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Selby Primary School Newsletter



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## Acting Principal's Report

### THANK YOU

They say that it takes a village to raise a child and this is certainly true. Parents, carers and grandparents are the first teachers for their children and grandchildren teaching them values, resilience, walking, speaking nicely to others and many more.

Once the children start school, they spend six and half hours with staff and their peers extending their learning further. I would like to thank the amazing educational support team for the work they do every day with our staff and students. The school would not be the same without them. These are some of the statements shared by our students:

Mrs Noonan is very kind and helps everyone understand their work. She understands everything and is very patient with everyone.

Cooper 5/6J

Mrs Knowles helps everyone with computers that don't work. She is funny and speaks nicely. I am happy to have her as my helper teacher.

Dotty 1/2M

# CALENDAR

Mrs Morris helps people find their things that they lose like drink bottles. She comforts students.

Benji Prep A

Mrs Dowell is very helpful and she explains the work to the students if they are stuck. She is open for a chat and shares pictures of her bunny and paintings that she does. She helps the teachers as well.

Baxter and Amon 5/6S

Mrs Tate says good morning to everyone and delivers lunch orders. She helps us find things that we have lost and helps us if we fall over.

Lia, Evie and Nora from 1/2S

## THANK YOU TO PFA

A massive thank you to PFA for organising the Mother's Day stall last Friday. There's a lot of organisation that goes on prior to the day and many hands make light work. This day could not have gone ahead with PFA and the group of volunteers who helped on the day.

There are more events coming and if you can help in any capacity small or big, please contact Nicky in the office and we can pass your details to PFA.



**Thursday May 22nd**

Education Week

Parents & Grandparents  
Day

**Friday June 6**

Curriculum Day

**Monday June 9**

King's Birthday Public  
Holiday

**Tuesday July 1**

Parent Teacher Interviews

**2:40pm - 7:30pm**

**Friday July 4**

End of Term @ 2:30pm



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# BABY NEWS

Alex, Brent, Hannah & Addy welcomed Harrison Ronnie Gallagher on the 03/05/2025 weighing 4.01kgs.

Jo, Alex, Lucas & Campbell welcomed Spencer Edward Scukovic on the 25/04/2025 weighing 4.02kgs.

We would like to congratulate both families on the safe arrival of their babies and cannot wait to give Harrison and Spencer cuddles.

See you around the yard,

Peggy Basset  
Acting Principal



**Harrison Gallagher**



**Spencer Scukovic**

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# Good Book Awards

## **Prep A - Evangeline M - Personal Best**

Congratulations Evangeline for demonstrating your Personal Best across all areas of your school work. You approach each task with enthusiasm, always giving your best effort, especially in your reading and writing. You show confidence by actively participating in class and take great pride in ensuring your work is always neat and well presented. I am so proud of your progress and the positive attitude you bring to your learning every day. Keep up the amazing work Evangeline!

## **Prep B - Hamish D - Personal Best**

Hamish, it has been fantastic to see you showing your Personal Best and all the school values in Maths this week. You have shown great Resilience to work on remembering how to form your numbers confidence to subitise the totals and respect when following the task instructions. Keep up the amazing work Hamish!

## **1/2M - Lily J- Confidence**

Lily, you showed terrific confidence throughout the excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary on Monday. When asked you proudly shared your understandings and knowledge about many animals, especially for the Shingle Back Lizard!

## **1/2S - Tom R - Confidence**

Tom, it was hard to decide whether to give you an award for Personal Best or Confidence because you always show both in the classroom everyday. It has been wonderful to watch your confidence grow and have you answer questions and share ideas with the class as well as see all of the amazing friendships that you have formed this year.

Well Done Tom!



# Good Book Awards

## **3/4H - Jensen W -Personal Best**

Jensen, I am so impressed with how focused, diligent and engaged you are this term. I love seeing you raise your hand to have a go and the effort you're putting into all of your learning areas. I am so excited to see what you can really achieve throughout the rest of the year with this awesome attitude.

