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# THE BRIDGE

Selby Primary School Newsletter



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## Acting Principal's Report

### PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE

I was so privileged to have attended the Statewide Principals' Conference with the other 3,500 school leaders over two days last week and learnt from some great presenters.

Dr Sonja Hood from The Scalton Foundation talked about the role of her organisation in building inclusive communities and she talked about how every school should be aiming for 'excellence for every child in every classroom' not just some children in some classrooms. She talked about the challenges leadership faces in this modern world where it has unfortunately become the norm for some parents to be aggressive towards educators and their children are watching how adults interact. This could lead to some students thinking violent and inappropriate behaviours towards other students and adults in the school are ok.

Dr Sonja Hood is also the President of the North Melbourne Football Club and she made links between running a football club and being a leader of a school. She talked about ignoring the noise from the media when they report negative stories about the players.

She reminded us to remain focused on the school's vision and kept reiterating to only accept 'excellence for every child in every classroom' but still draw the line when it comes to disrespectful behaviour. Excellence for every child in every school is a shared responsibility where the school works together with families.

I would like to thank the families who believe in home/school partnership where we work together for the benefit of all the students, following the school values and vision to educate the next generation of kind, creative, respectful citizens.

### **DOGS ON PREMISES**

We've had a number of dogs on premises and unfortunately one charged at one of our students recently. We've had some families ask about dogs on premises and I have included below what Nadja Wood sent on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March this year:

Whilst Selby Primary understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances. An assistance dog is the only exception to this rule, with the documentation stating so to be provided to the office. Our school community is diverse and may include people that are allergic or uncomfortable around dogs. We ask that families please leave their pet dogs at home or wait outside the school grounds to collect their child if you have your dog with you. We appreciate your understanding.

Nothing has changed since that last communication, and we ask families to follow our procedures to keep everybody safe.

# CALENDAR

## **Thursday 19 June**

Lightning Prem Year 5/6  
students

## **Monday 23 June**

School Nurse Visit  
Prep students

## **Tuesday 24 June**

School Council 6:30pm

## **Tuesday July 1**

Parent Teacher Interviews  
2:40pm - 7:30pm

## **Friday July 4**

End of Term @ 2:30pm

## **Monday 21 July**

Term 3 starts



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## REPORTING TO FAMILIES

Selby PS has introduced a new approach to reporting to families with learning tasks being visible over the term.

Week 4	Speaking and Listening task
Week 6	Reading task
Week 7	P.E, Japanese and Performing Arts tasks
Week 8	Writing task
Week 9	Maths and Visual art tasks
Week 10	Inquiry task with the full report being accessible

The semester one reports will be published on Friday 27th June with parent/teacher interviews held on Tuesday 1st July 2:40pm – 7:30pm. You will be able to book an interview timeslot from Friday 20th June.

## SCREEN TIME

A number of students have talked about how long they spend on devices on a daily basis and the weekend. Our staff were astonished to hear that some students are spending over three hours on their devices and sometimes all day on the weekends. The students playing games (not so much social media yet) and some students are even playing “R” rated games such as Grand Theft Auto, DOOM and some of the language used in these games are filtering our school.

This [website](#) suggests the ‘ideal’ screen time for different age groups. We highly recommend that the devices are used in a very visible space in the house like in the lounge room or kitchen and no devices be left in the bedroom at bedtime.

At school, students only use the devices for educational purposes and have limited use.

See you around the yard,  
Peggy Basset  
Acting Principal



# Good Book Awards

## **Prep A - Jack A - Confidence**

Jack, you consistently demonstrate confidence in the way you approach your work. You take on new tasks with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, showing a willingness to have a go and share your ideas. Your confident approach allows you to participate actively in class discussions and contribute meaningfully to group activities. You consistently put effort into your learning and show persistence when completing tasks. Well done, Jack!

## **Prep A - Mason R - Personal Best**

Congratulations Mason on a fantastic effort with your writing! You approach each task with enthusiasm and always try your best, especially when writing dictation sentences. Your focus and persistence are really paying off, and you should be proud of the progress you're making. Keep up the amazing work!

## **Prep B - Margaret L - Confidence**

Margaret, it has been a joy to see your confidence and independence grow in the classroom. You're contributing more to discussions and seeking support when needed. It's wonderful to see you believing in yourself and engaging so positively with your learning. Keep up the great work, Margaret!

