

NEWSLINE

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Dates to Remember

April

Wednesday 16th April

- 3.30pm 545 Annual Meeting of Building Cooperative

Thursday 17th April

- Lorin Nicholson Performance 9.00am & 10.00am

Tuesday April 22nd

- WALA Visiting Performances
- Book Club Closes at 3.30pm today

Friday 25th April

- ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Monday 28th April

- Curriculum Day – No school for students on this day

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN EVERY TUESDAY
AND WEDNESDAY FROM 8.40AM-9.20AM**

Principal's Report – Kevin Mealing

Fresh Fruit Mondays

'Fresh Fruit Mondays' have commenced for 2008 and the students really do appreciate the fruit placed in the classrooms. Thanks again to our Parents' Club for supporting this great initiative.

Walking School Bus

Our Walking School Bus has commenced again today and will be operating on Tuesday and Friday mornings. The route will operate from Guthridge Parade (outside the Sale Swimming Complex) – walking north to Cunninghame Street, and then turning west to 545.

Please contact the office for information if you are considering having your child accessing the Walking School Bus.

Curriculum Day

The school's first curriculum day will be held on Monday April 28th. Staff will be undertaking a workshop on peer approach to Performance Review. There will be no school for students on this day.

545 Building Cooperative – Annual Meeting

There will be an Annual Meeting of the school's Building Cooperative this Wednesday April 16th at 3.30pm at the school. The Annual Financial Report will be distributed at this meeting. All Co-Operative Members and other interested members of the school community are welcome to attend.

Parents' Club Report – Wendy Stephenson

Canteen

For Term 2 the canteen will be operating on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The canteen roster is as follows:

Term 2	April
Wed 16 th	Deb Short, Sharon Short, Tracy McLinden
Fri 18 th	Kim Farley, Tania Stares, Jenni Pierce
Mon 21 st	Jane Abbott & Tony Ford

Canteen helpers are required from 12noon – 1.30pm

WALA Visiting Performance – Melissa Hall

On Tuesday April 22nd, we are fortunate to have the second of our Arts Visiting Performances for the year. WALA features five performers who present an exciting display of Ghanaian culture that features drumming, dance, percussion and vocal harmonies. Students will see 20 handmade African drums, flutes and costumes as part of this exciting show. There will be two performances, one at 12.00noon and one at 2.00pm to cater for all students from Prep to Grade 6.

Lorin Nicholson Performance – An Open Invitation

A reminder that this Thursday April 17th, we are lucky enough to have blind recording artist, Lorin Nicholson, who is an incredible acoustic guitarist, perform at 545.

Parents, grandparents and friends at 545 are all most welcome to attend one of his hour sessions at either 9.00am or 10.00am at no cost.

In addition to the musical component, other topics conveyed in the performance include:

- Teasing and bullying
- Peer pressure
- Kindness
- Consideration
- Respect
- Acceptance of differences
- Meeting challenges
- Setting goals
- Building on strengths
- Choosing a career
- Striving for excellence
- Demonstration of aids for the blind

The performance also has a strong focus on character building – Lorin relates many personal experiences in overcoming the challenges of being legally blind, to become a successful musician, sportsman, student, businessman, father and all round achiever.

Chaplain's ABC - Defiance

In January, my family stayed at a caravan park in Apollo Bay. One morning we were strolling past the shower block, and heard a little voice screeching "I want to do it myself!!" Boy, did that bring back memories! I'm sure that every parent has had to deal with moments of defiance in their children. And it seems to start so young! You can go through periods as a parent when it feels like you are locked in an ongoing battle with your child. There is a degree to which defiance is a part of normal development, in the sense that it is an expression of the child's emerging independence. The clash of wills occurs when the child's desired independence is at odds with parents or society's expectations, norms or rules. We all need to learn how to live that delicate balance between independence and cooperation and most children learn it in the home, as they listen in on conversations, and observe 'give and take'. In so many ways, families are like 'mini-societies' in which kids learn all kinds of social skills. So the next time you find yourself in a 'toe-to-toe' with one of your precious ones, take a deep breath, and remind yourself that you are teaching your child important life skills! A few tips in dealing with defiance:

- i. Be clear and consistent about what you expect, and stand your ground.

School Supervision: Children are supervised between the hours of 8.45am and 3.45pm.

- ii. Pick your battles – no one wants to live in a battleground all the time, so stand firm on the important issues, and let the little ones slide.
- iii. Reward and affirm cooperative behaviour.
- iv. During those challenging periods, try to incorporate more fun and special family times, to balance it up.

And don't forget – the challenging times don't last forever. Til next time - Shelley (Chaplain)

Afternoon Tea with Mr E

Today was the first of many afternoon teas with Mr E.

1 student from each of the Prep-Grade 2 classes joined me for afternoon tea to share something special that they had done in class recently. We had a chat, they ate a biscuit and enjoyed a glass of cordial, and left with a thankyou note and sticker!



Later in the week, 1 student from each of the Grade 3-6 classes will join me for the same purpose.

I look forward to having afternoon tea with every student at some stage throughout the year – it'll be the highlight of my week!

Scholastic Book Club

Book Club orders must be in at the office by 3.30pm Tuesday April 22nd.

Found – Reading Glasses

We have 2 pair of children's reading glasses, that have been found, and handed in. If your child is missing their glasses, please call at the office.



Treasured Possessions – Mr Evans

It has been brought to my attention in recent times that there are a number of 'treasured possessions' being brought to school by the students. These include Game Boys, Pokemon Cards, special toys and novelty attachments on bikes.

The school discourages these items from being brought to school and can take no responsibility for their supervision or safe keeping.

Community News

Sale College SEAL Program

An information night for the SEAL Program (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) at Sale College will be held on Thursday April 17th at 7.00pm in the Guthridge Campus library. The exam date is Saturday May 17th. Further details can be obtained from Debbi Daff at Sale College on 51443711 or email debbi@salecollege.vic.edu.au

Sale City Auskick

Sale City Football Club will be running an Auskick Program at Stephenson Park, Sale. Registration day will be held on Sunday April 20th from 10.30am-12.00pm. A 'Parent Prep' session will be held on Sunday April 27th from 10.30am-12.00noon. Auskick lessons will commence on Sunday May 4th from 10.00am-11.30am.

For information contact Greg Robinson 0409 676 242

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these children at assembly on Monday 14th April

Grade	Name	Reason
PP	Tara	For great listening and joining in
PS	Tori	For being very helpful in computers
PJ	Aidan	For his great imagination
PC	Shauna	For her excellent effort with reading
JJ	Jack	For his hardworking effort in making a 'Betsy Blanket'
JA	Riley	For the positive way he approaches everything
JB	Keeley	For her high level of effort and enthusiasm in her writing
JC	Michael	For being a helpful classmate
JN	Dana	For a very clear explanation about the contents page in non-fiction text
JPC	Calvin	For his ability to think deeply
MH	Jeremy	For always approaching tasks with enthusiasm
ML	Cassidy	For helping others learn to use the laptops
MM	Emily	For becoming more confident and independent in class
MT	Daniel	For his great 'grandma' recipe
MW	Taylah Rameen	For her fantastic effort she puts into all of her work – including homework For the positive way she approaches all tasks
SG	Krystal	For her fabulous participation on Fantasy Football Day
SP	Kyson	For showing wonderful cooperation skills in all areas
SS	Jesse	For the magnificent effort he has applied to improving his quick maths