 27 October 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I am often asked by students about the jobs that I do as Principal. I need to start adding 'checking the weather radar' as one of my (almost daily) tasks! Deciding if outdoor play or sports, can go ahead, is heavily influenced by the weather, and the unpredictability of Melbourne weather can often make it a last-minute decision. For those that have been in and around the school recently, we have had our fair share of water inundation but in the scheme of things we have got off pretty well.

Year 3/4 Phillip Island Camp

I am sure that those of you who have children in Years 3 and 4 have been hearing about the wonderful time that the students had at Phillip Island. I was lucky enough to spend two days with the group and witnessed firsthand the fun and excitement that is a school camp.

Congratulations to our students for their 'have a go' attitude, and for embracing all challenges that came their way. You represented the school superbly.

Thank you to the parent helpers – Sarah and Stuart for their support. Thank you also to the staff – Emma, Allison, Monica, Julie and India for making the camp such a success.

Staffing Changes

I would like to congratulate Holly Schwind who has gained a new position at Belgrave South Primary School for 2023. Holly is one of the longest-serving staff members at Selby and will be sorely missed. It is an exciting new chapter for Holly and I would like to thank her for her dedication and professionalism over many years at Selby Primary School. Good luck Holly

Toilet Upgrades

It is full steam ahead on the refurbishment. Already the old plumbing has been removed, new cisterns installed, and tiling will commence later this week. See progress photos below!

Selby Spring fair

Only 3 weeks left until the Spring Fair. As always, these events need a lot of support from the whole community. If you are able to volunteer some time or your skills, please go to volunteersignup.org/WBX8C it only takes a few seconds to register your help.

Calendar

Tuesday 1st November

Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 9th November

Prep 2023 Transition day 3

Wednesday 23rd November

2023 Prep Transition day 4

Monday 28th November

Smile Squad

Monday 5th December

Prep 2023 Information Evening



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 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 2022. Please inform the office as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning next year.



Good Book Awards

Hannah J - Prep B - Respect

Hannah, you are such a happy and respectful member of our class, you approach your learning with respect and kindness. You are always offering to help your peers and you model great listening and engagement in your learning. Outstanding work Hannah! Keep it up!

Oliver B - Prep B - Confidence

Oliver, it was fantastic to see you confidently working in Kitchen Classroom last Friday. You did a great job at modelling how to safely cut and prepare your food and follow the procedure of the recipe. You should be very proud of yourself Oliver!

Ollie G - 1/2S - Respect

Ollie, I love the way you step up and help your teacher and your classmates. Without even being asked, you are always the first to jump up and shut the door, switch on the lights, or help others with the computers. You make our classroom a better place, thank you Ollie!

Carter J - 1/2A - Personal Best

Carter, what wonderful work you have been putting into your writing! I was very impressed by the interesting sentences you wrote to recount our day at Healesville Sanctuary. Keep it up!

Our 3/4 Campers for ALL OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Well Done Year 3/4!

You all showed our school values throughout our time on your first ever camp.

Respect – Everyone showed respect from the minute we stepped off the bus. At each activity, meal, cabin set up and free time using equipment.

Resilience – You also showed resilience with sleeping in a different environment away from home and trying new food.

Personal Best – You all showed your personal best throughout the whole time on camp.

Confidence – Some of the activities were challenging and it was wonderful to see so many students put their hand up to go first.

Respect Confidence Resilience Personal Best



Good Book Awards

Clem G - 3/4J - Personal Best

Clem, you are Amazing!

I could not choose which award to give you, so here are all four of our school values. Thank you for always trying your Personal Best through your work. At camp you showed how Resilient you can be when you became unwell. Your Confidence shined when you participated in each activity (especially the giant swing) and you consistently show respect towards your peers.
Well Done.

Lewis C - 3/4J - Resilience

Lewis, I was blown away by how resilient you were towards trying to finish your Limerick poem about basketball. You asked for support, worked through the challenges and produced a wonderful poem. I could not be prouder of your attitude and resilience. Well Done!

Lucy T - 3/4J - Respect

Lucy, you are such an amazing friend.

