

NEWSLINE

Tuesday February 10th,
2009

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Dates to Remember

February

Tuesday 10th

- 7.30pm Garden Party meeting in staffroom

Wednesday 11th

- Prep Testing – Day 2

Friday 13th

- Book Club orders close at 3.30pm today

Tuesday 17th

- 7.30pm Garden Party meeting in staffroom

Wednesday 18th

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

Friday 20th

- 10.00am-2.30pm 545 House Swimming Carnival

Monday 23rd

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

Tuesday 24th

- 7.30pm Garden Party meeting in staffroom

Thursday 26th

- Sale & District Swimming Carnival

Friday 27th

- EMA Applications close today

March

Tuesday 3rd

- 7.30pm Garden Party meeting in staffroom

Thursday 5th March

- 545 Garden Party

Monday 9th March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Acting Principal's Report

- Brad Evans

Great Start to 2009

Congratulations to all students and staff on such a positive start to the school year. We have been fortunate so far in dodging the extremely hot weather but to further support staff, parents are encouraged to provide plenty of water for their child/ren and ensure that they have their school hat with them every day.

Gippsland Fires

I am sure the whole 545 community will join me in expressing our sympathy and support to all of those people affected by the tragic bushfire events over the weekend. The school's Junior School Council has already begun making plans for a Fundraising Event for the victims of the bushfires and I am sure everyone will support this fundraiser once it is organised.

If there are any students significantly distressed by these events, our School Chaplain, Shelley Ogden will be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Students with Asthma

Smoke and increased air pollution from fires can trigger asthma symptoms, such as wheezing, coughing or chest tightness.

Parents are asked to make sure that if their child has asthma to please be aware of the increased risk and to make sure that students who require medication have their up to date written asthma action plans lodged at the school office and that appropriate medication (eg. puffers) are with their child at school.

Food Allergies and Anaphylactic Reactions

Children experiencing severe allergic reactions to some foods are becoming far more common. As a result, 545, like many schools, have developed a 'Policy for Managing Severe Allergies – Anaphylaxis'.

As part of this policy, parents are required, to let the school know (on enrolment), if a child has a food, or other, allergy which could trigger an anaphylactic reaction, to provide the school with an 'Anaphylaxis Action Plan', developed by the child's physician and medication (EpiPen) to be stored at the school.

Teachers will be made aware of students in their class whom have an allergy, and as a consequence provide information to the parents of the child's class, and discuss with students the importance of washing hands, eating their own food and not sharing food, drink bottles, lunch boxes etc.

All staff will be attending an 'EpiPen' course later this year to ensure that we have ongoing training on how to use an EpiPen to administer medication if necessary.

School Council Elections

School Council elections are held in Term 1 of each school year. Nominations for the School Council of the Sale Primary School No. 545 open on Monday February 16th and will close at 4.00pm on Monday February 23rd.

We have four elected parent category members up for re-election, as well as two elected DEECD employee category members and two community members (Parents' Club and School Council secondment).

If you would like to stand for School Council, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the school office for further information.

Fresh Fruit Mondays – Grades Prep – 2

For the past two years, the Victorian Government have funded a program at the school to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to students at recess once per week. The program is aimed to encourage students in Prep to Grade 2 to incorporate fresh fruit and vegetables into the diet.

Once again, this year, the junior classes at 545 will be participating in this worthwhile program.

Although the junior classes at 545 eat 'brain food' during the morning session of each day, staff feel that this project extends the message of promotion of healthy foods at 545.

Parents' Club have supported the school's involvement in this initiative by agreeing to coordinate the purchase and distribution of bowls of fruit to classes prior to recess each Monday. There is no cost to students and although students will be encouraged to try the fruits and vegetables, involvement is optional.

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.

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 27TH**. To be eligible parents must have a health care card or pension card valid on the 28TH January 2009.

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

Parents' Club Report – Wendy Stephenson

Canteen

Our canteen will operate on Mondays and Wednesdays for Term 1.

Parents' Club AGM

The Parents' Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday February 23rd 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 5th which is less than 4 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 every Tuesday detailing what you can do to assist.

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 Newslines 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 commenced today Tuesday February 10th and will continue every Tuesday throughout the year. 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.

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club orders must be at the school office by 3.30pm this Friday, February 13th. No late orders can be accepted.

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.

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

The following Walking School Buses are operating as follows:

Market Street (Peter Southall – Driver)

- Monday am and pm
- Tuesday am and pm
- Wednesday am and pm
- Thursday am and pm
- Friday – not operating

Montgomery Street (Carol Oram/Steve Clogg – Drivers)

- Wednesday am and pm only

Guthridge Parade & Hospital (Jeannie Anderson Driver)

- Tuesday am
- Friday am

Wellington Shire Office (Lorraine Young Driver)

- Monday am and pm
- Tuesday pm only
- Wednesday am and pm
- Thursday am
- Friday am and pm

Please note that Lorraine will be absent from 14th to 22nd of February

Parents are asked to phone Drivers with any questions about times. If we have more Drivers we will be able to offer more complete Walking School Bus services and establish new routes which, we know, are needed. Please phone Jim Goode on 51423375 or 0427497793 if you are able to help.

