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Selby Primary School Newsletter



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Acting Principal's Report

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term1! Thank-you to the wonderful Selby community for your continued support of our beautiful school, and we wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Just a reminder that **school will be finishing at 2:30pm** this Friday. Due to the Easter Monday public holiday, Term 2 will commence on Tuesday 22nd April.

It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye (for now) to Jo Scukovic, Alex Gallagher and Lilly Tunley as they leave to have their babies. We wish them all the very best as they welcome their new bundles of joy! Next term, we are also looking forward to welcoming back Kate Mercer to take over in the 1/2 classroom.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 5/6 students on a fantastic Portsea Camp! You represented yourselves and our school with integrity whilst having a wonderful time. Thank-you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Smith for organising such a fabulous experience for our students, as well as Anne and Mrs Dowell for your support on camp.

Welcome Georgia Coles

Hello everyone! My name is Georgia Coles, and I am so very excited to be joining Selby Public School at the start of Term 2 as the Performing Arts teacher.



After finishing my degree, I moved from my home in New South Wales to the Northern Territory in 2018. I spent 6 years living and teaching in Minyerri, a remote Aboriginal Community 6 and a half hours southeast of Darwin. During my time, I spent 4 years teaching a range of Primary School year levels before moving into a leadership position. As a Senior Teacher, I led behaviour and student wellbeing and inclusion across our school from Birth to Year 12 as well as literacy in our Primary School. After spending a year teaching back home in NSW, my partner and I have recently bought a house and moved to the area. I began dancing at the age of 3 and my teachers instilled in me a passion for performing arts through our many productions that combined the best elements of dance, drama and musical theatre. I have choreographed assembly performances and school productions at my previous schools and cannot wait to get started on our 2025 production!

Yayoi Kusama Exhibition

I would like to thank Claire Williams (and supporting staff) for all of their hard work that went into preparing for the Selby Primary School Kusama exhibition, currently on display in "The Palace". All students (Prep - Year 6) have been working hard during Art classes after being inspired by their time at the NGV and discussions in class. For those who have already attended, I am sure you will agree with me that it is a highly interactive and impressive display, which all students should be very proud of. Well-done Selby students!

The exhibition will be open Thursday, 3:45pm - 4:15pm and Friday, 2:30pm - 3:00pm.

Easter Raffle



A HUGE thank-you is extended to Brie, Grace and Mercer for organising and putting together this year's Easter Raffle. The students are eyeing them off as they walk past the office and are super excited for the raffle to be drawn this Friday at assembly. Thank-you also for all of your generous donations so this raffle can go ahead.

Dream and Lead Conference

Well-done to our School Captains who attended the Dream and Lead conference last week at the Exhibition building. It was a fabulous day with the students listening to guest speakers who left them inspired to make a difference.



CALENDAR

Friday 4th April

- Last day Term 1 early dismissal 2:30pm

Monday 21st April

- Easter Monday Public Holiday (no students at school)

Tuesday 22nd April

- First day Term 2

Friday 25th April

- ANZAC Day Public Holiday (no students at school)



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THE SELBY PRIMARY CLOTHES SWAP FIESTA WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

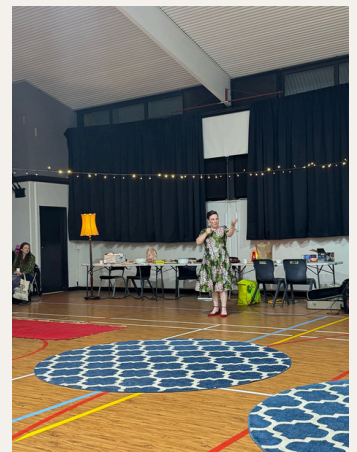
On Saturday night around 60 people gathered in the Selby Primary School Hall for a wonderful night of music, comedy, flowers and fashion. While feasting on veg sausage roll, falafels and sweets galore attendees were serenaded by the soulful voice and guitar skills of Emma Carter. Later, guests were left in fits of laughter due to the comedy routine of Jamie Trsek who made perimenopause funnier than you could imagine and tantalised tastebuds with her Lifechanging Guacamole (not even joking! It changes lives!).

Katie Adams made a mean mojito as the Bar Boss with her brilliant skills while Libbie South's delightful homemade teas were an absolute treat! The event was an appeal for all the senses with many sights and sounds offered. Upon arrival attendees saw racks of preloved clothes and accessories that they could swap with those they bought. Danielle Steele and Jamie also donated the most breathtaking dahlias and people were able to assemble and buy their own bunch to take home. So many commented of the beautiful connections felt and being made in the space and felt the goodness and openness of the Selby Primary School community.

Emma also did a wonderful acknowledgment of country reminding us how lucky we are to live on Wunrundjeri land in Selby and hear the daily birdsong and be surrounded by nature that reminds us to remember the incredible history of creativity of First Nations People.

