

NEWSLINE

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2009

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Dates to Remember

February

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

- 9.45am-3.00pm 545 House Swimming Carnival

Monday 23rd

- 2.00pm Parents' Club AGM in staffroom
- 2.30pm Parents' Club General meeting in staffroom
- 5.00pm Safety House Meeting in the staffroom

Tuesday 24th

- 7.30pm Garden Party meeting in staffroom

Wednesday 25th

- Prep Information Night

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

These roles include our Junior School Councillors, Music Captains, Sporting House Captains and Vice-Captains. I wish all of the following students well in these leadership positions this year.

Junior School Councillors 2009

SS	Emilie & Theo
SB	Jazmin & Calvin
SP	Tegan & Hayden
SL	Lauren and Robbie
SH	Jaymie & Daniel
SJ	Maddie and Jack
SG	Hayleigh & Tom

Music Captains 2009

Jemma & Jack

House Captains 2009

Schultz Captains

Megan & Justin

Schultz Vice Captains

Keturah & Sam

Loughnan Captains

Holly & Nash

Loughnan Vice Captains

Stephanie & Lachie

Ruff Captains

Stephanie & Andrew

Ruff Vice Captains

Holly & Jacob

Carpenter Captains

Alison & Braden

Carpenter Vice Captains

Beth & Dan

School Attendance

Parents are reminded that school begins at 8.50am (Monday morning assembly) and 9.00am (Tuesday-Friday) and it would be appreciated if students could be on time. We understand that there are occasions where late arrival is unavoidable but learning starts at 9.00am and a late arrival means lost learning time and a disruption to the learning environment and this needs to be avoided as best as possible.

In the event of late arrivals, or early dismissals, parents are further reminded that their child/ren need to be signed in/out from the school office.

Student Safety

It has been noticed by a number of staff that students are arriving to school on a range of transport including bicycles, scooters and skateboards. Whilst we encourage students to get some exercise by using these options, we also stress the importance of them being safe, and that includes wearing helmets. Parents are encouraged to insist that students riding to school are wearing helmets at all times.

Acting Principal's Report - Brad Evans

Victorian Bushfire Appeal

We all continue to be saddened by the tragic loss of life and property through the recent Victorian bushfires. As part of our support as a community, the school, with the support of our Junior School Council, raised \$3,000.00 on Friday via our DEECD supported casual day. All of this money was immediately deposited into the Victorian Bushfire Appeal Relief Fund. I thank everyone that contributed to this worthwhile cause – every little bit helps.

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

Senior School Leadership for 2009

Congratulations to all of the senior school students who were presented to the school at assembly yesterday to fulfil various leadership roles throughout 2009.

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

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. A reminder to parents that sunfruits are no longer available at the canteen.

The canteen roster is as follows:

Term 1	February
Wed 18 th	Michelle Crowson, Karen Orrock, Nicole Sherriff
Mon 22 nd	Deb Short & Melissa Angell
Wed 25 th	Kylie Kinder & Kylie Barnes

Canteen helpers are required from 12noon – 1.30pm

Parents' Club AGM

The Parents' Club Annual General Meeting will be held next 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 3 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 every Tuesday detailing what you can do to assist.

Safety House Committee Meeting

The first Safety House Committee meeting of this year will be held next Monday February 23rd at 5.00pm in the school staff room. Everyone is most welcome. If you are interested in becoming a Safety House Committee member, please come along to meet our friendly group. Alternatively, contact Lucinda Schenk for further information on 0402 111 639.



Japanese News – Di Collins

Would you like to learn a little Japanese to help support your child's learning and for your own interest? Well, now you have a chance. Starting next week our Japanese Assistant Teacher, Nori, and I will be running sessions from 4-5pm for 4 weeks on Thursdays (not the night of the Garden Party). Parents are welcome to bring their child/ren who attend 545, as this will be a great opportunity to learn together. However, we cannot cater for pre-school children.

We will look at the Japanese writing system, learn some common greetings, simple, useful expressions and finish off by cooking some Japanese food.

The sessions will be held in the Japanese room, which is in the main building.