## **Prep B - Louis P - Personal Best**

Congratulations Louis on a fantastic week in Prep! I have been amazed at how you have been showing your PB in your learning. You did an outstanding job in Investigations to compare and measure objects based on their length, mass and capacity. I was very impressed at how you used unifix to measure which line was the longest. You should be so proud of yourself. Keep it up Louis!

## **1/2M - Beauden S & Patrick S - Respect**

I was so very proud of you, Patrick and Beauden, for showing initiative and demonstrating respect and care for the environment on World Environment Day by searching for and removing rubbish from our school grounds.

## **1/2S - Wyatt B - Confidence**

Wyatt, it has been fantastic to see your confidence grow this year. You settle down to tasks quickly and have been producing some amazing work independently. You confidently share your thoughts and ideas with the class and I have been so proud of how you deal with new situations in the classroom.

Well Done Wyatt!





# Good Book Awards

## **3/4H - Isla K - Resilience**

Isla, your resilience throughout the week is a credit to you. Assessment can be daunting but you've never let your worries get in the way of putting in your best efforts. You should be proud of how you've managed the last two weeks, and very proud of all the growth you've shown thanks to your hardworking attitude!

## **3/4H - Finn P - Personal Best**

Finn, I absolutely loved reading your wonderful self description! Your creative spin on the task, as well as your choice of rich descriptive words made it a joy to read - I laughed out loud more than once! Fantastic work.

## **3/4M - Flynn M - Personal Best**

Flynn, your descriptive writing has been a joy to read. You have considered your word choice and used different sentence types to engage your reader. well done!

## **3/4M - Sava T - Personal Best**

Sava, your published self description was a delight to read. During the editing and revising phase of the writing process you put in an outstanding independently effort. Awesome work!

## **5/6S - Emily H - Personal Best**

Congratulations to Emily for demonstrating an outstanding attitude towards her learning this term. Her commitment, curiosity, and perseverance have led to remarkable personal achievements. She has not only reached her personal best in spelling but also shown impressive progress in her understanding of time—mastering the conversion between 24-hour and analogue clocks, as well as confidently reading and interpreting timetables. Her determination and positive approach to challenges are truly commendable. Well done!

## **5/6J - Alex W - Confidence**

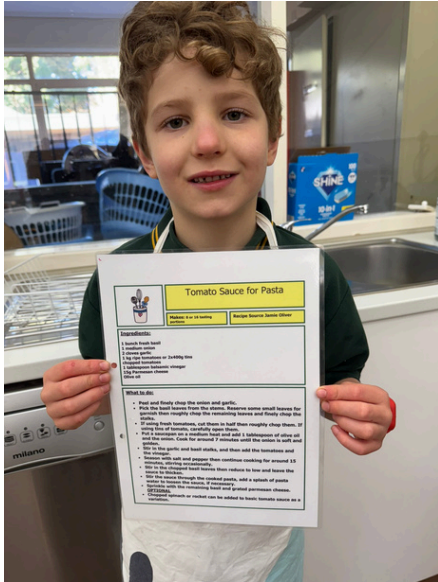
Alex, you have been showing wonderful confidence during our production rehearsals and taking on suggestions about your character with maturity and a positive attitude. You bring a calm and stylish presence to the stage, and it's been a joy to watch your character grow. I can not wait to see you on the big stage.  
Well Done!





# YEAR 1/2 NEWS

Learning in the Kitchen Classroom - a very big thank you to our helpers for assisting the 1/2s in the kitchen last week. Pumpkin soup, tomato and onion pasta and, choc chip and apricot cookies were enjoyed by all.





# YEAR 1/2 NEWS

Last Thursday, 5 June, was World Environment Day. After watching a slideshow to learn about the purpose of this day, it was wonderful to see some students go into the office to request buckets and tongs at recess and lunch to help clean up the rubbish in our garden beds. Well done!





# YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Get to know our 3/4s!

Recently, we have been working on nonfiction, descriptive writing. Students have worked hard to carefully consider their word choice and organise their texts to be enjoyable for their readers.

Their challenge for this text was to write a descriptive report about themselves - keep in mind some have used exaggeration for comedic effect!

