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Selby Primary School Newsletter





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Principals Report

Scott Burton

With the onset of wintry weather, it feels like a great time of year to settle in with a good book. I hope that many of our students and families will be excited for the start of the 2023 Premiers Reading Challenge. I have been enjoying reading the books of Victorian Author Alison Lester to my son George over the past few weeks.

Also a reminder that this Sunday 21st of May will see our first Working Bee for 2023, from 9 am – 12 pm. The aim of the working bee will be to conduct an Autumn tidy-up, so please bring rakes, leaf-blowers, wheelbarrows and personal gardening equipment such as gloves, if you are planning to attend. We are very grateful for the support of our school community in keeping the school beautiful.

Mother's Day Stall

A huge thank you to Stephanie, who has once again volunteered to coordinate the stall. A lot of work goes into the organisation of these events and your work is greatly appreciated by all Stephanie.

A huge thank you to all of the parents, grandparents, students and teachers who crafted, baked, grew plants or made time to attend our Mother's Day stall this year. A special shout out the businesses who donated items for us to sell – this year we had gifts from:

- Belgrave Community Pharmacy
- The Blacksmith cafe, Belgrave
- Bunnings Warehouse, Fountaingate
- Fraulein's Flowers, Belgrave
- Mitre 10, Emerald
- Neck of the Woods, Belgrave
- The Unwrapped Pantry, Belgrave South

Pick ups and drop off

Just a reminder to the community that students should not arrive at school before 8.45am. The final bell goes at 3.30pm and a teacher is on duty until 3.45pm Students are not supervised outside of these hours. If you require before or after school care, please contact Camp Australia to book your child into care.

Arriving at school on time

I have noticed this term that there has been an increase in students and families arriving late. Getting to school just 10 minutes late means that your child is missing out on valuable instruction time which amounts to 1.5 days of learning over a term! It also disrupts the flow of the class with teacher attention being drawn away from the lessons.

Semester 1 Reporting

Amazingly we are at the halfway point of Term 2, with just over 5 weeks left of this school term. Teachers are now starting to commence the process of reporting on student progress across this semester. Please speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Covid 19, Colds and Flu

Over the past week we have had a number Covid Positive cases. There is currently no requirement from the DET that we communicate cases with the community. However out of precaution, we have decided to inform you.

If your child does test positive for COVID-19 and/or any other infectious disease we ask you contact the school and, it is recommended that they isolate for a minimum of 5 days and not attend school until their symptoms have resolved. We ask that you continue to be diligent around symptoms of any infectious disease and keep your child home if they are unwell.

In relation to Covid-19 it is recommended that rapid antigen tests (RATs) are used by students and staff:

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 infection, no matter how mild
- If you are a household or close contact of someone who has COVID-19
- If you are a social contact of someone who has COVID-19.

Rapid Antigen Tests are still available from the front office, please don't hesitate to come in and collect as needed.

CALENDAR

Sunday 21st May

Working Bee

Monday 22nd May

Smile Squad Begins

Wednesday 31st May

PFA Social Night Tin Pan Alley

Wednesday 7th June

EDEC Lightning Premiership

Wednesday 7th June

Prep Melbourne Zoo Excursion

Friday 9th June

Curriuclum Day - No Students

Monday 12th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 14th June

Grandparents Day

Tuesday 20th June

School Council

Friday 23rd June

Last Day Term 2 - Finish at 2.30pm



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Selby Kinder

On the 7th of April 2023 Selby Primary School ceased management of the Selby Kindergarten. Selby Primary School has managed the Selby Kinder for the past 10 years and with the upcoming changes to 3YO and 4YO Kinder, the time was right to transfer to a dedicated early years management company.

Across 2022, the school engaged in searching for a provider to take over the kindergarten, with support from the Department of Education. We sought a new service provider with a specialist understanding of Early Years Education and understanding of Selby Kindergarten's unique setting. It is my pleasure to announce that Yarra Ranges Kindergartens Inc. are the new manager of Selby Kindergarten.