## **3/4M - Anakai C -Personal Best**

Anakai, it has been a delight to read your writing recently. Your voice as a writer is shining through, as you show your clear understanding of complex sentences. Keep up the wonderful writing.

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

Winifred, it has been wonderful to see your confidence grow this year. You've pushed yourself to take part more in lessons, bravely answering questions, asking your own, and showing real curiosity in your learning. What's been especially lovely is the way you've also taken time to help others along the way, showing kindness and respect.  
Well Done.

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

Isla, you consistently bring such thoughtful insight to our Respectful Relationships lessons. Your ability to reflect deeply on the topics we discuss and share your perspectives enriches our classroom environment. You approach each lesson with a genuine interest in understanding and promoting respect, empathy, and equality. Thank you for your dedication and for being a role model in our classroom.



# OFFICE NEWS

## School Saving Bonus (SSB)

The SSB can be used for uniforms and textbooks until Monday 30 June 2025. Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities. However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July.

To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of any school events in July, please refer to the SSB online system [SSB Online System](#) and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025.

To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step System guide for parents and carers [System Guide for Parents and Carers](#) The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

- completing the [School Saving Bonus Enquiry Form](#)
- calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact the school office for any SSB related questions.

Events currently requiring parent consent/payment:  
(please contact the office if you wish to use SSB to pay for an event)

# 1/2 NEWS

On Monday the year 1/2 students went on an excursion to Moonlit Sanctuary as part of their Inquiry unit on partnership between animals and their habitats. Students participated in education sessions where they had the opportunity to pat a shingle back lizard, learn about birds, dingoes, wombats, koalas and Tasmanian devils. Students also had the chance to feed the kangaroos and wallabies.

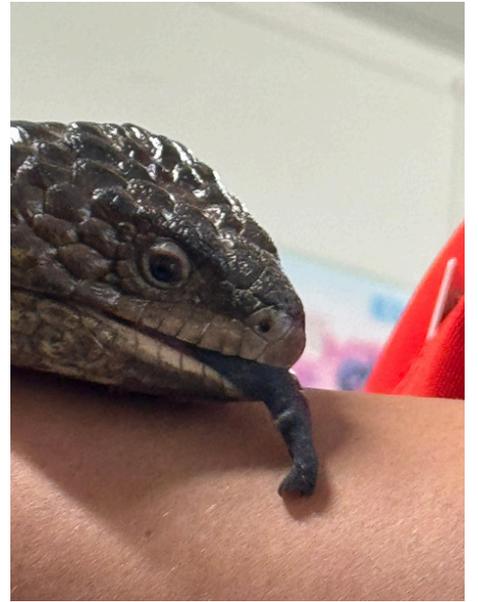
We had a terrific time and learned a lot! Thank you to Annaelle, Jess, Gari, Cloe and Brad for coming along and making it a wonderful day.



# 1/2 NEWS



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# 3/4 NEWS

Last week the Year 3-6 students were fortunate enough to have three of our amazing parents run a special incursion. The incursion was all about growing healthy food. In the art room, Nikki and Stu organised some fun activities where we had to smell or touch and identify different foods and plants then draw all the healthy things we know we should put into our bodies.

Out in the kitchen garden, Angie taught us about what plants need to grow and to plant seeds, mulch, water and place them for the best results.

We had a terrific time and learned a lot! Thank you to Nikki, Stu and Angie for organising and running the day.



# 3/4 NEWS



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# SPORT NEWS

## EDEC CROSS COUNTRY

We were treated to a beautiful day on Monday as 38 Selby students took part in the EDEC Cross Country at Lilydale Lake. Many had been training diligently through the school's 'Run Club' in preparation for the event. It was incredibly inspiring to see our students give it their all, demonstrating outstanding determination, strong team spirit, and great sportsmanship!