All about Finnosaurus-Rex  
The Finnosaurus-Rex is 10 years old and has gran, glamorous, umber hair. It goes to selby.

It can be found wearing its asics or large, pine gum boots (Sshh!).

You can find it in the bedroom reading, in the sunroom reading, in the classroom reading and - oh yes in a tree reading!

The Finnosaurus-Rex eats almost anything cooked by its Dad, but its mom - that's another story...

The Finnosaurus-rex adores a good book and can be found up a tree, reading or playing catch me if you can (which you cant).

The Finnosaurus-rex is comperly found with a torturous little sibling (Louisaurmino) and two guardians (Zekeofana and Rintemazama).

To wrap it all up the Finnosaurus-rex is just your everyday bookworm that you might find up a tree upside down reading! 📖

By Finn

Idris

Idris is 8 years old.

Idris's favourite video game is fortnite.

Idris is leaving Selby soon

Idris has really dark hazel eyes.

Idris has smooth black hair.

Idris loves cookies and cream ice cream.

he is right it does taste delicious.

Idris loves lollies he really loves sour lollies.

Idris likes playing soccer.

Idris likes playing basketball.

Idris lives in old Menzies creek road.

Idris loves playing fortnite

(I know I have said that a few times)

He has really dark hazel eyes. He also loves playing soccer and basketball.

By Idris

# YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Sava

Sava is a nine year old kid. She's quite a book worm and she speaks two languages.

Sava likes wearing cotton, bright and colourful clothes. She hates brushing her hair so you might see her with bed hair, sometimes! She also has short brown hair and she's quite tall for her age.

Sava lives in a beautiful house that is dark blue and grey. She lives in a place with lots of trees. Sava's house also has a medium sized trampolene.

Sava is an everything eater, except for boiled, scrambled and so on eggs. She feels like throwing up. Sava can eat eggs in food but eggs just like that...No!

Sava loves delicious, sweet, crunchy, juicy, beautiful, bright red... capsicum. It's the best food ever! For her atleast.

Sava also loves her grampa's homemade sausages.

Sava likes a calm lifestyle. She likes to do lots of art and some sports.

Sava thinks it is important to have fun. Sava loves bike riding and Sava also likes quality time with her family.

Sava is a nine year old girl who enjoys calm activities, sometimes active

ones. She loves her capsicum and really loves spending quality time with her family.

She's the Best!

By Sava

ALL about me 3/6/23

Anoj is a selty student. Anoj is partly crazy, partly annoying and partly an awesome kid.

Anoj is a junk food lover, especially with mouth watering burgers. Anoj could eat burgers every day.

Sadly, Anoj doesn't have any pets.

If you came to Anoj's house (the most unique house in the world) you'll have to look at the couch or the kitchen because that's where you'll find him.

Anoj lives with the best family in the world. Nadeeka (best mum in the world) Nawreen (best dad in the world) AKil (best brother in the world) and Amaya (best sister in the world). Anoj's family can do anything!

Anoj's style is cool shoes, nice shirt, awesome jacket and shorts or jorts. Anoj also has brown eyes and black straight hair [AKA] super stylish!

Anoj dominates in basketball and soccer. Plus at home Anoj lives on video games!!!

Anoj also makes the best lego creations and plays with the coolest hot wheels.

One more thing, Anoj LOVES Nike and Adidas and Under Armour.

In conclusion, Anoj is just your friendly, crazy, annoying and awesome kid from Selby Primary School (world's best school)

By Anoj



# YEAR 3/4 NEWS

Seren

Seren goes to Selby PS 5 days a week. She plays basket ball in under 10's because she is 9 years old. She also does gymnastics at Moving Monkeys.

Seren's Mum is a very healthy woman so Seren eats a very balanced diet of vegetables, fruit and meat and not many yummy sweet lollies.

Seren lives in Fernlee Gully but comes to Selby any way!

She has curly blonde hair which is almost always out and not tied up but if it is tied up it's mostly in braids. At home Seren mostly wears overalls, trackies or shorts but at school she wears a skirt or trackies.

Seren has blue eyes just like her dad.

Her favourite colour is darkish purple but she also likes blue, red and green.

