

# NEWSLINE

Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

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## Dates to Remember

### February

#### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

- Prep Testing Day 1

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

- Swimming Trials (SJ,SB,SP,SS,SG,SH)

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

- Swimming Trials  
(MS,MH,MB,MT,MC,MSP,SL,MW)

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

- Canteen commences today

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

- 7.30pm Garden Party meeting in staffroom

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

- Prep Testing – Day 2

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

- Prep Testing – Day 3
- 7.00pm School Council Finance Meeting
- 7.30pm School Council Meeting

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

- 2.00pm Parents' Club AGM in staffroom
- 2.30pm Parents' Club General meeting in staffroom

#### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

- 10.00am-2.30pm 545 House Swimming Carnival

#### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

- Sale & District Swimming Carnival

#### Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

- EMA Applications close today

### March

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

- 545 Garden Party

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Elliman (Prep-Grade 2 Music) who will replace Mrs Karen Somerville who will be taking leave this term.

### Morning Tea

Thank you to our Parents' Club for providing morning tea for all of our new parents to the school yesterday. It was terrific to be able to welcome our new families in such a friendly way.

### 545 2009 Educational Levy

Attached to this Newsline is an account for each family and a flyer detailing the school's 2009 parent payment educational levies and voluntary contributions. Please take the time to view this document which details the breakdown of the levy for each student, as well as methods of payment (including details for parents who qualify for Educational Maintenance Allowance – EMA). The school is most dependent on these funds to provide a range of resources and programs across the school. Could parents please check that the billing name and address are up to date on their account and if not, please let the school office know as soon as possible so that we can update our records.

### Prep Finishing Times

Just a reminder that prep students will attend full school days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in February and not attend on Wednesdays as this day will be used for specific testing of students.

### Late Arrivals and Students Picked up early from school

Parents need to be aware that students who arrive late to school **must** be signed in by their parent/guardian at the school office.

Similarly parents/guardians must sign children out at the school office if they need to pick their child/ren up early from school. If children are returned to school they must be signed back in. Only those people nominated by parents as emergency contacts are able to sign children out at the school office.

Children who are collected late (after 3.45pm) will be directed to the school office by yard duty teachers, where they are also to be signed out by a parent/guardian/emergency contact.

### Student Absence From School

Parents are asked to let the school know either by phone call or written note to the class teacher if their child/ren are absent from school for any reason.

### Personal goods brought to school at owner's risk

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) has asked all schools to remind parents that any property brought to school by students is NOT insured and the DEECD, or the school, does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. As a result, the school actively discourages

## Acting Principal's Report - Brad Evans

### Welcome

Welcome back to all students, staff and 545 families. I trust that you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. No doubt 2009 will be yet another busy and eventful year at 545 and I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the year ahead.

Special welcome also goes to our new Prep students who completed their first day of school yesterday as well as to new students and all their families who have begun their association with 545 – the journey has begun!

### Staffing

We welcome new staff members Miss Justine Affleck (JGI), Miss Jessica Giles (JGI) and Miss Belinda Churchill (MB) and we welcome back Ms Kerry Jones (SJ), Mrs Bree Courtney (Grades 3-6 PE) and Mrs June

students bringing expensive toys, gameboys, CD players, ipods etc. to school.

### **Student Accident Insurance**

The Department of Education and Training have requested that all schools inform parents about details regarding DE&T coverage of medical expenses of students injured at school or during school activities (eg. excursions and camps).

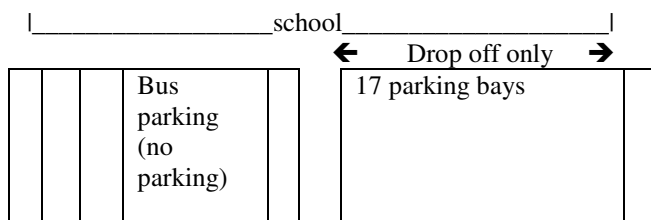
- DE&T **will not** pay for the injury of a student who is injured in an **accident** at school or during a school activity (unless the injury is caused by negligence of DE&T, School Council, employee or volunteer)
- Therefore, in these cases where the student has been injured in any accident, the injured person (or their parent or guardian) is responsible for the cost of medical treatment. This includes the cost of transport to a medical facility or their home via ambulance.

In past years, 545 School Council have provided families with information from a number of Insurance Brokers for parents wishing to access Student Accident Insurance, to cover their children in case of injury at school. Companies that provide this individual student cover are – Willis Australia Ltd (03 9520 9874), JUA Underwriting Agency Pty. Ltd (03 9909 7480) and EBM toll free 1800 688 820 or [www.studentcover.com.au](http://www.studentcover.com.au)

### **Parking in Dundas Street – Drop off Zone**

As we have a number of new families to 545 this year many may not be aware that there is a drop-off zone in Dundas Street, where cars cannot be left unattended. It operates in the first 17 car parking spaces (marked with a yellow line parallel with the middle of the road) north of the Dundas Street gate and parents need to also be aware that they cannot use the bus parking zone to pick up or drop off students.

Just to re-affirm parking regulations in Dundas Street.