# EDEC CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Kane, Thom, Lux, Raff, Ollie, Audrey, Willow, Eva, Lucy, Edward, and Ava for qualifying for the Division Cross Country, which will be held at the Yarra Valley Racecourse on Tuesday, 3rd June.

A huge thank you as well to our wonderful parent volunteers who assisted at checkpoints and cheered on our students throughout the day.

Your support made a big difference!

Well done, Selby - what a fantastic team effort!



# EDEC CROSS COUNTRY



Respect Confidence Resilience Personal Best



# GRANDPARENTS', PARENTS' & SPECIAL PERSONS' DAY



**CLASSROOM VISITS 12 NOON -12:45PM**

**LUNCH AND FUN 12:45PM-1:30PM**

**SAUSAGE  
SIZZLE**

**TEA, COFFEE  
& HOT  
CHOCOLATE**

**SCONES,  
JAM &  
CREAM**

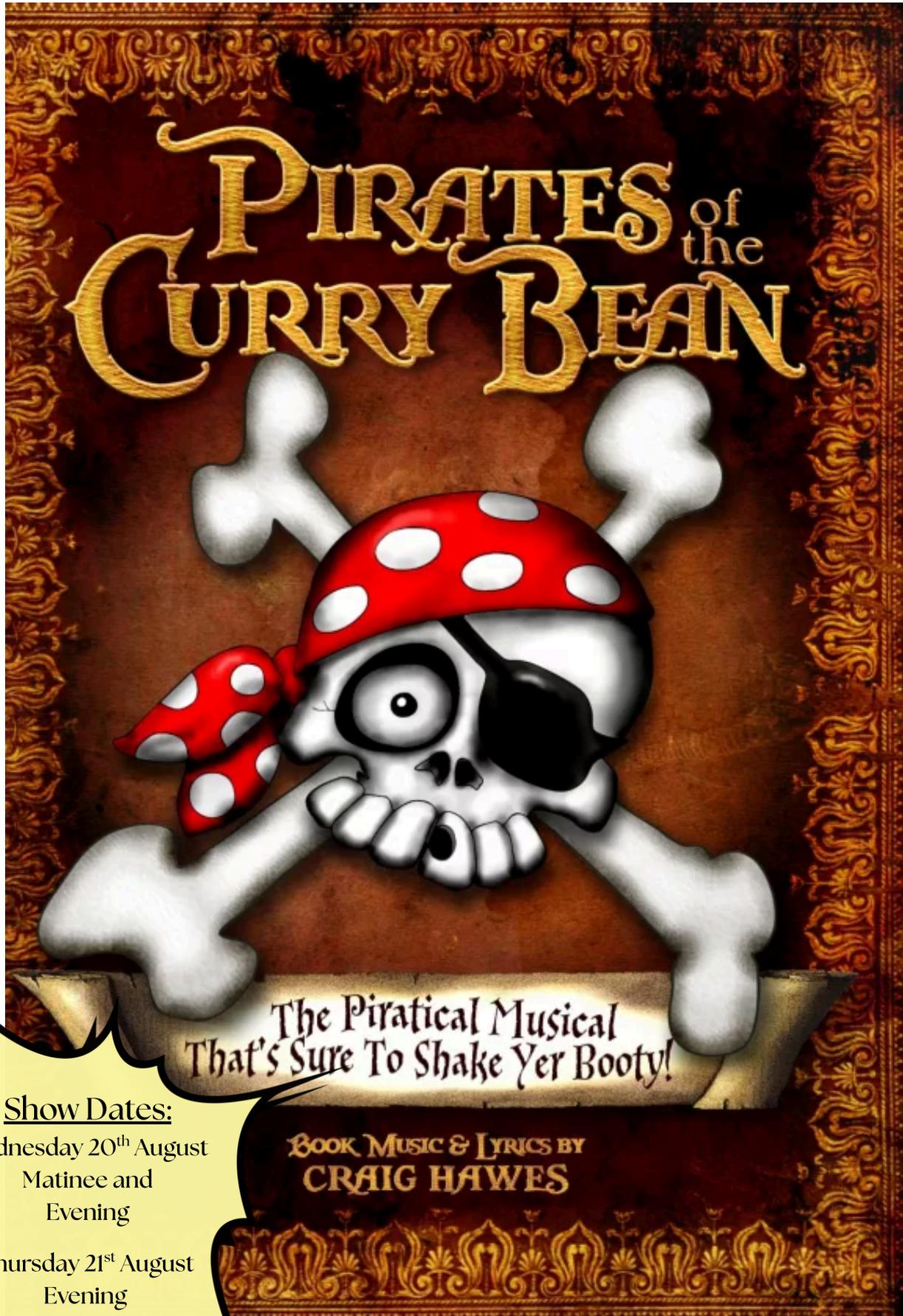
**THURSDAY 22ND MAY 2025**

**SELBY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Respect Confidence Resilience Personal Best**



# PRODUCTION NEWS



## Show Dates:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August  
Matinee and  
Evening

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August  
Evening

BOOK MUSIC & LYRICS BY  
**CRAIG HAWES**

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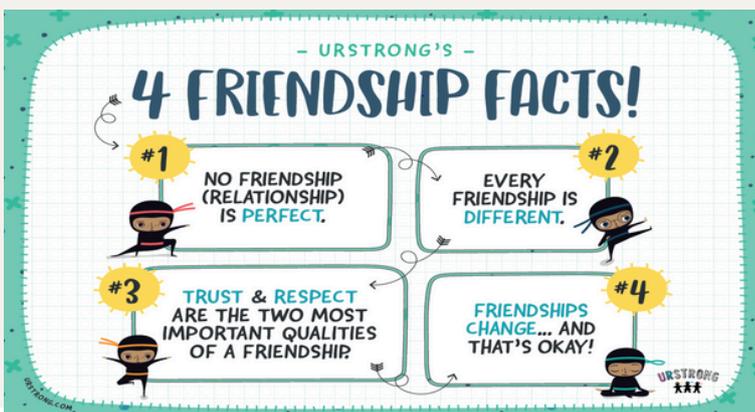


This term we are trialling the **URSTRONG Friendology** program. Friendology is a whole-school strategy that empowers children with friendship skills to create cultures of kindness in schools. It teaches children how to make friends, be a good friend, and learn the difference between healthy and unhealthy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

