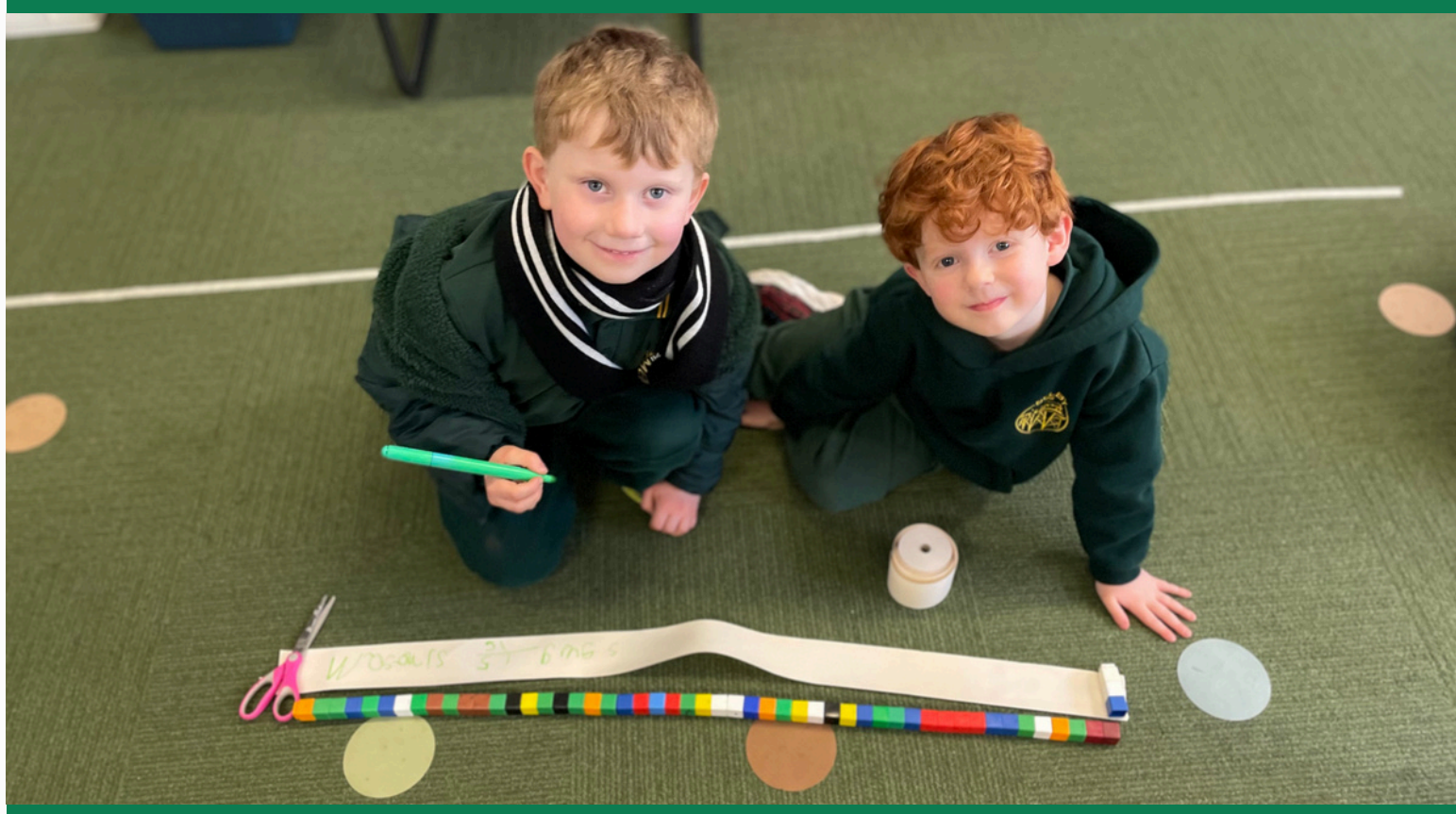




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# THE BRIDGE

Selby Primary School Newsletter



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## Principal's Report

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Following on from Michael Dunstan's announcement to the community this morning, I am so thrilled that I have been selected to be Selby Primary School's substantive principal and I wanted to thank families for their congratulation messages. Everyone has welcomed me with open arms and I feel so privileged to continue to work with you, your children and staff next term.

