

NEWSLINE

Tuesday February 24th,
2009

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Dates to Remember

February

Tuesday 24th

- 7.30pm Garden Party meeting in staffroom

Wednesday 25th

- Prep Information Night

Friday 27th

- Sale & District Swimming Carnival
- EMA Applications close today – no late claims can be accepted

March

Tuesday 3rd

- 7.30pm Garden Party meeting in staffroom

Thursday 5th March

- 545 Garden Party

Monday 9th March

- Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 18th March

- School Council Annual General Meeting

*Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday & Wednesday
8.40am-9.20am*

Acting Principal's Report - Brad Evans

Swimming Sports

Congratulations to all who were involved with last Friday's 545 House Swimming Carnival. The weather was kind, the students' behaviour was excellent and the efforts and performances by the students in the water, exceptional.

Thank you to all of the parents and staff who made the event so successful with their support, especially Mrs Courtney who coordinated the event for the first time – a great effort! Congratulations to Loughnan House who were the winning team on the day.

All the very best is extended to the individual students who will now go on to represent 545 at both the Sale & District Swimming Carnival and the Sale Swimming Club School's Night Carnival this Friday February 27th.

Clean Up School's Day

This Friday is Clean-Up Schools Day, a DEECD directed initiative in line with the Clean-Up Australia Day event. As a school we strive to keep our school as clean as possible and Friday will be no exception as students are asked to clean up our yard towards the end of lunchtime which is our weekly tradition. This Friday will have even greater significance as we promote cleaning up not only our school but our country!

School Council Election Results

As a result of the School Council elections which closed yesterday, it is my pleasure to announce the following results:

DEECD employees – Mrs Helen Jewel & Mr Matt Currie
Parent Representatives – Mrs Susan Hadden, Mr Shane Bennett, Mr Shane Kinder and Mr Kain Jackson.

I would like to sincerely thank outgoing school councillors, Mr Tim Angus and Mr Brendan Howes for their many years of service on our School Council. Their input has been greatly appreciated.

Garden Party

Our Garden Party is just over a week away and everything is starting to come together under the coordination of Tania Stares and her hard working committee. I am sure that all members of the school community will get behind the Garden Party Committee to ensure next Thursday's event is a most successful one.

LOTE Classes

Nori and Collins Sensei begin the first of the adult Japanese classes this Thursday from 4.00pm-5.00pm. This is a great initiative and I encourage those interested in learning more about the Japanese language to attend.

Parentzone

Our Chaplain, Shelley Ogden has organised a Parenting Program through the Parentzone Gippsland Group. Information regarding this program can be obtained from the school office. 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.

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.

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

Parents' Club Report – Wendy Stephenson

Canteen

Next Monday March 2nd and Wednesday March 4th the canteen will be closed for lunch orders as the kitchen facilities will be needed for Garden Party preparations.

The canteen roster is as follows:

Term 1	February
Wed 25 th	Kylie Kinder & Kylie Barnes
	March
Mon 2 nd	CLOSED
Wed 4 th	CLOSED

Canteen helpers are required from 12noon – 1.30pm

Parents' Club AGM

Yesterday, the 2009 Parents' Club AGM was held in the staffroom, followed by a General Meeting of the Parents' Club. Elections took place at the AGM and the following parents have accepted committee positions as follows:

President:	Robyn Jones & Wendy Stephenson
Vice President:	Tania Stares
Secretary:	Nadine Henness
Vice Secretary:	Linda Wilson
Treasurer:	Leesa Van emmerik
Ass. Treasurer:	Sharon Foley
School Council Rep.:	Robyn Jones

Garden Party 2009

The Garden Party this year will be held on Thursday March 5th which

is only **9** days 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.



Missing Camera

A small, silver Kodak digital camera has gone missing from one of our students' school bag at the swimming sports last Friday. If anyone has any information regarding this camera, please see Mr Evans.

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 this 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 Newsline and return it to the school office by tomorrow Wednesday 25th February as numbers are limited. We look forward to seeing you there.

Japanese Word of the Week

あつい

Atsui! Hot, it's hot!

Community News

Sale Junior Football Club

Registration night for the Sale Junior Football Club will take place on Wednesday February 25th at 5.00pm at the Sale oval. All old and new players are most welcome. Come and meet the coaches and bring along a pair of old runners. Free BBQ after training.

Sale City Junior Football Club

Training starts this week for the U12's & U16s (Thursdays from 5pm-6pm), U14s (Wednesdays 5pm-6pm) at Stephenson Park, Sale. Under 10s will commence training later in March (Wednesdays 5pm-6pm)

Registration day was held last night but any interested players can still register on training night. For more information please phone 0409 676 242.

Gippsland Grammar Year 7 Scholarships

The Scholarship Examination for Year 7 entry in 2010 will be held on Saturday May 9th, 2009 with applications closing on Thursday April 9th, 2009. Information and on line registration are available at www.gippslandgs.vic.edu.au or hard copy registration forms are available by contacting the school. For further information regarding the Scholarship Examination please contact Jenni Demarte on 51436388.

Sale Swimming Club – All School's Night Swim Meet

Sale Swimming Club will be holding the All School's Night Swim Meet on Friday February 27th, 2009 at 6.00pm. Entry closing date is Wednesday February 25th. Further information can be obtained from the Meet Officer, Carol Barker, 51431696 (ah).

Sale Hockey Club

Sale Hockey Club is recruiting new players. A family hockey fun night and BBQ will be held on Wednesday March 4th and Wednesday March 11th at Stephenson Park, Sale at 6.00pm. For all enquiries please contact Ross Meredith on 5144 4658.

Chaplaincy Committee at Sale College – Car Boot/Garage Sale Saturday February 28th 8.30am-11.00am

The Sale College Chaplaincy Committee is holding a car boot/garage sale at the Sale College Guthridge Campus on the last weekend of February. To book a site (\$10.00) or to donate goods contact Peter Cathiness on 0407 834 963 or 5144 1711.

Gumnuts After School Program

For more information about the Gumnuts After School Care Program please contact Gumnuts on 5144 6952 during business hours. The cost per session is \$15 (can be as little as \$3.00 after Child Care Benefit). Bus Service is available to collect children from school at no extra cost. The program operates Monday-Friday from 3pm-6pm.

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these children at assembly on Monday 23rd February

Grade	Name	Reason
PL	Molly	For always doing fantastic work
PS	Isla	For the fantastic work she always does
PJ	Freya	For the great work with all activities
JA	Lily	For her enthusiastic approach to everything she does
JC	Chloe	For her wonderful attitude to hear learning
JGI	Dion	For coming up with some fantastic classroom rules
JB	Phoebe	For her fantastic, informative letter to a prep student
JGO	Daniel	For making a wonderful start to his school year
JPC	Nathan	For a great start to the year
MH	Mariah	For her fantastic attitude towards her learning
MB	Shannon	For staying on task and giving 100% in all activities
MS	Zach	For his excellent work in all areas
SG	Krystal	For always giving 100% in both class and school activities
SH	Daniel	For being a great team player at the swimming sports
SB	Tom	For being a great role model on his table group
SL	Ryan	For his fantastic listening skills
SP	Tegan	For her outstanding leadership in class, a fantastic role model
SJ	Trish	For being elected our class captain
	Shanoon	For being elected our vice class captain
SS	Rhyce	For being 'master of the metaphor'

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Japanese for Parents Reply Slip

(please return to the school office by Wednesday 25th February)

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

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