Please note:

- Bus zone** 8.00am – 4.00pm school days  
No standing anytime
- Drop off zone** 8.30am – 9.30am & 3.00pm -4.00pm  
Parents are permitted to park for a maximum of 2 minutes and must remain within 3 metres of their vehicle at all times.  
A driver must not stop at the side of a road marked with a continuous yellow edge line.

*The shire traffic officers do police this area and will issue fines to cars left unattended in the 'drop off' zone, or if cars remain stationary in this area beyond the 2 minute timeframe.*

There are also other parking restrictions that parents need to be aware that are operating in Cunninghame Street. The parallel parking zone directly behind the angled parking (near the basketball court) was removed

late in 2008 to ease the bottleneck that was being created in this area. Parents are encouraged to drop their children off in Market Street (well back from the Market Street/Cunninghame Street T intersection) to allow them to continue using the Cunninghame Street crossing.

Parents are reminded that there are plenty of parking spaces further up Cunninghame Street (outside of the Church) and Marley Street (adjoining Victoria Park).

### **Mobile Phone Policy**

Mobile phones and digital cameras are becoming far more commonplace amongst children in recent times, and as a result the school has been required to develop a policy to protect the personal privacy of students, staff and parents, and to ensure that the use of electronic devices such as mobile phones, is not disruptive to the learning environment at school.

As a consequence, only students with a valid reason to possess a mobile phone at school, and with the written permission of their parents, are permitted to have restricted access at school. The school and DEECD will still take no responsibility for this personal property.

Copies of the school's mobile phone/camera policy are available from the school office.

If you require your child to have a mobile phone at school please contact the Principal.

### **Parentzone**

Our Chaplain, Shelley Ogden has organised a Parenting Program through the Parentzone Gippsland Group. Information regarding this program has been sent home today with this Newline. I wish to take this opportunity to promote and encourage parents to carefully consider their involvement in what should be a most worthwhile and valuable program.

### **Newline**

Any parents who wish to have a copy of the Newline emailed to them each Tuesday are asked to fill out the return slip at the end of this Newline. Parents are reminded that the Newline is uploaded to our school's website every Tuesday afternoon and can be accessed at [www.saleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.saleps.vic.edu.au)

### **Student Information Forms – Update details**

Please notify the office if there have been any changes to your telephone number, address, medical issues, emergency contacts or work phone numbers. It is vital that the school has this information for our records.

## **New Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) Payment Option for 2009**

Commencing in 2009 the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have introduced a new payment option for the payment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to parents.

Under the new system, eligible parents will have the option to receive the 50% 'parent portion' of the EMA paid directly into their nominated bank account OR as a cheque payment.

The 2009 EMA application form includes a section for parents to nominate whether they would like to receive

the EMA payment to be made directly to their own bank account or to receive payment as a cheque (which was the previous arrangement). The banking details required will include the BSB code and bank account numbers.

### ***Education Maintenance Allowance***

Parents who are eligible to claim the Education Maintenance Allowance (E.M.A.) **MUST** complete a claim form and hand it into the office **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>**. To be eligible parents must have a health care card or pension card valid on the 28<sup>TH</sup> January 2009.

**NO LATE CLAIMS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT.**

### **Parents' Club Report – Wendy Stephenson**

A warm welcome to all families for the start of our 2009 school year.

#### ***Canteen***

Our canteen will operate on Mondays and Wednesdays for Term 1 commencing for the year on Monday February 9<sup>th</sup>. When requests are made for assistance with canteen duty, any help that you are able to give will be most appreciated. If rosters are not filled the canteen will not be able to operate. If you are able to assist on a more regular basis please phone Wendy 51497873 or Linda on 51430712. Parents' Club would appreciate any assistance that you are able to give.

#### ***Canteen Menu***

An updated canteen menu and price list has been sent home with today's Newsline. Please note that sunfruits, liquorice and cordial have been removed from the menu. The new Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Canteen Policy has stated that as from January 2009 no confectionary of any kind is to be available at school canteens.

#### ***Parents' Club AGM***

The Parents' Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm in the staffroom followed by a General Meeting at approximately 2.30pm. All parents and friends are urged and welcome to attend. Please consider taking on a position in 2009 or come along to add your support to those who do. All positions will be declared vacant and the following positions will be elected:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Vice Treasurer
- School Council Representative

Items to be discussed at the General meeting following the AGM will be as follows:

- 2009 school wish list
- Fundraising calendar 2009
- Canteen operations.

### ***Garden Party 2009***

The Garden Party this year will be held on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> which is less than 5 weeks away. Due to the short time available to organise this major school event, we encourage all families to help in some way.

A note will come home today detailing what you can do to assist. Please reply as soon as possible so that we can make sure everything is in place for the Garden Party to be a wonderful evening.

### ***Lost Property***

There is an extraordinary amount of lost property located under the stairwell in the main building. Parents have until the end of the week to sort through the lost property if they think that some of the items may belong to their child. Next week any remaining items that are in good condition will be donated to charity.

### **Instrumental Music – Jenny Candy**

**Did you know that music is not only feeds the soul, but feeds the brain as well??**

Music teaches you to concentrate and to listen very carefully.