This event acknowledged our need to respect the land and tackle the issue of excessive landfill generated by textiles waste in our society that is swamped in fast fashion. Sustainability Victoria tells us "Australia is the second biggest textile consumer in the world per capita and the average Victorian creates 28kg of textile waste each year. And that only 7% of textile waste is recycled". A simple cotton t-shirt requires 2,700 litres of water so no matter what the fabric second hand is always best.

We hope to make this an annual event and if you could not attend this time, we hope you can next year! Also, Year 6 parents are currently organising the Selby Trivia Night for later in the year and with Jamie as a cohost it's sure to be a hoot so please keep your eyes peeled for ticket details!



Good Book Awards

Prep A - Mya M - Confidence

Congratulations Mya, on a fantastic first term of school. You have shown growing confidence by always trying your best and maintaining a positive attitude towards your learning. It's wonderful to see you take on new challenges with a smile and have confidence in what you can do. Keep up the great work, Mya — you're doing amazing!

Prep B - Otto B - Confidence

Otto, congratulations on an outstanding and confident end to your first term of school. You have been entering school with a smile, keen to demonstrate your Personal Best in your learning and you are a respectful member of our class. You should be so proud of how you have been engaging confidently in your learning. I can't wait to see all the things you achieve in Term 2. Keep up the outstanding work Otto!

1/2M - Arabella J - Personal Best

Belle, your narrative titled 'The Magic Forest' was a joy to read! You structured your story well, whilst including descriptive vocabulary to bring your story to life. Well done!

1/2S - Mackenzie S - Resilience

I have been so proud of you this term Mackenzie. It has not always been easy but you have done such an amazing job to find new strategies that help you to approach every day at school with a smile on your face.

I can't wait to see what you are capable of next term.

3/4H - Charlie G - Personal Best

Charlie, you're a champion. You have been such a wonderful role model for our class throughout the term; always putting in your Personal Best, demonstrating respect for everyone around you, confidently contributing ideas and thoughts to all your learning areas and showing tremendous resilience when catching up on missed learning.

When you were away, we really felt your absence. What a wonderful impact you have on 3/4H.

5/6J - Reza S - Resilience

Reza, your resilience truly shone through while creating your 3D letter in Maths. Cutting out the shape, assembling the sides, and keeping everything intact was no easy task, but you tackled each challenge with determination. Your hard work and attention to detail are evident in the final result.

Fantastic job!

5/6S - Ziva B - Personal Best

You always put your best effort into all of your schoolwork and your extra curricular activities. Your consistent best effort is commendable. Thank you and well done Ziva!



Respect Confidence Resilience Personal Best

PREP NEWS

We have learnt all about the letter 's' this week and enjoyed "Silly Sock Day" and having "Silly Sprinkle Sandwiches"!

