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Selby Primary School Newsletter



Principals Report

Scott Burton

What an incredible year of highlights and achievements. We witnessed our community coming together again with pride and deep connectedness. This was the genuine Selby community we know and have grown to love and value.

Returning to a full year of school not interrupted by COVID restrictions our first in 3 years for our students, staff and families had many challenges but once again your positivity, sense of fun, and resilience paved the way for our success. Our minds are filled with so many highlights from this year.

We are indeed a lucky school to have such amazing staff. I am always humbled by their continued efforts, dedication and nurturing care of our students. They go above and beyond daily to support their learning and well-being. They build strong relationships with our students and families and never cease to amaze me with how much they do for our students, even when they are exhausted and crawling to the finish line at the end of the year. I would like to say thank you.

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2024 Staffing

As the year draws to an end, we have staff leaving us to pursue other opportunities after completing fixed-term positions. Carol Ray is taking up a full-time position at Beaumaris Primary School next year. Nicole Phillips will be leaving us for a new position at Upwey High School. Chantelle Hooper is finishing her time with us as we welcome back Alex Gallagher from family leave. Finally, Monica Dryden is finishing her time with us for now as Kate Mercer returns from leave. I would like to thank them for their work at Selby during their time with us and wish them the very best in their new roles and adventures.

2024 Classes

Last Tuesday we had our transition day where students found out their class for 2024. To ensure the best possible placements are made to support each student's needs, determining classes is a lengthy and complex process. Factors that we take into consideration when making class placements may include academic achievement, interpersonal development, learning styles and needs, friendships and the ratio of each year level within composite classes. With so many factors to consider, and preferences to weigh up, it is important to know that it is not always possible to accommodate every request.

Each student nominated five friends who they work well with and would like to be in a class with next year. Each child is guaranteed at least **one** of these friends to be in their class in 2024. Just a reminder, that even though other friends may not be in the same class with your child, it does not mean that they won't have opportunities to work with them. Due to the collaborative nature of the way teams work, team teaching, and differentiated groups, you may find your child mixing with and learning alongside a wider range of children and friends than their immediate class.

Prep - Josie Ball

1/2A - Alex Gallagher and Jo Scukovic **1/2M** - Kate Mercer

3/4H - Jemima Hogg **3/4M** - Bianca Mason

5/6J - Emma Jones **5/6S** - Jill Smits

Japanese - Mariko Hioki-Walker **Performing Arts** - TBC

Art/ Physical Education - Claire Williams

Thank you for your support throughout 2023 and I look forward to working with you all again in 2024. Merry Christmas

CALENDAR

Monday 18th December

Final assembly 1pm
Last day Term 4 early dismissal
1:30pm

Tuesday 19th December

Curriculum Day - No Students

Wednesday 20th December

Curriculum Day - No students

Monday 29th January

Staff Return

Tuesday 30th January

Students Return

Friday 7th March

Curriculum Day - No students

Monday 11th March

Labor Day Public Holiday



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SPORTS DAY



PREP NEWS



Wow what a terrific year the Prep students have had! The Preps enjoyed celebrating their wonderful buddies for a special afternoon of activities. The Preps have loved doing lots of wonderful activities over the past week.

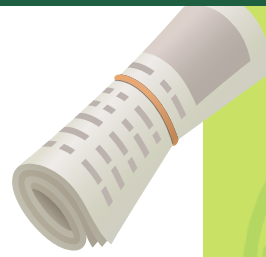
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HOUSE SPORTS



1/2 NEWS



YEAR 1 FUN NIGHT & YEAR 2 CAMP

The Year 1/2 students participated in a night of fun filled activities, BBQ dinner and a decadent dessert. Students enjoyed painting rock pets, making frisbees, playing hungry hippos and playing parachute games.



1/2 NEWS

POSTING LETTERS TO SANTA



CHRISTMAS BAKING IN THE KITCHEN CLASSROOM



3/4 NEWS



What could be bigger news in the world of 3/4 than CAMP! We had a fantastic time at Campaspe Downs, fearlessly attempting all the activity, enjoying many adventures and spending lots of time with friends.