So far this term, all students have learned that friendships are a bit like a rollercoaster – full of highs and lows. We've also learned about self-compassion and the importance of being kind to yourself and treating yourself as your very own BFF (Best Friend Forever).

- **Junior** students read **The Colour Monster** by Anna Llenas, learned about comfortable and uncomfortable feelings, and **practised Rainbow Breathing** to help them feel calm.
- **Year 3/4s** are learning about taming anxious butterflies and telling the difference between things we can and can't control.
- **Year 5/6s** are learning the **4 Friendship Facts**:



Cheers,

*Andrea Jackson,*

*Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader*



## BE A "FRIENDSHIP COACH"

# Supporting your child through the ups and downs of friendship!

Do you often find yourself at a loss for advice when your children come to you with their friendship issues? Don't worry, you're not alone and we're here to help. URSTRONG provides simple but meaningful language and skills to open up a dialogue with your kids.

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**.



Communities of Wellbeing

PRESENTS

PROFESSOR LEA WATERS PHD



## GROWING THROUGH ADVERSITY

This presentation will explore the idea that we can still **find happiness during hardship**.

Professor Waters will share her research on the positive changes that can result when we embrace, rather than deny, our struggles.

Growing through adversity doesn't mean we are free of all struggles - it means we become stronger as we find a way to let happiness and hardship co-exist.

Lea will share her own story and will explore how we can help ourselves, and the people we care about, **become stronger through our struggles**.