Coming from a long line of educators in the family (my mother, grand-mother, aunties and now my son), education has always been in my blood. I tried the corporate world a long time ago and teaching was always calling me. I am so glad that I followed my dream and I have always felt that this was my calling.

I don't think there are many jobs where a person wears multiple hats in one day from being a teacher to a counsellor to a doctor, a mentor, a good listener, teaching students literacy and numeracy skills, developing their social and emotional intelligence, experiencing the students have that 'aha' moment in their learning while still providing lots of support to families. This is what I love by being an educator and a leader.

## REFLECTING ON TERM TWO

I am a big advocate of positive psychology and have read Flourish by Martin Seligman who explains the importance of gratitude for well-being and happiness. He suggests that practising gratitude can lead to increased happiness, improved mental health, and greater optimism. I tend to do a lot of self-reflection and acknowledge what I am grateful for everyday:

- As I get to know the Selby community, I have been very grateful with the way families have offered to work together with me to promote Selby PS in the community. Please scroll to the bottom of our school website to watch the video created by one of our parents.
- I have another family connecting with the local real estate agent to advertise our school on two billboards (hoping they will go up before the school holidays).
- Thank you to the parents and carers who give up hours of their time to help in the classroom, at events, in the garden, on excursions etc. The home-school partnership is such a crucial part of a positive relationship where parent engagement with their child's learning will help to ensure all students are connected, motivated and actively involved in their learning and help students to feel safe, happy, develop resilience and self-esteem.
- The students have been delightful to chat with, hear about their interests and I absolutely love it when they pop into my office to share their work with me.
- I would like to thank the staff for welcoming me and working together with me having all the students' best interests at heart while still wearing multiple hats every day.

## REPORTS

Semester 1 reports will be available this Friday after school with parent/teacher interviews held next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 2:40pm – 7:30pm. Each appointment goes for 10 minutes, and we ask that families arrive on time. If you feel a lengthier discussion is needed, I suggest you make an appointment on another day.

Our specialist teachers have limited time with interviews running from 3:40pm – 7:30pm. As they teach every student across the school, they won't be able to meet with every single family; so, it is a case of first in, best dressed. 10-minute time slots have been allocated per child, and I ask that you keep that in mind so that the specialist teachers can run on time.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

I cannot believe the last day of Term 2 will be next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July when we finish at 2:30pm. Please ensure your child is picked up on time. Eating time will be from 1:00pm – 1:10pm with break time from 1:10 pm– 1:50pm. Assembly will be held on the last day from 2:00pm – 2:25pm with students dismissed from their classes at 2:30pm.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July for another busy term with production.

See you around the yard.  
Peggy Basset  
Principal

# CALENDAR

**Friday 27 June**

Semester 1 reports  
released

**Tuesday 1 July**

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

**Wednesday 2 July**

EDEC Soccer (selected  
students)

**Friday 4 July**

End of Term early finish  
2:30pm

**Monday 21 July**

Term 3 starts



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# Good Book Awards

## **Prep A - All Students - Personal Best**

Congratulations on a fantastic first semester of school! I am so proud of the way you have shown your Personal Best in everything you do. From learning new routines to trying your best in the classroom, you have shown persistence, a positive attitude, and a wonderful willingness to learn and grow. Keep up the amazing work, Prep A!

