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Selby Primary School Newsletter



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## Principals Report

*Scott Burton*

Now that we are into week six, students are in the groove of school. The fantastic start that I mentioned in our earlier newsletters has continued over the past fortnight with learning routines well established. I have been impressed by our students' ability and enthusiasm to share what they are learning

The 'Vibe' of the school is palpably positive. Students are listening to their teachers with bated breath; collaborating, problem solving and sharing with their classmates; running, playing, swinging and climbing with fervour at break times; going home with a fulfilled sense of achievement when the 3.30pm bell sounds.

As you will read later in this edition a highlight of the past fortnight was our Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Claire for organising the event and the many parent helpers on the day.

## Welcome to Selby

A reminder that we have our Welcome to Selby Evening on Thursday 2nd March, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm This is an opportunity to catch up with friends and make some new ones. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Staffing Update

As many of you know we have been recruiting for a new Year 1/2 teacher. Given the time of year and ongoing teacher shortages across Victoria, this has not been an easy task. Saying that I would like to welcome Chantelle Hooper back to Selby who will be working with 1/2R on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Roseanne Cooke will also be joining our staff and taking on the Tutor role from Jo Scukovic on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am looking forward to working with both Chantelle and Roseanne over the coming months.

## School Photo Day

On Friday 3rd March, photographers from Advancedlife Photography will be at Selby Primary School to take class photos, individual portraits, and sibling photos. Bring your best smiles and wear your school uniform! See below for how to order!

## Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

## Why it's important

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing, and reading.

## Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

Being away from school for one day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

# CALENDAR

## Thursday 2nd March

Welcome to Selby

## Friday 3rd March

School Photo day

## Friday 10th March

Curriculum Day – No Students

## Friday 10th March

EDEC Swimming –  
Selected Students

## Monday 13th March

Labour Day Public Holiday

## Tuesday 14th March

Preps attend full time

## Tuesday 28th March

School Council

## Thursday 30th March

EDEC Athletics



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# Wellbeing Wednesday

<https://www.unicef.org/>

As your child starts school, their physical, mental and social skills are developing rapidly. They are learning to describe experiences and talk more about their emotions.

Friendships and peer pressure start becoming more important as they shift their focus from home to the world outside. By spending more time outside home, your child is gaining a sense of responsibility and learning to be independent. Some older children will start to go through puberty and will show physical changes, as well as emotional ones.

## **Time to check in**

Starting school brings children face-to-face with the outside world and is a major life event! It is a critical time for children to develop confidence in all areas of life, such as navigating relationships, learning at school and sports, and managing their emotions. Checking in on how they're doing and supporting them along the way can help them foster resilience and mental well-being.

## **How to start the conversation**

- Start by asking how they're doing. Talk to your child about school, friends, the things they like and dislike doing and what they find difficult.
- Use everyday events that cause positive and negative emotions – like winning at sports or scoring low grades – to check in on how your child feels and to forge a strong bond with them.
- As they get older, and if appropriate to your child's development, talk about the normal physical and emotional changes of puberty and help them to know what to expect. Check in on how they're feeling, if they have any worries or questions you can talk through together.

## **Maintain an open, trusting and loving environment**

Help your child feel comfortable about opening up to you.

- Your child wants to be liked and accepted by people around them. Being accepted by you is the first step toward building confidence.
- Be mindful of the examples you set. Your child looks to you and picks up on your emotions and how you respond to different situations.
- Recognize their accomplishments and good behaviour. Praise them by focusing on their actions (“you worked hard on this and it really shows!”) rather than them as a person (“Oh, you're smart!”).

## **Remember: Your time is a precious gift for your child**

- Saying “I love you” or hugging your child are not the only ways to show affection.
- Really listen and show a genuine interest in what they have to say.
- Have fun together with special activities no matter how small.
- Include them in family decisions like what to eat for dinner.
- Let them know that you love them no matter what, even when they make mistakes.