3/4 NEWS



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YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Year 6 Graduation was a wonderful evening, enjoyed by the Year 6 students, parents, families, friends and staff. All students spoke clearly, sang beautifully and danced their hearts away. Congratulations to our award winners, Noah B - Leadership Award, Brooke S - Bendigo Bank Award and Luljeta D - Pizzey Award



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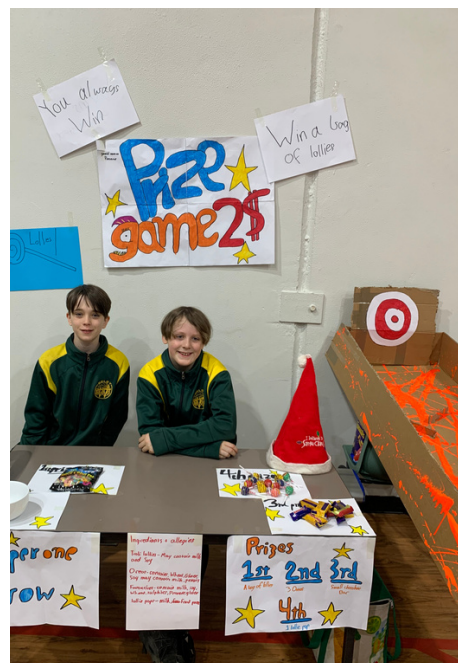
5/6 NEWS



The Year 5/6 Marketplace was held on Wednesday 6th December and students had many tasty and amazing stalls to shop at. From a variety of food and drinks to fun games and clay bracelets there was just about something for everyone. Ultimately Milkshaq was the winning stall taking home \$72.30 in profit



5/6 NEWS



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THANK YOU



Thank you for participating in Wonder Recycling Rewards. We collected 3 full boxes of bread bags and were able to exchange these for sporting equipment. The students are very excited to have some new soccer balls.





Upwey Tecoma Junior Football Club

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Summer School Holiday Program

for all children aged 2 - 8 years and their families

Tuesday 9th January 10am-11am Mooroolbark

Let's Build Lego - Quiet Session

This Lego session is designed for children who require a smaller group, quieter environment and support with play.

Wednesday 10th January 10am-11.30am Monbulk

Paper Plate Makers

Enter a world of creativity with paper plates and some simple craft items. Use different colors, textures and materials in your design.

Thursday 11th January 10am-11.30am Yarra Glen

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Wednesday 17th January 10am-11.30am Mt Evelyn

Grand Lego Challenge

Grandparents, parents, carers and children are invited - design your own lego masterpiece or join in a lego challenge.

Wednesday 17th January 6.30pm-7.30pm Lilydale

Dad and Me - Pirate Storytime and Craft

Ahoy Me Matyes - Discover the world of pirates through stories and songs, then make your own pirate hat.

Thursday 18th January 10am-11am Belgrave

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Monday 22nd January 10am-11.30am Yarra Junction

Grand Lego Challenge

Grandparents, parents, carers and children are invited - design your own lego masterpiece or join in a lego challenge.

Tuesday 23rd January 10am-11.30am Lilydale

Pirate Treasures

Hey you Scallywag, come and make your own pirate treasures - treasure box, pirate hat and eye patch and find your pirate name.

Tuesday 23rd January 10am-11.30am Mt Evelyn

Dad and Me - Lego Challenge

Dad's, Grandfathers, carers and children are invited - design your own lego masterpiece or join in a lego challenge.

Wednesday 24th January 10am-11.30am Seville

Paper Plate Makers

Enter a world of creativity with paper plates and some simple craft items. Use different colors, textures and materials in your design.



For more information about FREE and low cost School Holiday Programs or to book for an activity visit:

www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family or contact Yarra Ranges Council Early Years on 1300 368 333



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