From a day-to-day perspective, there will not be significant changes to the running of Selby Kindergarten, with existing staff being retained by YRKi, and no major changes planned.

We are excited about this change and will continue to be involved in supporting the kindergarten into the future. We remain the local neighbourhood school and will continue to provide world-class public education for students in Selby. We look forward to continued collaboration with and support of our local kindergarten and its students.

For those of you looking to enrol your child at Selby Kinder next year please contact YRKi at https://www.yrkinders.com/ or on 9726 0439.



YARRA RANGES kinders

Enrolments Now Open



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Selby Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

Students have received their personal login username and password access the dashboard begin their reading journey.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

Happy Reading, Miss Mason



MOTHER'S DAY KOKEDAMA PLANT PROJECT









Last Monday and Tuesday every student had the opportunity to make our mum's a very special gift for Mother's Day. Jamie kindly donated over 160 indoor plants and showed the kids how to put them together Kokedama style. Kokedama (Japanese for moss ball). What a beautiful idea!



Big thank you to
Jamie and Natasha
for all their efforts
preparing for and
running this project.
It was a HUGE
success and I'm sure
there were lots of
happy mum's on
Sunday!

Japanese news TT



In Japanese, students from Prep to Year 4 learned about Japanese celebration, Kodomo No Hi: the Children's Day, then created 'Koi Nobori", the carp streamers, the traditional Japanese decoration on the "Kodomo No Hi".

Senior students have been researching on Japanese food to plan their own Japanese restaurant.

Here are some of the snapshots of the Japanese class this week!

























Good Book Awards

Prep B - Abigail W - Confidence

Abby, it is a delight to see you embracing your learning with joy and confidence. You did a great job making patterns and completing your reporter task in investigations. Keep up the outstanding work Abby!

1/2M - Evelyn B - Personal Best

Evelyn, reading your writing is always a delight. Your descriptive native Australian animal 'What am I?" was filled with excellent clues full of fantastic adjectives. Well done!

1/2R - Lucy P- Personal Best

Lucy, I have really been enjoying your descriptive writing pieces you have been creating. You wrote an amazing description of a kangaroo in our "What am I" activity.

Keep up the fantastic work!

3/4J - Lucy T -Personal Best

Lucy, you showed amazing attention to detail in your flora and fauna drawings for each state of Australia.

What a fantastic job you have done!

3/4H - Nicolai V - Confidence

Nicolai, I love how much you love learning. Your curiosity about the world inspires both your classmates and teachers to better understand life, the universe and everything. Thank you for having the confidence to share your knowledge with us!

5/6D - Lily M - Confidence

You are not only doing an amazing job in your leadership role as school captain but I was very impressed with how you stepped in at short notice as a teaching captain. You confidently and fairly had your group of year 1/2's engaged and on task in the STEM activity. Well done Lily, keep up the fantastic effort!



PREP NEWS

We had lots of fun at Healesville Sanctuary, We met Lisa who taught us lots and we got to see Drum and Blinky the emus being fed.

















YEAR 1/2 HEALESVILLE SANCTUARY EXCURSION

Although the weather might have been soggy, we had a fantastic day learning about and seeing many Australian animals at Healesville Sanctuary.

































Once upon a very long time ago, now.... Actually, it was at the start of the school year. Three ambitious arts captains teamed up, to teach a load of highly excited children. In the first term, since we had never taught, the class was a bit chaotic, we started with musical chairs. All the kids were dancing and having a great time. Some kids didn't like dancing but at the end they were up on their feet dancing their heads off.



Then they played My Ruler it was very fun and the kids were still chaotic but we got used to it. We found some ways to get their attention like the 'legendary green bell', 100 house points for the cleanest table, look at the floor, look at the window, look at the ceiling, look at me worked amazingly.

Now in Term 2, we are doing ART!!!
Half animal, half self-portraits. We
fold the paper in half for the kids
because it's a bit fiddly then they
draw themselves on one side and
their favorite animals on the other.
They have a lot of fun!