At camp, one of your friends became sick during the night and you came and knocked on my door, asked for some help and were there for your friend the whole time. Thank you for showing respect for not only your friend, but also your cabin. Well done!

Ava M - 3/4M - Personal Best

Congratulations Ava!

You showed your personal best in your effort towards your poetry writing. You took on the challenge of creating a tongue twister poem. The inclusion of rhyme added interest and an almost musical rhythm to your work. Keep up the great work!

Persephone D - 5/6S - Confidence

It has been such a joy to watch your confidence and self belief grow in our maths sessions throughout the year. You are a wonderful mathematician and always take the time and care with your work to ensure great results and understanding.

Mason D - 5/6H - Personal Best

Mason, I am loving the enthusiasm, dedication and creativity that you're bringing to your Mini-Economy role of the News Reader. Your updates are a highlight and leave our class both informed and entertained. What a superstar!

Addy M - 5/6M - Personal Best

Addy, your word choice in your narrative was outstanding! You have crafted a well throughout piece that is thoroughly enjoyable to read. Well done!

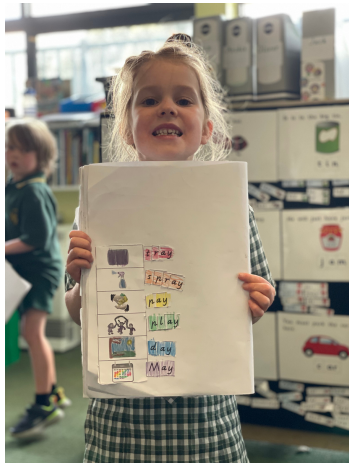
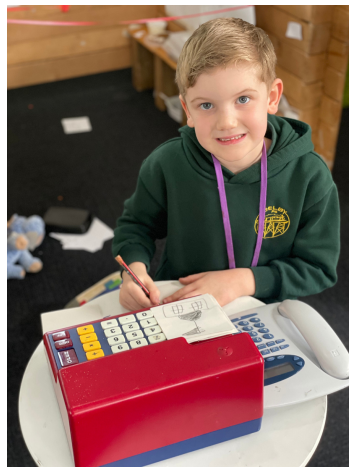


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PREP NEWS



What an exciting start to the term we have had in Prep. We are learning all about our 5 senses this term. We have learnt about time, location and the sounds and letters in lots of words.



YEAR 3/4 CAMP



Camp was AMAZING.... according to every Year 3/4!

Not only did we stay on beautiful Phillip Island, the students also participated in some wonderful activities.



Day 1, we left school and started our journey to Phillip island. Our first stop was Churchill Island, where we were able to walk around their breathtaking gardens, with roaming chickens and geese, look around a 1700's homestead to see what life was like with no electricity or a refrigerator. We then loaded back up on the bus and shortly arrived at our accommodation. The students found out their groups and room mates. They dispersed into the rooms and about 1 hour later we were starting our first rotation of activities.

Later in the day, we sat down for some yummy Spaghetti and garlic bread to give us energy at the Penguin Parade. We arrived back to the rooms at around 9:45pm and off to bed.





Day 2 and there were some tired eyes eating breakfast. But we soon began our last 2 rotations of activities and the students were very excited. Lunch time was a big hit with hamburgers with potato chips and salad. After filling our bellies, we played a small game of basketball and walked over to Amaze 'n' Things. The students looked at how gravity works, some became lost in the mirror maze and were bewildered with the magic rooms. The afternoon became a well earned rest time before dinner which was chicken schnitzel with veggies and hot chips. Followed by the Movie night where they watch Luca and enjoyed some Popcorn with lollies.



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What a fun-filled three days we had down at our Phillip Island camp. On Friday morning, the 3/4's packed up our cabins and cleaned the campsite before heading off from the Adventure Camp to Smiths beach. We spent some time designing, creating and constructing sand castles. It wouldn't be camp without amazing food, and lots of it. We enjoyed a yummy hot breakfast on the last day, as well as Alistair and Ezra receiving a special birthday cupcake each. We enjoyed our salad roll lunch with a beach view before beginning our journey back to Selby. The weather was magnificent, and the rain waited just until we had all students on the bus before it began to shower down. All in all, the camp exceeded our expectations of our first camp experience.