If you are interested, please complete the reply slip at the end of this Newline and return it to the school office by this Friday, February 20th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parentzone Gippsland Parenting Program – Shelley Ogden, Chaplain

Please note that there has been a change of dates for the Parenting Program. The program will be held on Wednesday March 4th, Wednesday March 11th, Wednesday March 18th and Wednesday March 25th. For further information there is a flyer on the school noticeboard outside of the library or contact Shelley Ogden at school.

Chaplain's Chat – It's Been a Tough Week – Shelley Ogden, Chaplain

I expect that most of us are shocked and horrified at all that has transpired over the last weeks. Perhaps some of you have been touched personally through the loss of friends, family and property. At times like this we try to make sense of tragedy, and it can leave us on a rollercoaster of confusion, relief, fury, optimism, devastation and hope. These are 'adult' responses, but children can react quite differently.

During significant stresses and threats, kids are most concerned about safety and security. They tend to suffer with fear and anxiety, and may seek a lot of reassurance. Their worries may not always seem 'rational' to us. For example, they may be desperately worried about people or animals who are far from the threat, or they may be terribly worried about losing particular objects. Don't be surprised if you find a little 'escape' bag packed in their room with all kinds of objects that you may not have

chosen to include. As adults, we may see ash flying about but know that we are still relatively safe. Some children will see the same ash and feel very panicky, especially if they have seen news reports of losses that have occurred. Another common reaction of children is that they may seem blasé or insensitive about stories that they have seen and heard. You may hear them laughing or making jokes about tragic situations. Don't fear that your child has a heart of steel! The likelihood is that it's just their way of coping and talking about something that is very overwhelming. Some children become very creative and may start drawing lots of troubling images or engaging in 'games' that worry you. Once again, they are most likely trying to process all that has happened, giving expression to their fears and sadness.

All of these types of behaviours are to be expected at times like these, though they can be worrying for parents. If they are still continuing after several weeks, or you feel that your child has become 'stuck' in a repetitive reaction, it may be valuable for them to talk their fears over with a trusted person, such as a grandparent, friend, counsellor or myself. Til next time – Shelley.

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*

***Please note that the Montgomery Street route will not be operating for this Wednesday 18th or the following*

Wednesday 25th February due to the WSB Leader's work commitments.

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.

Bushfire Poems - MW

Bushfire – by MW

Exploding cars and trees.
Bang! Clatter! Boom!
Sparks spitting into the sky,
Flames rocketing into the sky,
and then landing on anything in its path.
It sets off another fire
that starts running on top of houses
like a hungry ogre
searching for food

Bushfire – by Molly MW

Burning trees exploding
Bam! Crack! Snap!
Again the giant strikes.
Stomp!
Another house falls like a sand castle being squashed
Killing its prey
There he goes again – throwing a ball made of flames
Then it runs away
Finding something else to attack
Leaving behind a black trail of soot

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 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 call 0409 676 242

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these children at assembly on Monday 16th February

Grade	Name	Reason
PS	Kya	For being such a fantastic worker
PJ	Aiden	For a great start at his new school
	Cameron	For a great start at his new school
JJ	Hannah	For having a positive attitude and for always giving 100%
JA	Ben	For a fantastic recount about a bad day
JB	Zak	For always completing his work with pride
JC	Gracelyn	For her greatly improved time management
JGI	Nikki	For always contributing to class discussions.
JGO	Grace	For trying very hard and always doing beautiful work
JPC	Tyren	For his great fast work, concentration and great attitude
JSP	Millie	For her excellent work on graphs
MH	Ben	For always following instructions and staying on task
MB	Madison	For settling in well at her new school
MC	Natasha	For a great start to the school year
	Jaxsyn	For his excellent effort and making good choices in the classroom
MS	Cassidy	For her excellent ideas in our class discussions
	Dylan	For his excellent work in all areas
MT	Jundy	For working happily and cooperatively with all of the students
MW	Tom J	For his creative Bushfire poem
	Molly	For her creative Bushfire poem
SG	Bree	For an excellent start at 545
SH	Jazmin	For making a great start to the year
SB	Tamika	For a fantastic start at her new school
SL	Jayde	For always using wonderful manners
SP	Josh	For always being ready to 'jump in' and help. A great team player
SJ	Braydon	For being a fantastic PAL partner
SS	Declan	For being in career best form – effort in everything

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Japanese for Parents Reply Slip

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

I, _____ (name) would like to attend the Japanese for Parents sessions.

My child/ren _____ will / will not be attending with me.