Seren is tall for her age and most people think she is older than she is and are surprised when she says she is only 9!

When Seren grows up she wants to go to the WNBA (Women's National Basket Ball Association)! Then she wants to work in a lolly shop selling every lolly and chocolate you could imagine to all the children big and small.

Seren's favourite animals are dogs and cats because they are so cute!

Seren eats a balanced diet of meat, fruit and veggies. She is very energetic and loves to run.

She wears most clothes but can be picky!

By Seren

Louis

Louis is a young boy who lives in Selby and goes to Selby PS in... you guessed it, Selby!

Louis is a 10 year old boy who is often mistaken for his height and has curly and shiny, blond hair with glowing blue eyes.

He lives in a 70 year old, wooden house on a steep slope. He's normally found in his glamorous room, the comfy couch or in the lush outdoors.

He loves to eat anything that is a snack or junk food but he is a very picky eater and ABSOLUTLY LOVES MEAT!!!

Louis loves to help his strong

basketball team win their games.

He loves to game on his Switch.

His favourite games are Battle Grounds™ and Zelda Tears of the Kingdom™. But on top of it all he absolutely loves making models.

Louis lives with his mum, his dad and his two siblings, Eden and Elsie. Last but definitely not least his big dog Benson!

In conclusion, Louis is just a regular school boy that goes to Selby primary, that is, by far the best school in the world.

By Louis



# YEAR 3/4 NEWS

## Makayla

Makayla is a human. She is a graceful eight year old girl. She is at Selby primary but that wasn't her only school, She has been to Merzies Creek ps!

## Appearance

Makayla has brown hair. At home she wears joyful clothes. She wears the best clothes!

## Habitat

Makayla lives in a little wood house. Across the road from Clematis pub.

## Diet

Makayla eats apples. Even though they are brown, yuck! She doesn't eat dairy milk and can't eat most dairy.

## Hobbies

Her hobbies are playing with her beautiful sister mya and watching TV.

## Family

The family of Makayla has four beautiful people, DaD, MuM, Mya and Me!

## Conclusion

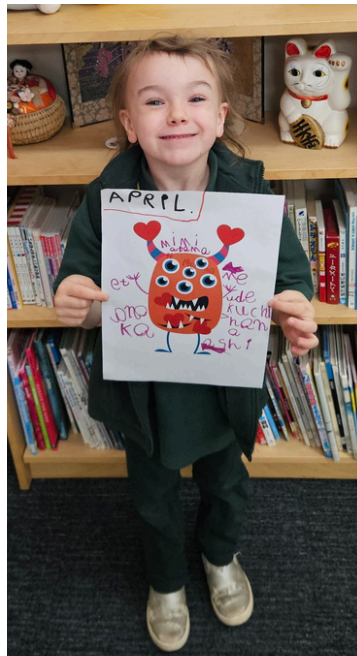
Makayla is a beautiful student who absolutely loves her school.

By Makayla

# JAPANESE NEWS

Students have been engaging with a range of targeted learning units this term:

- Prep students have been developing their vocabulary by exploring body parts through games and visual activities.
- Year 1/2 students have been learning to use simple adjectives to describe animals, focusing on sentence structure and oral language development.
- Year 3/4 students have been constructing "there is" statements using vocabulary related to the home and furniture, strengthening their grammatical understanding.
- Year 5/6 students created a mini shop and practised using the structure "ikura desu ka" (how much is it?) to ask and respond to questions about prices, applying their learning in a practical context.



## Winter in Japan

Looking for something to warm you up this winter, try making Japanese curry.

Its warm, savory and mildly spicy flavour is perfect for chilly days. Curry mixes are readily available at local and Asian supermarkets.