Community News

545 Relay for Life Fundraiser – Cinema Night

A fundraising Cinema Night for the 545 Relay for Life Team will be held on Thursday February 19th 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.

Sale City Band Information and Try Out Session

Sale City Band will be holding an information and try out session to explain how you can learn to play a brass instrument or to become a member of the Sale City Band at the Sale City Band room on Tuesday February 17th at 5.00pm.

The Sale City Band offers music lessons at a very reasonable cost to anyone who would like to play a brass instrument. The instruments can be provided by the band.

Kilmany Uniting Care – Awesome Program

Awesome (A Wellness Energy, Success, Optimism & Motivation Education Program).

This program is designed for developing self esteem, positive body image and effective coping strategies for boys and girls aged 11-15 years. The program uses physical activity, nutrition, yoga/relaxation, body shape and image and self esteem strategies to help young people feel better about themselves.

The first 2009 program is for boys and starts on Wednesday February 18th running for 7 weeks. In Terms 2 and 4 there will be a boys program on Wednesdays and a girls program on Thursdays. Sessions are from 3.45pm-4.45pm and are based at Kilmany Uniting Care at 126 Raymond Street Sale. Anyone interested in the program can contact 51447777 for an enrolment form. There is no cost for the program.

Young Voices Community Choir

The 'Young Voices' is looking for enthusiastic singers from 7 years to 18 years. The choir rehearses on Mondays from 4.00pm-5.00pm at the Julie Ward School of Music (109 Foster Street Sale). Proudly supported by the Wellington Shire, this Choir is an excellent opportunity for developing many musical skills. Contact Julie for further information on 51432811

Wellington Community Orchestra

Wellington Community Orchestra is also supported by the Wellington Shire and is looking for anyone who plays (or used to play) a suitable instrument. Everyone of any age or ability is most welcome. Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 5.30-6.30pm behind the Armed Forces Museum, Foster Street Sale. Contact Julie for further information on 51432811.

Sale United Football Club

The Sale United Football Club is looking for players, supporters and volunteers for its 2009 Soccer League Season. Registration day for Season 2009 will be held at the Sale United Football Club rooms located at Godfrey Baldwin Reserve, Raglan Street Sale on Wednesday 11th February commencing at 6pm. Children will have an opportunity to have a kick of the ball as well as a BBQ afterwards.

Sale United Football Club is hoping to register teams in all age group including specific age groups for girls/women. The Under 10, Under 11, Under 12, Under 13, Under 14 are all mixed squads and we encourage both boys and girls to register. There is a dedicated Under 15 squad for girls and boys and a mixed Under 16 team. The club also encourages

women to register for the Open women's team as well as men to register for one of the three senior squads. For further information contact Club President Peter Fahy on 0402 711 468.

Sale City Junior Football Club Registration

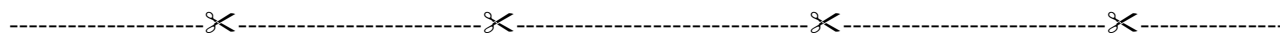
The Sale City Junior Football Club invites all interested players to their registration day on Monday

February 23rd at the Sale City Social Clubrooms at Stephenson Park from 5.00pm-7.00pm. Registrations will be taken for Under 10s/12s/14s & 16s. Additional information will be provided on registration day regarding training times, season dates, fees etc. For any further information please contact Greg Robinson on 0409 676 242

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these children at assembly on Monday 9th February

Grade	Name	Reason
PS	Kasey	For a fantastic start at school
JJ	Remi	For her fantastic start to the school year and for her great letter
JA	Bailey	For his fantastic work habits
JB	Maddy	For her great Y-Chart about the beach
JC	Ruby	For her wonderful self portrait
JGI	Ethan	For drawing a fantastic birds eye view of our classroom
JGO	Meg	For being such a happy, cooperative class member
JPC	Corey	For a great attitude from day one
MSP	Brady	For his great work habits
MH	Shavaune	For her fantastic start at her new school
MB	Georgia	For creating a fantastic concept map about you
MT	Dana	For her wonderful VIP poster
MW	Alex	For being responsible and helpful during class
SG	Patrick	For his excellent problem solving skills
SP	Sheneace	For showing great organisation skills during the first week
SJ	Jack	For his fantastic sense of humour
SS	Liam	For his ability to teach the class a newly learnt game
SB	Laura	For her wonderful effort during the swimming trials



Instrumental Music 2009

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

My child _____ Grade _____

would like to learn to play an instrument at school.

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

2nd preference Flute / Clarinet / Saxophone / Trumpet / Guitar / Piano/ Keyboard
please circle

Signed: _____ Phone _____