Scarlet, Amaya and Lamont



Health and Wellbeing

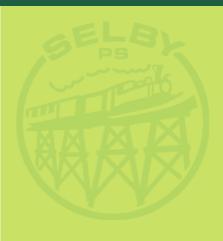












Sunni, Wren and Harry are Health and Wellbeing captains for 2023. We teach the Year 1 and 2 students each Thursday afternoon.

In Term 1 we did some relaxing breathing, mindful silentball and some colouring (which was definitely their favorite!)

In Term 2 we are doing Kitchen classroom and learning about why healthy eating is important for growing.

First we are making vegetable faces. After they made their face they made other pictures and we would have to guess them. If we guessed it they would get 50 house points and if we couldn't guess it they got 20 house points. We enjoyed guessing the 1/2's other pictures, we also enjoyed watching them all colour in our colouring sheets.

By: Sunni, Wren and Harry

YEAR 5/6 LEADERSHIP Sport

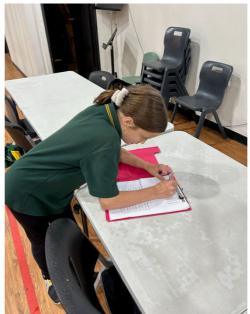
A long time ago (Term 1), in a galaxy far, far away (Selby Primary School) we had our first SEPEP lesson with the Year 3 and 4 students. The sports we did were Pirates Treasure, Pony Express and Kickball. This term we are doing Golden Child, Numbers Soccer and Volley Stars. They are all fun but Volley Stars is hard because it's hard to serve and catch. It is very fun and it helps us to be patient and to learn how to teach smaller kids!

By Mason D, Liam B and Noah B











Sport

This term in SEPEP the Year 6 sport captains are teaching Volley Stars, Golden child, and Number soccer to the 3/4s.

Volley Stars is a simplified version of volley ball where the kids can catch the ball before hitting back over the net, and if the ball touches the ground on the other team's side of the court your team scores a point. Golden Child is a basket ball game where one team is a running team and one is the shooting team, the shooting team takes it in turns of shooting the ball through the hoop and the running team runs one at a time around the cones, if the shooter gets the ball in the hoop the person running has to sit down where they are, and once there is only one runner left they are the golden child and they run around tapping every ones hand in their team and then running to get everyone past the last cone and if everyone gets past they get I point per person in the team. Lastly Number soccer, it's basically like soccer but each person is numbered, and they stand on the sides of the court and sports captains will call out a number and that numbered person runs out on to the court and try score a goal!

In my opinion SEPEP is the best leadership activity!!

- Ruby and Michaela

In SEPEP we play games with the 3/4s teaching them that there are more sports than just basketball and soccer. Last term we did 3 sports: Pirates treasure, pony express, and kickball.

By Jayden







YEAR 5/6 LEADERSHIP STEM









Last term for STEM, Luljeta, Keira and I taught the 1/2s how to make an iMovie. Each group got to choose who the wanted in their group. Once they were in their groups they chose what theme they wanted to do and we made little videos that turned in to a trailer.

This term for STEM we are going to do beebots and plastic terrariums. For the beebots we are going to get the kids to draw a course for the beebot to go through and at the end we get the kids to go try the other groups courses and try to work out how to get to the end. For the terrariums we will get the kids to cut a plastic bottle in half and put in the soil and a plant. Hope

Science. Technology. Environment. Math's. Yep, that's STEM alright and I love it. Being a STEM captain means taking the 1/2s to STEM and teaching them experiments and so much more. So far, we've made iMovie's and learned to code beebots and test them out on a course. It's been so fun teaching the 1/2s, I can't wait to see how our future lessons will go! By Luljeta