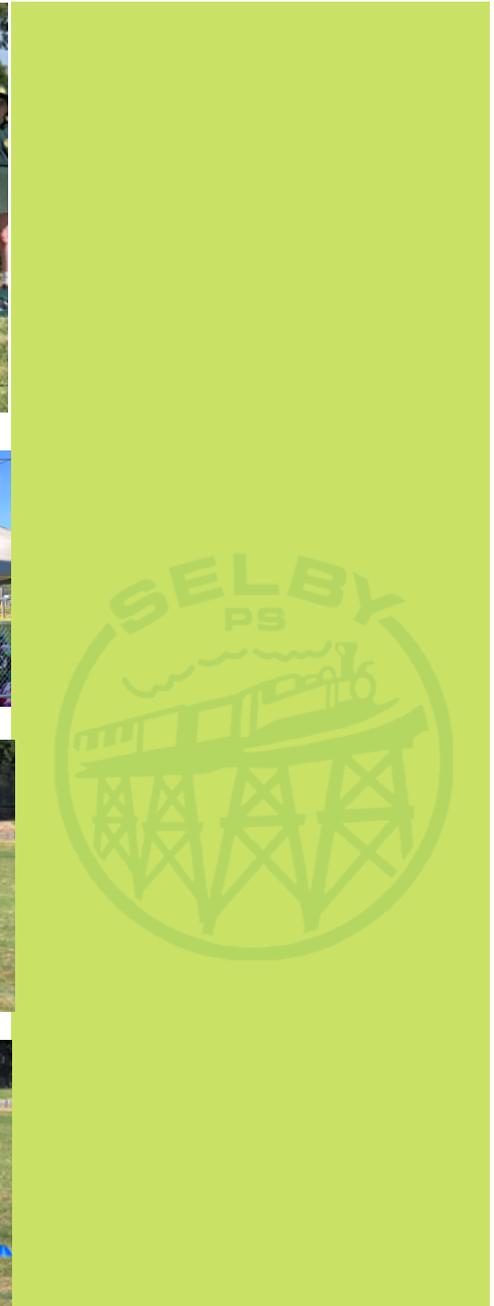
# SPORT NEWS

Wow! What a huge week we had last week in Sport at Selby PS! On Monday 20th February we ran our Athletics/Cross Country Day for all our Years 3 to 6 students, at the home of Sherbrooke Little Athletics - Kings Park in Upper Ferntree Gully. The weather was sensational from start to finish and the kids were absolutely terrific in not only their super efforts throughout the day, but in upholding the school values of respect, resilience, confidence and personal best.

All students who have qualified for EDEC Athletics (Thursday 30th March) and/or EDEC Cross Country (Wednesday 17th May) will be notified by the end of this week. A HUGE thank you to all the parents who helped on the day. Your support with these events is very much appreciated. Also, thank you to Chris and Gary from Sherbrooke Little Athletics for making the event possible.

On Tuesday 21st February, Eva H, Willow D, Maia D, Stella B, Leila D, Luljeta D, Amaya M, Scarlet M and Lily Mc took part in EDEC Swimming at the Belgrave Pool. So many super swims from all our team members! We finished the day with lots of ribbons, personal bests and an amazing team spirit!

All competitors have successfully made it through to the next round, Division Swimming to be held on Friday March 10th. I'm so proud of them! Great Swimming Selby!





# Artist Corner

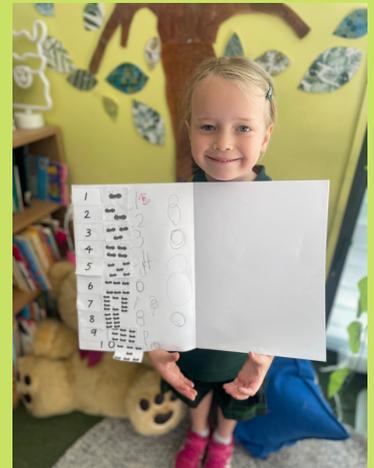
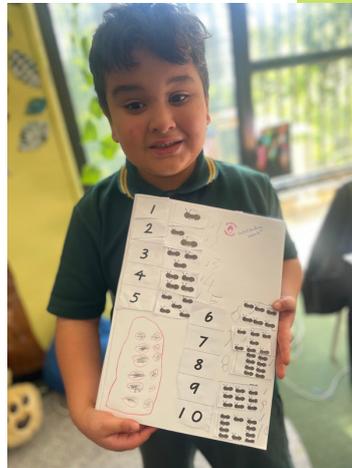
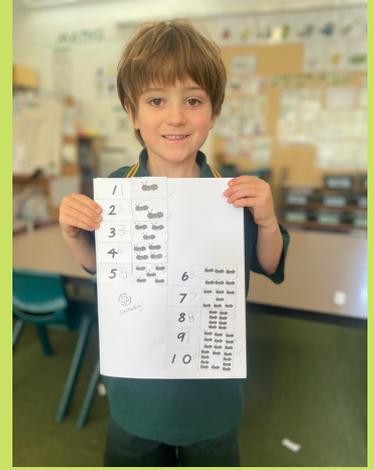
In Visual Art this Term, students have been inspired by world-famous artist, Pablo Picasso. We have looked at his cubism style of Art and created self-portraits. They are fabulous!