Music teaches you about maths, – counting, adding and fractions.

It teaches you to read and write and understand another language (music language!)

It teaches you to be patient and to work with others.

Music is a way to be creative and to express your feelings.

But, best of all, music gives you the chance to meet and play with lots of cool people everywhere of all ages!

**Do you want to learn an instrument and play in the coolest band in town?**

Then join the 545 instrumental program.

**Mrs. Julie Ward** teaches flute, guitar and keyboard/piano.

**Ms Megan McDonald** is new to our school this year. She teaches trumpet, clarinet and saxophone.

The lessons are for half an hour each week in small groups. The timetable rotates so that you don't miss the same time from your classroom each week.

The school has flutes, clarinets, trumpets and saxophones available for hire.

If you wish to learn guitar, you need to bring your own instrument to lessons.

Students in the upper grades are given preference for hiring instruments and saxophones are only available to grade 5 and 6 students so get in quickly!

Students in Grade 5 and 6 who are learning are expected to join the 545 school band which will rehearse this year on **Monday afternoons** from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

Lessons cost is \$10 per week and hire of instruments is \$60.00 per semester.

Band is FREE.

Please fill in the slip at the end of the Newsline to indicate your interest. (***students who participated in music lessons last year must also fill out a return slip should they wish to participate this year***)

Lessons will start as soon as possible.

### **School Banking**

School Banking will commence next Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>. Information regarding school banking will be forwarded home to parents of prep students in the near

future. Any new students to 545 (not in prep) can obtain information regarding school banking from the school office.

### Swimming Trials – Bree Courtney

All students in Grades 3-6 should have received information yesterday outlining the Term 1 Swimming Carnival arrangements inclusive of trials this week and the 545 House Swimming Sports on Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>.

A return slip was included with the note seeking parental help with the trials, and, in particular, the House Carnival.

Please return this note if you can help as without parental support the carnivals are impossible to run.

### Art Room – Pauline Vuillermin

The following grades have visual arts classes this term: Prep S, Prep J, Prep L, JGI, JGO, JB, JA, MB, MS, MC, SL, SP, SH and SB.

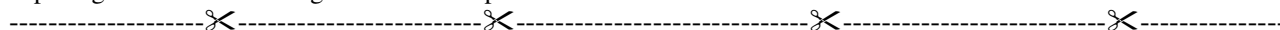
All students have been made aware that they will need an art smock that has long sleeves and that covers their school uniform for art lessons. Please send this art smock along to school for next week’s art lessons, where it will be kept in the classroom for the duration of the year. For prep and junior classes, a waterproof art smock is best. If you are going to use an adult’s old shirt, please make sure that the sleeves are cut to length of arm (and hemmed with elastic) so that it does not hang in paint or glue whilst your child is working.

Thanking you in anticipation of a stain free 2009!

### Community News

*Little Chefs Academy – Tall Poppy Café, Sale*

An exciting new 5 week cooking class for school children aged between 8yrs-12yrs will run between 4pm till 5.15pm at the Tall Poppy Café every Monday commencing February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Children will be involved in themed session (eg. Italian, fast foods, sweets) exposing them to a wide range of healthier options. It



### Instrumental Music 2009

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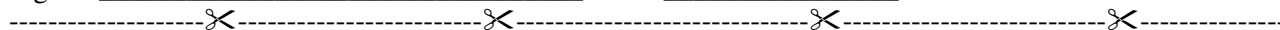
My child \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

would like to learn to play an instrument at school.

1st preference            Flute / Clarinet / Saxophone / Trumpet / Guitar / Piano/Keyboard  
*please circle*

2<sup>nd</sup> preference            Flute / Clarinet / Saxophone / Trumpet / Guitar / Piano/ Keyboard  
*please circle*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



### Newsline

**(please return to the school office as soon as possible)**

Please email a copy of the Newsline to me each Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ (email address)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

will give the children an opportunity to learn whilst getting their hands dirty! Our goal is to create a fun environment where kids are empowered to take charge of their health at an early age. Contact Joanne or Rebecca on 51432555 or call at the Tall Poppy Café for cost details and an enrolment form.

### 545 Relay for Life Fundraiser – Cinema Night

A fundraising Cinema Night for the 545 Relay for Life Team will be held on Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. The movie will be ‘He’s Just Not That Into You’. A romantic comedy starring Ben Affleck and Jennifer Aniston. The cost will be \$13.00 per head with supper after the movie being provided. Tickets can be purchased from Mr Currie.

### Walking School Bus – Jim Goode, Walking School Bus Project Coordinator, Wellington Shire Council

Walking School Bus coordinator, Lorraine Young wishes to advise that all 545 Walking School Buses are ready for action this week. Routes and times will remain as for Term 4 of 2008. Parents will need to contact their individual Walking School Bus Driver to confirm exact starting days.

We held an information display at the Gippsland Centre Sale on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. A number of parents of children starting at 545 asked about the Walking School Bus routes. Please call Jim Goode on 0427497793 for details. New children and leaders are always welcome.