Buddies

Buddies has been so much fun! Buddies is an activity were a Year 5 and Prep are put together to do activities every Thursday. The activities last for 40 minutes. In these 40 minutes we get to know more about our buddies. This is also a way for the preps to slowly adjust to the school, and so, if they have no one to play with or if they are having a hard time, they can trust someone other than their teacher. I love buddies! We do so many fun things all together and it helps them to have someone they can rely on in school until they make new friends and know the school a bit more. It also helps the Year 5's to become a bit more aware and can help them with their time management. It is fun for the Prep and Year 5. Buddies has made my year different and we don't just hang out at Buddies but also in the playground. It is a great opportunity for not only the Preps but also the Year 5s. Buddies is always a thing that I am looking forward to in the week!

Maia D





Buddies

Buddy Time

Every Thursday for the last hour of the day the Year 5s go down to the Prep room to have buddy time. Buddy time is where we meet up with our buddies and spend time with them. Miss Ball plans an exciting activity that we help our buddies do. Some activities we have done are a pirate treasure hunt, making an ant, making a Very Hungry Caterpillar and making shape people on the computers. Buddy time is lots of fun and I enjoy spending time with my Prep Buddy, Dot. Buddy time is definitely a highlight of my week. By Adara.



What we do in Buddies is making stuff like last week we made a paper caterpillar and we made a paper ant too a few weeks ago and its really fun because we make lots of stuff so its really fun.

By Shannon

Every Thursday all the Year fives go to the Prep room to do buddies. In buddies we do fun activities. at the start of Term 1 we mostly did get to know me activities but now we do activities based on what the Preps are learning, we also do their readers with them, Miss Ball reads a book and we help them pack their bags. I love buddies because I love spending time

with my buddy Belle but at play time she likes to play with her friends so buddies is the only time I get with her so that is why I love buddies. By Sage





Buddies

I love working with my buddy and showing him new things. And I love spending time with him. We do activities that the Preps will love! And for the Year 5's we support them and if they need help they will tell us!

By Alexa.





Every Year 5 gets put with a Prep to do activities on a Thursday. But not just Thursday, I also love to play with my buddy at play times. It's also good for the buddies to know where to go if they have fallen over, or if you're buddy needs help, they can simply come to you! I enjoy having a buddy because firstly, it's SUPER fun and you get to know someone little and have a play with them. Secondly, the buddies activities on Thursdays are just super-duper fun, I like to let my buddy do most of the work because buddies is not about me. It's about the Preps. Lastly, buddies involves teamwork with the other Year 5s and Preps, as it can be hard to handle sometimes. Buddies has been so great so far and always will be. I hope to enjoy more with my buddy and do more fun activities. Remember it's not about us it's about them!

I really like the activities we do in buddies. For example cutting out paper and sticking it together to create a caterpillar, making tin people and much more. Zac

WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 21ST MAY

9:00AM - 12.00PM | MEET AT THE SCHOOL HALL







Selby Primary School Fair Sunday November 12 2023

Last year was great, can we make it AMAZING this time around? We will need your help!



If you would like to be a part of organising this years' school fair (a big part or small)

Please sign up at the school office.
We will be having our first brainstorm meeting soon.



THE SELBY PFA INVITES YOU TO

MEET AND MINGLE



May 31, 2023 | 6 PM
Tin Pan Alley
60 Main Street, Upwey

RSVP MAY 24

Smile Squad is coming to this school



What is Smile Squad?

The Victorian Government free school dental program – Smile Squad – is visiting this school soon.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad:



https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic

Let us know if you need a paper form to complete. We look forward to seeing you soon!









CFA is a volunteer-based organisation that works to protect the lives and properties of millions of Victorians. We have 54,000 members working in over 1,200 brigades across Victoria, ranging from small rural towns to outer metropolitan suburbs. Callouts at brigades can vary between one and 1,000 each year.