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

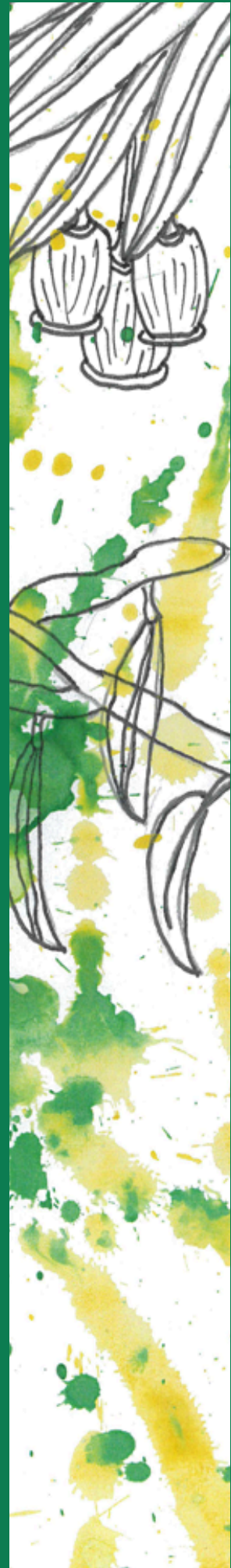
Hamish, you are a super Selby student who always strives to show your Personal Best in your learning. I have been so impressed with how you have been sharing your reasoning when solving mathematics tasks and in how you have challenged yourself to write more than one sentence in your writing. Keep up the outstanding work Hamish!

## **1/2M - Alba G - Confidence**

Alba, your creativity to make a model of your Forrest Mammal to look just like your design was excellent. You knew exactly what to do and used your time well.  
Fantastic effort!

## **1/2S - Astrid E - Personal Best**

Astrid you have worked so hard and been super focussed to show your personal best when completing your Inquiry project on your animal. It looks amazing and your triorama really brings it to life.



# Good Book Awards

## **3/4H - Lilian S - Personal Best**

Lily, I am so impressed with the effort you put into your learning, no matter what the task is. I'm especially impressed with the hard work and focus you've shown while putting together your Inquiry project. You have done an excellent job of finding information and rephrasing your research to put it into your own words. I can't wait to see the finished project!

## **3/4M - Evelyn B - Personal Best**

Evelyn, your writing is always such a joy and delight to read, however, I have particularly enjoyed your paraphrasing work in your Inquiry project. Your writer's voice shone through. Fantastic work!

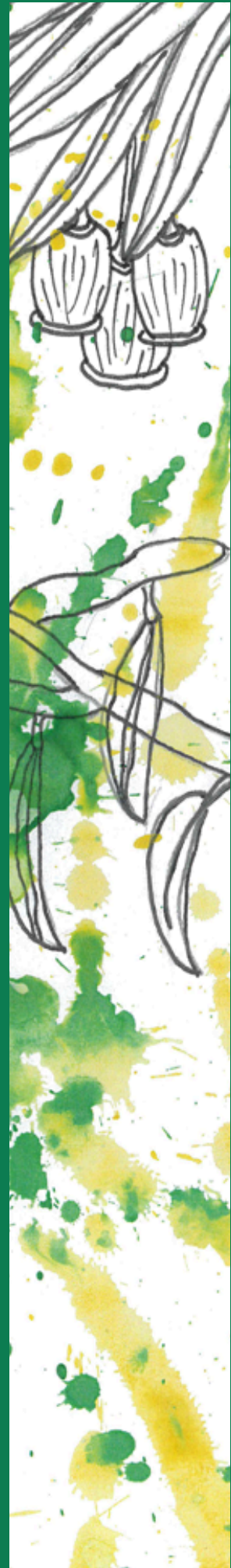
## **5/6J - Raf C - Personal Best**

Raf showed outstanding resilience and a positive attitude when faced with the challenge of redoing his maths test. He listened to feedback, took his time, and carefully worked through each question. His hard work and determination led to a fantastic result. A wonderful example of persistence and growth.

Well Done, Raf!