Happy
Birthday



A BIG thank you to our parent helpers, Sarah and Stu, Mrs Dowell, Miss T, Mrs Dryden and Mr. Burton for supporting us with the camp.



WRITER'S CORNER

Each week, we will feature some amazing writing from students across the school.

THE HORROR FUN FAIR HOUSE

Once upon a time there lived a boy called Jack. One night Jack woke up in the fun far house. He thought he was stuck but then he saw a sign that said 'Key in Roof'. He flew with his magical super power on to the wall, grabbed the key, got onto the roof, and put the key into the key hole. He opened the flap in the roof, got through the flap in the roof, grabbed the key, jumped back down and went back to base. The base had been destroyed. Everybody was sitting on the ground. The ninja turtles fought the Krang. The turtles won. Jack joined his team. His new name was Casey Jones. The End

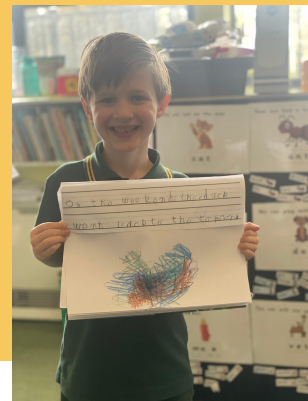
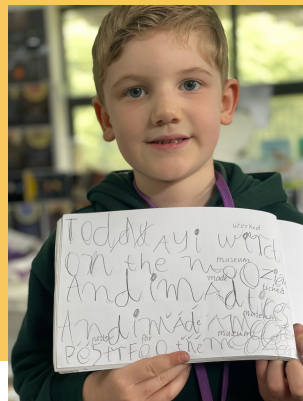
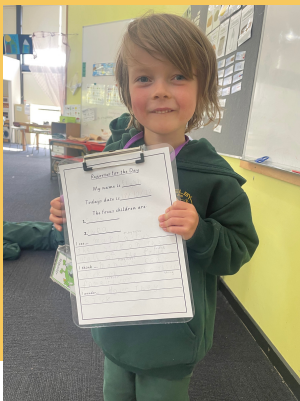
by Ollie G.
1/2S



Once upon a time there was a little girl named Karine and she got lost. She kept shouting out loud, "Help! Help! Help! Help!" Then she heard a creepy noise. The she saw a door. The noise got louder and louder. Creeeeeeaaaakkkk! Then a person came out of the door and he helped Katrine get back to her mum at home and they lived happily ever after.

by Marceline C.
1/2A

THE PREPS HAVE BEEN BUSY WRITING



WRITER'S CORNER

Below you'll find writing from some of our 5/6 students. Paul's free-verse poem, inspired by Arnold Adoff's 'Street Music' was written as a part of a short poetry unit. Sophie's narrative, 'The Life of a Chocolate Bar' was written as a part of our Portfolio Project. This project involves students developing a series of texts within a range of genres all about the same topic, which they get to choose. Sophie's topic is 'Chocolate' and you can read part 2 of her narrative in the next newsletter!

STREET MUSIC POETRY

The hushed whooshing as cars go by
dulled by the wind
amongst the ghostly gums

The shrill steam whistle of Puffing Billy
as the train digs it's heels in
up hills far away
down the valley

The birds swooping and singing
to one another as the wallabies charge
leaping through the bracken and scrub thickets they
go up over the hill
and into the dark forest beyond.

The Monbulk creek trickles quietly
among the rocks at the bottom of it's little valley

The is street music.
Street music to me.

by Paul P, 56H

WRITER'S CORNER

THE LIFE OF A CHOCOLATE BAR

By Sophie S 5/6M



As a chocolate bar I know my destiny is to die a melty death at the hands of a chomp monster. We all dread the day that we are taken and wrappings are peeled, for that day is surely our last. But I refuse to accept my fate and I never decided to be destiny's puppet. So I will try to hold on until my expiry date, the day I'm removed from the shelves and sent to the world beyond.