Our volunteers undertake a range of tasks such as fighting fires, road rescues, emergency medical response, fundraising, marketing and community education and engagement. We work together to connect with and help others in the communities in which we live and work

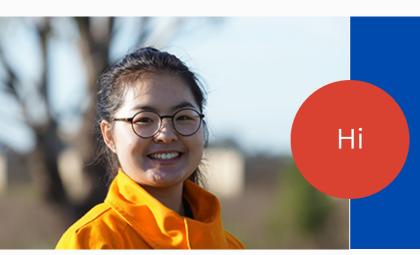
This week is national volunteer week and Selby CFA is holding a recruitment and information night at the station.

When: Thursday 7.30pm-8.30pm.

If you have ever thought of joining the CFA as an active or non active volunteer come along and speak with members to find out what is involved in joining the CFA.

This is a great opportunity to meet new families in our area as well as helping protect those who live in it. CFA volunteers are everyday men and women helping those in our community.

Any queries please contact brigade captain Ian Lewis 0417 463 390.



"I enjoy working in a team environment, learning from other people's experiences and then actually being able to use what I've learnt on the scene."

> Lei Xu Keysborough Fire Brigade Firefighter

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Enquiries for Semester 2 Start

*Choir Fees are based on a 10 Week Term, fees will be altered for shorter/longer School Term durations.

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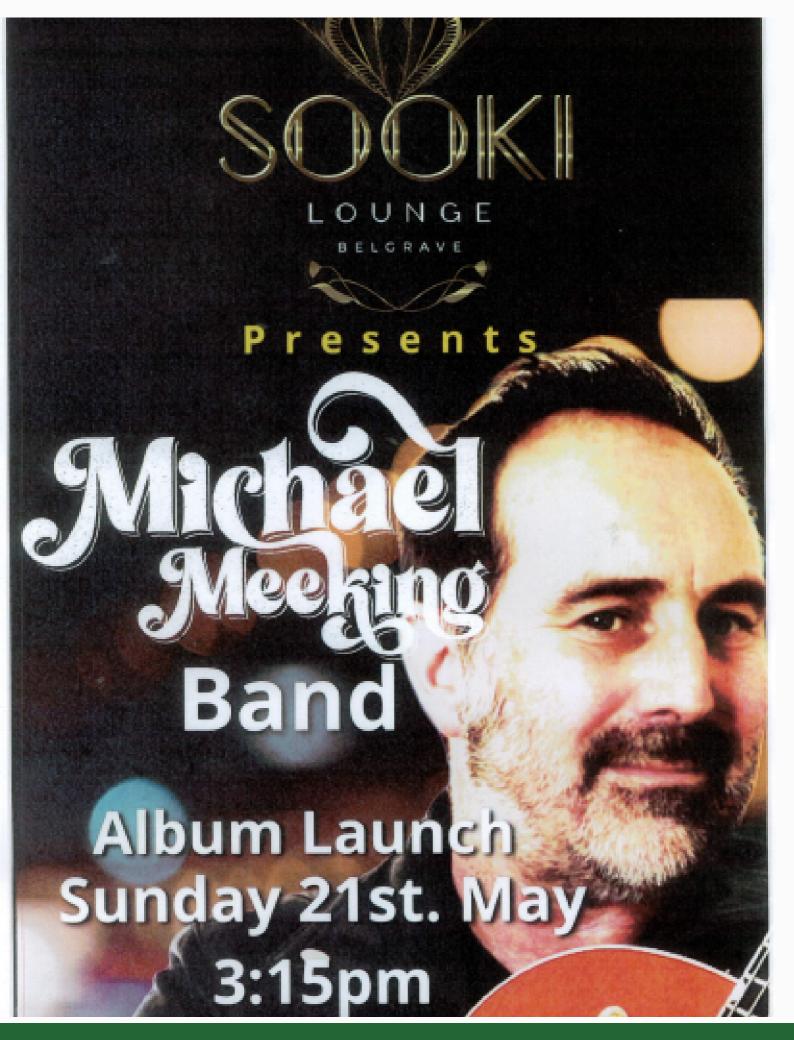
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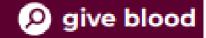


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