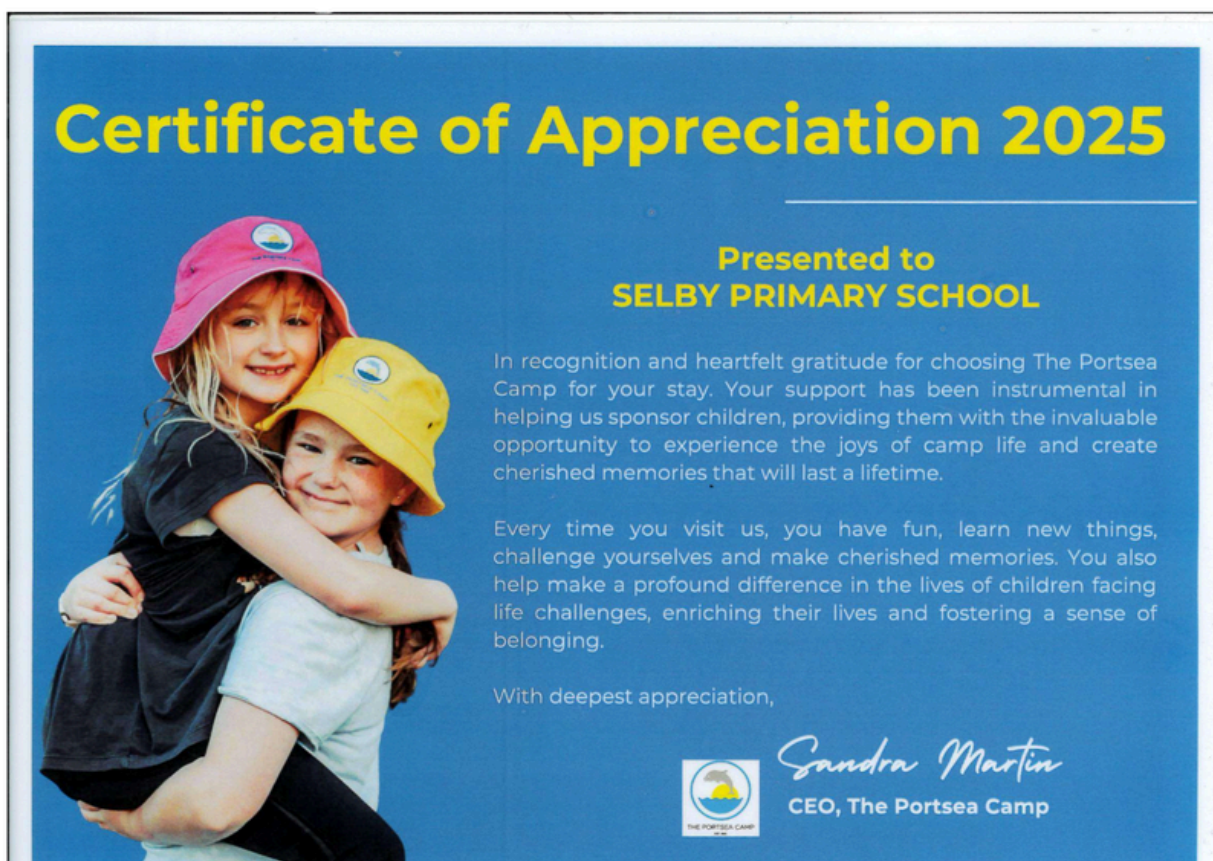


YEAR 5/6 NEWS

Portsea Camp

As the students stepped onto the bus, excitement buzzed in the air—we all knew this was going to be an unforgettable adventure. The sun shone brightly, and our activity leader adjusted the schedule to give us plenty of time to swim in the ocean, build sandcastles, and simply enjoy being with friends.

Over the next few days, the students demonstrated incredible resilience—whether it was stepping out of their comfort zones to try new and unfamiliar activities or navigating the challenge of being away from home. From tackling the high ropes course to soaring on the flying fox and braving the giant swing, each experience was met with enthusiasm and determination. It was the perfect way to wrap up an amazing three-day journey.



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SPORT NEWS

What a magnificent day it was last Thursday for our Selby Aths team who headed to Mountain Reserve, Cockatoo to participate in the EDEC Athletics competition.

Our students gave their very best efforts throughout the day and performed with courage and determination. Thank you to all the parents and families who came to support our kids.



ART NEWS



YAYOI KUSAMA

This week's exhibition has been nothing short of extraordinary, showcasing stunning artwork created by our talented students, all inspired by the iconic Yayoi Kusama. Each piece is a testament to the incredible creativity and dedication of our students, and I am incredibly proud of their contributions to this amazing whole-school project.



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Have your say about student mental health and wellbeing at Selby Primary School.

A key part of the MHiPS implementation is investigating what we already know and do well, and finding out what we would like to do better. Recently, all grades have participated in a workshop and completed a survey about student mental health and wellbeing.

As key stakeholders, hearing from our parents and caregivers is vitally important too - and now here's your chance to have your say.

Please complete this anonymous survey to let us know your thoughts about student mental health and wellbeing. The survey will close on Monday April 21st.



Cheers,

Andrea Jackson,

Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader



Dads Chat Term 2 2025

A strengths-based series of four workshops that focus on connecting with other local dads and dives deep into your role as a dad or male carer.

For dads, grandfathers, step-dads and male carers with children aged 0 to 8 years.

Share ideas and get hands on with tools and techniques that make you feel more connected to your children and other dads. The workshops will cover topics such as; parenting styles, communication, the power of play, understanding the developing brain and supporting emotions.

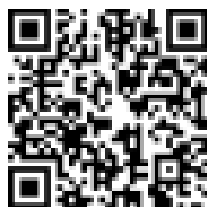
Date; Mondays - 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th May

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Location: Chirnside Park Football Club

Cost: Free. Booking essential.

Find out more and book:



Scan the QR code or visit www.trybooking.com/CZYLO

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Dear School Community,

Temporary Changes to Trading Hours for School Holidays

With the end of Term 1 quickly approaching, we'd like to advise you that there are changes to the trading hours of all Beleza retail stores during the holiday break. Your local Beleza store will be closed during the first week of holidays.

We'd recommend families check their local store's Google listing to confirm opening hours before visiting a store. As we have multiple Beleza locations across Victoria, we suggest searching "**Beleza + Your Suburb Name**" to ensure you're getting the most relevant information.

Please note that **all stores will be closed From Saturday 5th of April until Sunday 13th of April**. We'll return to our usual trading days and hours across all stores **from Monday 14th of April**, however as our trading days differ from store to store, please check your local store's trading hours.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience that these changes may cause, and thank you for your understanding. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

Kind regards,

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