Finally, I was three days off expiry when the two sleepless weeks caught up to me. When I woke up I was at the front of the shelf during peak shopping hour. I try to move back but there's too many chompers around to risk it. Then a hand reaches for me and I lose all hope of living. I was so filled with fear that everything hurt so I hardly noticed when I got dropped into a basket and blacked out.

I don't know how long I was out for but thankfully I was still alive. Unfortunately there were three chunks missing from my head. Then the cupboard opened and a small hand grabbed me with a suffocating grip.

"Ouch!" I cried. Oh snap. We chocolate bars aren't allowed to talk in front of the choppers, especially the short ones because they tell EVERYONE. So I try to stay very still...

Tune in next newsletter to find out what will happen!

SELBY PRIMARY SCHOOL
presents

It is on!

Selby Spring Fair



Sun 13 Nov

- Professional Market Stalls**
- Trash & Treasure**
- Christmas Stall**
- Kids Entertainment**
- Food trucks**
- Live Music**

DO YOU WANT TO:

- Have a stall to sell your goods?**
- Perform a song or show off your musical skills?**
- Have any other great idea to contribute to this event?**

Sign up for stalls or a gig NOW!

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Fundraising event organised by the Parents and Friends Association Selby PS



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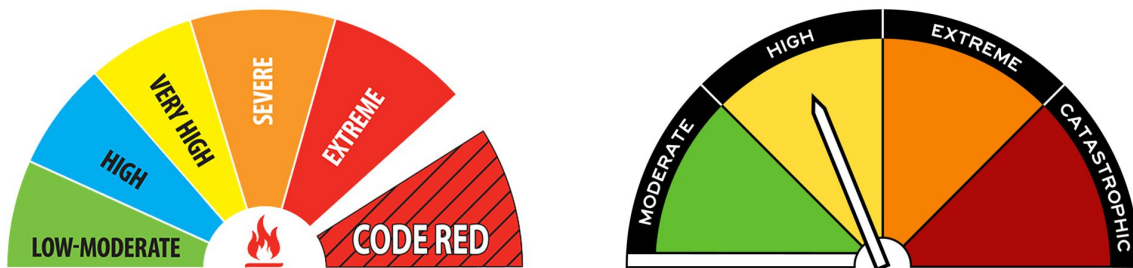
School procedures for the bushfire season

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

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

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.



GET YOUR BAKE ON!

The Selby Spring Fair
Cake Stall needs the
support of the baking
enthusiasts in our
school community.

If you would like to
bake and donate, please
bring your goodies
(including an
ingredients list) to the
school office between
8.30am and 10.30am on
Sunday 13 November.



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SELBYFEST 2022

RECYCLED HEADPIECE FASHION PARADE

There are many things in our homes that could be reused and recycled, the trick is to FIND these things and turn them into something **WONDERFUL TO WEAR!**

Make your headpiece from recycled items and enter the fashion parade at SelbyFest to WIN!

**BELGRAVE CAMEO
MOVIE TICKETS
TO BE WON!**



THREE AGE
CATEGORIES

Kids:

5 - 12

13 - 17

Adults 18+



Parade will commence at 2.30pm sharply, winners will be selected by a panel of recycling experts and arty folks, prizes will be awarded at SelbyFest after the decision has been made (all decisions are final) one winner per category.

Selby Community House proudly supporting Terracycle and a sustainable community. To enter, please email your name, age and contact number to projects@selbyhouse.org.au !





KIDS FUN RUN

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4th December 2022 at Puffing Billy Station Gembrook

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When: Monday evenings (6 sessions)

Mon 7th Nov to Mon 12th Dec 2022

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm

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

Cost: Free of charge

Registrations: [click here](#)

Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

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2022 Treefern Potters Pottery Expo

Burrinja Cultural Centre
Wurundjeri Country, 351 Glenfern Rd, Upwey

Exhibition & Sales

Official Opening Fri 4th November .00-9pm - All Welcome
Sat 5th & Sun 6th 10-4pm both days

Free Admission

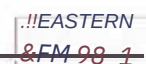


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Prizes Awarded on Opening Night

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6.30pm – 8.00pm (Seniors & Juniors)

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