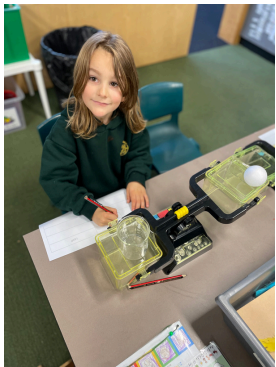
## **5/6S - Willow D - Personal Best**

Willow consistently demonstrates her personal best. This is particularly evident in her recent poetry. She has experimented with figurative language and carefully chosen words to bring her ideas to life. This has resulted in crafting some truly thoughtful and beautifully expressive poems. Congratulations Willow!



# PREP B NEWS

We have had a wonderful time in Investigations and in our Mathematics lessons exploring the different ways we can measure objects. We have learnt about mass, capacity and length. It has been lots of fun.



# PREP B NEWS

This week the butterflies emerged. We have watched these butterflies transform from caterpillars to chrysalis and look forward to releasing the butterflies. We have loved getting to know more about these amazing insects.



# 5/6 NEWS

**Students have been diving into a rich variety of poetry, exploring diverse styles and forms. They've eagerly experimented with figurative language and carefully chosen words to bring their ideas to life. As a result, they have crafted some truly thoughtful and beautifully expressive poems. Below are some examples of their poetry.**

## I am Poem

Written by Samuel,

I am a sea shell,

I wonder where I'll go,

I hear waves hit the shore,

I see sights that will never bore,

I want to travel across the sea,

I am a sea shell that wants to be

I pretend to shine in the middle,

I feel the sand rough and brittle,

I touch salty sea water bitter as can be,

I worry nothing as I drift off,

I am a sea shell who will never stop,

I understand the way of the water,

I say as others loiter,

I dream about big storms and adventure,

I try to think life would be torture,

I hope not but, I can tell,

I am a sea shell.

## I am Wondering

I am wondering.

I wonder how much is out there.

I hear the waves lapping against the shore

I see birds soaring far above

I want to make it more.

I am wondering.

I pretend the world is okay.

I feel unsure inside.

I touch the silky sand.

I worry that we will ruin this land.

I cry about lost forests.

I understand that nothing is perfect.

I say it will all be fine.

I dream of new worlds.

I try to make the leap.

I hope that we will win.

I am wondering.

By Lucy

# 5/6 NEWS

## I Am.... Poem

### **Written by Winnie**

I am Winnie  
I wonder what I will look like soon  
I hear Gaspar saying 'I am Steve'  
I see my book box in front of me  
I want a pet pig  
I am amazing  
I pretend that I have superpowers  
I feel excited  
I touch paper  
I worry about the weather  
I cry when I am hurt  
I am Winnie  
I understand how to play netball  
I say kind things  
I dream about pigs  
I try new sports

## Acrostic Poem

### **Written by Lewis**

#### **Basketball**

B – Basketball is my life  
A – Any court any ball  
S – So much fun when I play  
K – Keeps me going, I look forward to it  
E – Excellent sport, best even  
T – Takes breath out of me but I love it  
B – Basketball gets me up in mornings  
A – Awesome sport best ever  
L – Love basketball with all my heart  
L – Lewis loves basketball



# LIGHTNING PREM



Respect Confidence Resilience Personal Best



# LIGHTNING PREM - FOOTBALL

Gaspar's inspiring team huddles lifted our spirits and helped drive us to victory in 3 out of 4 games.

"Ignore the scoreboard — just play your game!" - Gaspar  
What an amazing team effort, well done, everyone!



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# PERFORMING ARTS

## NEWS

The Performing Arts space has been abuzz this term as we prepare for our school production, *Pirates of the Curry Bean*! The students have been working incredibly hard, and we can't wait for you all to see it!

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

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

*Times to be confirmed in Term 3*



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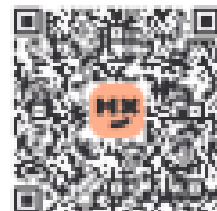
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### **2025 JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAM LOCATIONS**

### **\$70 REGISTRATION FEE**

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**Parents drop off and then collect at the end.**

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