The Year 1&2 students created a caricature self portrait on a water-coloured background. The finished products are wonderful!

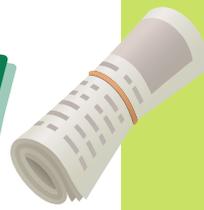


# PREP NEWS

We have been very busy in Prep learning about the letters and sounds in the word 'ant' as well as learning more about ourselves in our "All About Me" Unit. We learnt to match quantities by counting ants and had some fun being marching ants as we played instruments. We were able to recognise all the rhyming words in the song "The Ants go Marching".



# 3/4 NEWS!



In 3/4 we have been working on Narratives and learning to love words! Last week we read 'The Right Word' by Jennifer Bryant all about Roget and his love of words leading to the development of the Thesaurus (meaning "treasure" in Greek). Taking our lead from Roget we spent time outside being inspired by nature.



Last Wednesday the 3/4s enjoyed an incursion all about First Aid! Our 3/4s are now well versed in how to handle an emergency in the safest and most helpful way possible.





# Good Book Awards

## **Prep B - Mateo N - Personal Best**

Congratulations Mateo for showing your Personal Best in your learning. You did an outstanding job at matching the ants to their numbers this week. You followed all the instructions and even had a go at the challenge to write the numbers as well. Go Mateo! Keep it up!

## **1/2M - Ian O - Respect**

Ian, I am so impressed with the fantastic choices you are making for your learning. You should be so proud of yourself!

## **1/2R - Hannah J - Personal Best**

Hannah it is so wonderful to see you constantly demonstrating your personal best in everything that you do and always striving to learn more. I loved seeing you model numbers into the thousands this week and calculating the value of your place value tower with precision. I can't wait to see what you will achieve this year.

## **1/2R- Anoj M - Personal Best**

Thankyou for always demonstrating your personal best during writing tasks. I loved the way you sequenced your recount and used some fantastic, engaging words this week. I could read your amazing writing all day long. Keep up the excellent work Anoj!



**Respect Confidence Resilience Personal Best**



# Good Book Awards

## **3/4H - Morganna M - Confidence**

Morganna, it has been so terrific to see you more confidently contributing to our class discussions over the past two weeks. Whenever you put your hand up to add to our group conversations you always make insightful, helpful and interesting comments. How lucky we all are to have you in 3/4H!

## **3/4J - Lewis C - Personal Best**

Amazing effort with your writing this week Lewis. You were asked to write about something that you 'found' and your story provided me with interest, intrigue and paragraphs! Keep up the wonderful work.

## **3/4J - Clem G - Confidence**

Clem, I loved talking to you about the book you chose to read - The Secret Garden. You are challenging yourself with your reading and showing amazing confidence. Keep up the brilliant work.

## **5/6D - Ashlyn C - Personal Best**

I love the dedication that you put in to all of your learning and class activities. Your Personal Best effort shines through all that you do, keep it up Ashlyn!

## **5/6S - Keira M - Personal Best**

What a super start you have had this year Keira. I have been so very impressed with the fantastic work that you have been completing and how well you have settled into Year 5. Keep up the amazing work.



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# Bakers Delight

## EASTER ORDERING 2023

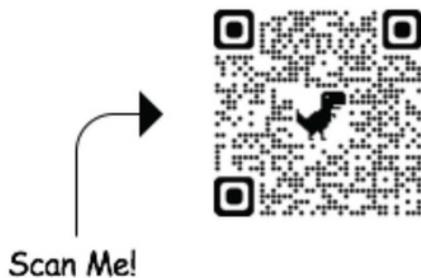
BAKERS DELIGHT FERNTREE PLAZA WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SOME DELICIOUS HOT CROSS BUNS WITH \$2 FROM EVERY ITEM SOLD BEING DONATED BACK TO OUR ORGANISATION!

Simply order your Hot Cross Buns on their website  
[www.bdfundraisingonline.com](http://www.bdfundraisingonline.com)

**by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

and your items will be delivered to the School for your collection on

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**



When ordering online, please make sure you select Selby Primary School and enter your Child's name

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too! ☺



# 2023 Photo Day

## Online and Envelope Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

### Selby Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 03-03-2023

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 02-03-2023 \*\***

**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](http://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 [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [M8B AH3 TRN]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [2/03/2023]
- 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](http://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.

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