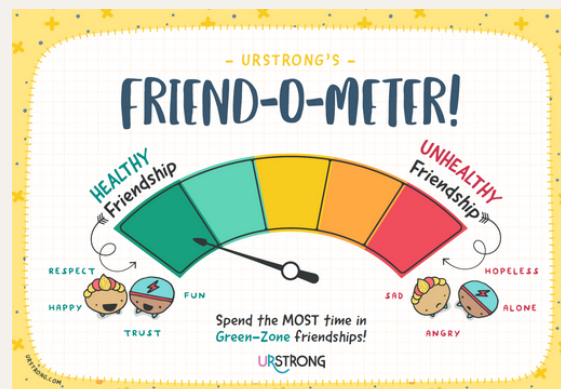
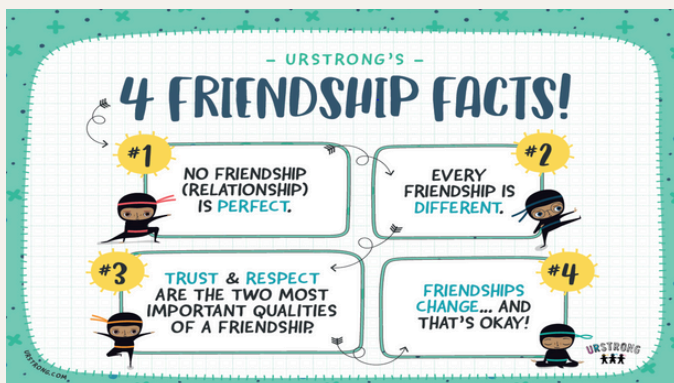


This term we are trialling the **URSTRONG Friendology** program. Friendology is a whole-school strategy that empowers children with friendship skills to create cultures of kindness in schools. It teaches children how to make friends, be a good friend, and learn the difference between healthy and unhealthy friendships.

You can find out more about Friendology and access fantastic parent resources, by going to [www.urstrong.com](http://www.urstrong.com) and clicking **FOR PARENTS**.

All students have practised strategies to help them make friends. We learned that conversations are a bit like a tennis match – you can **ask and answer questions to keep the talking going**.

We've learned about the **4 Friendship Facts** and we are beginning to learn about the **Friend-O-Meter**.



Cheers,  
*Andrea Jackson,*  
*Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader*



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# AUTISM

## LIFE ON THE SPECTRUM

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST 2023</b>
<b>The workshop will be presented by:</b>	<p>The Neurodevelopmental Assessment Team (NAT), Eastern Health, is a specialist team which provides assessment and diagnosis for a range of neurodevelopmental disorders, including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).</p> <p>Introducing the NAT presenters: Dr James Shelly (Consultant Psychiatrist) Lauren Chao (Speech Pathologist)</p>
<b>This workshop will focus on:</b>	<p><i>This will be an introductory seminar on ASD, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring what the ASD diagnostic criteria is and how it can present.</li> <li>• Common assessment processes and pathways for support.</li> <li>• The current state of evidence on Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) and its association with ASD.</li> <li>• Time allowed for further discussion and questions.</li> </ul>
<b>Target audience:</b>	Staff working in a range of settings including: education, child and family services, youth services, welfare, and out of home care.
<b>Time:</b>	<b>11.00 AM to 2.00 PM</b>
<b>Cost:</b>	\$40.00 (including GST, and seminar materials)
<b>Bookings &amp; Registration:</b>	<p><u><b>Eventbrite Link:</b></u> <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/autism-life-on-the-spectrum-tickets-1370541830509?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/autism-life-on-the-spectrum-tickets-1370541830509?aff=oddtcreator</a></p> <p>or Email to: <a href="mailto:CommunitySeminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au">CommunitySeminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au</a></p>
<b>Seminar Location:</b>	<b>ONLINE DELIVERY</b>





*extreme tennis*



## WIMBLEDON THEMED JUNIOR TENNIS CLINIC 2025 (Designed for ages 5-13)



### CONDUCTED BY CLUB COACHES

Tennis Australia Club Professionals, A.T.P.C.A Reg. Lvl 2, T.C.A.V. Reg. Adv. Coach, Bach of Teaching

#### DATE & TIME:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (UPWEY SOUTH TC)**

**9:00 – 1.00pm**

(Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July to be used as spare day in case of inclement weather)

#### FORMAT:

##### **FOCUS: Skill development**

Technique – correction and analysis, physical training, sportsmanship, court etiquette, fun, games & prizes.

##### **FOCUS: Tournament/Match play – HOT SHOTS**

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11+ age group will play round robin using normal yellow balls.

Tactical aspects of the game are also discussed via feedback from coaches.

**-Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the best achievers-**

***\*The session includes a sausage sizzle lunch & drinks for all participants\****

**COST: (GST Inc)**

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