Professor Lea Waters AM, PhD, is a Fellow at the University of Melbourne and Director of Visible Wellbeing Pty Ltd

THURSDAY 15TH MAY / 7-9PM

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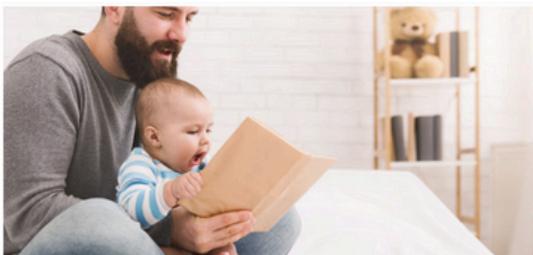
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## Parenting Information Forum

Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers



### Benefits of Early Years Literacy

Presenter: Whitehorse Manningham Libraries

Join us for a free online session where families will discover how reading aloud, sharing stories, and singing with your child can boost their early literacy skills.

Learn how to engage your child with words and sounds, fostering successful reading habits and supporting their social and emotional development.

Don't miss this opportunity to support your child's future success!

**Age Range** Parents and carers of children aged 0-6 years

**When** 7pm - 8.00pm, Wednesday 21 May 2025

**Where** Free online webinar

**Bookings** Registering your attendance is essential. Please book online:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CZNOJ>

**Other Information** To request additional access support including interpreting please contact Council's Parenting Resource Officer on 0477 329 540 or [parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au](mailto:parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au)



Partnership with:



## Setting Boundaries

Creating and maintaining boundaries using positive approaches.

Supporting healthy boundaries with our young children enables them to gain independence and develop positive and respectful relationships. However, it is not always so easy!

Join this free, interactive workshop and gain valuable insights into why young children behave the way they do, the importance of setting boundaries and how we set them.

For parents and carers of children aged 2-6 years.

Presented by Parentzone

**Date:** Thursday 19 June 2025

**Time:** 7pm - 8.30pm

**Where:** Online

**Book:** [trybooking.com/DARNV](https://www.trybooking.com/DARNV)



For enquiries or support with booking please contact:

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# Monbulk District MEN'S SHED Inc.



Free  
Event!

## Wellness for Men

### Age well – love life!

Join us for an informative and empowering evening focused on helping men live healthier, happier lives. Guest speakers will share insights on:

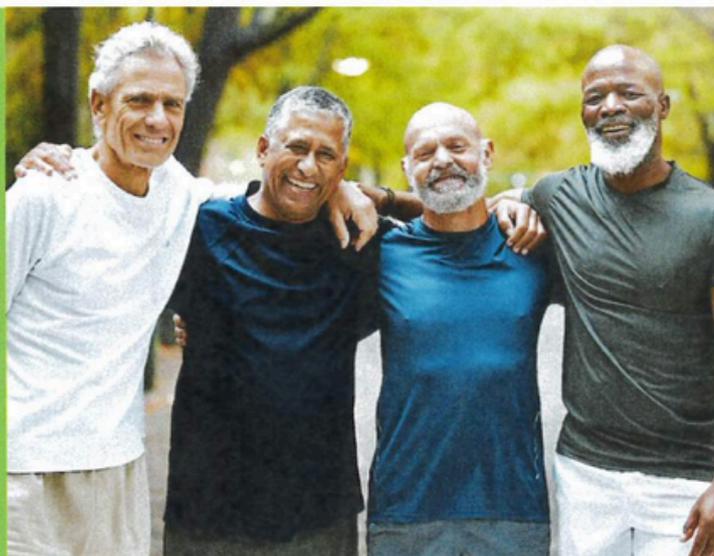
- Heart health and exercise
- Prostate cancer: The risks and the reality
- Understanding hearing loss
- From strength to strength: Men's mental health awareness

#### When and Where:

Wednesday 28 May  
Doors open at 6.00 PM  
Event from 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Monbulk Living and Learning  
Centre, 21 Main Street, Monbulk

All men, family and friends  
welcome!



Light refreshments and drinks provided

#### Registrations are required

To register scan QR code or email [mensshmonbulk@gmail.com](mailto:mensshmonbulk@gmail.com)

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