

NEWSLINE

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Dates to Remember

June

Friday 26th

- Last day of Term 2 – early dismissal at 2.30pm

July

Monday 13th

- First day of Term 3

2010 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

Acting Principal's Report - Brad Evans

Staffing Changes – Term 3

As Term 2 comes to an end, there will be some staffing changes at Sale PS to begin Term 3 that include:

- Matt Currie will assume the role of Acting Principal and Annie Fleming the role of Acting Assistant Principal to cover my absence for the first 3 weeks of Term 3 as I take some personal leave. I am sure the school will be in safe hands whilst I am away!
- Robyn Jones replacing Tina Johnston in Admin for the entire term as Tina will replace Cheryl French (Business Manager) who will be on Long Service Leave in Term 3.
- Gail Woodland (MW) will be on 6 weeks Long Service Leave from the beginning of Term 3 and be replaced by Julieanne Peavey.
- Staci Scott will return to 545 for Semester 2 to take Grades 3 – 6 PE. We thank Bree Courtney for all her efforts in Grade 3 – 6 PE throughout Semester 1 and I am sure everyone will join me in wishing her and her family well for the impending birth of her baby.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all students, staff and parents for yet another productive and successful term! I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Holiday Projects

During the holiday period, a number of projects will be completed as part of the Federal Government's School Pride Funding. The Newry Building (external) will be painted and the student toilet roof will be replaced. In addition, all remaining classrooms (Grades 3 – 6) will have Interactive Whiteboards installed which will be of enormous benefit to student engagement and learning.

Building Works at 545

The proposed "new building" for 545 has hit a snag in that the DEECD approved template for which we are eligible, will not fit in the one and only designated site. This has resulted in the Sale Primary School's involvement in Round 1 of the Federal Government Building Project being "under review." At this point, we are unaware of what will be happening in the immediate future as the school works towards securing this facility upgrade.

Representatives from the DEECD will be considering our unique situation and it may mean that a school specific design will need to be created for Sale Primary School. If this

is to happen, there will be a significant delay in the process that we had hoped would begin in July. That timeline now seems unrealistic but we await more news in anticipation.

School Council Vacancy

A Parent Position has become available on School Council for the second half of 2009. We can simply appoint a parent to this short term vacancy without embarking on any election process. If you wish to express interest in being a member of School Council, please contact me directly as soon as possible – preferably the end of this week. We would like to appoint someone to this position by early July so that they can attend our first Term 3 Meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday 19th August at 7:30 p.m.

Yr 7 2010 Student Placement Forms

A reminder to all parents of Year 6 students that the DEECD 2010 Year 7 Student Placement Form sent home recently is due back by the end of next week at the latest.

Student Reports

Student Semester 1 Reports will be forwarded home to parents on Friday 26th June.

They identify:

- Student Achievement
- Areas for Improvement
- Strategies that will be adopted at school in Semester 2 to address the Areas for Improvement
- Recommendations for home to further support student learning

Students who have been at Sale Primary School for all of Semester 1 will receive a full student report as teachers have had many months from which to work with and identify each student's level of learning.

However, for those students who have only recently arrived at our school (start of Term 2), this expectation is far more difficult. For these students, teachers will have only had little more than six weeks to assess the capabilities of a student and whilst they will have a reasonable idea after this time, it is not sufficient to complete a full student report. For these students, teachers will be providing parents with a modified report that identifies their personal learning qualities and well as their social skills. Logically these students will have a full student report written on them at the end of the year.

To further support all parents' understanding of how their child is performing at school, an invitation will be extended to parents towards the end of Term 3 (date to be confirmed) where teachers will conduct parent / teacher interviews. At these interviews, parents will have the opportunity to discuss the progress made by their child since the end of Semester 1. Of course, if any parent wishes to discuss their child's progress at any time, they can make an appointment to see their child's teacher.

VET Sports Skills Program

Many nominated student from Prep – 2 have had the opportunity to be involved in a sports skills session each Wednesday at lunchtime as delivered by Year 11 students at Catholic College Sale.

We have been most fortunate to have been given this opportunity and we thank all of the Catholic College students and their teacher Mr. Ken Holmes for their involvement in what has been a successful and rewarding experience for all involved.

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

As a result of this success, this program will continue into Term 3 but this time, the group of students nominated to be involved will be from our Middle School (Grades 3 & 4.) Mrs. Courtney has nominated over 30 students to be involved in this program next term. I am sure they will benefit greatly from this opportunity.

Basketball

Congratulations to both our Boys and Girls Basketball Teams who competed at the recent Hoop-time Tournament. Our Boys performed very well and finished in 3rd place and our Girls did a great job and finishing in 1st Place.

The 545 Girls Team will now go on to represent the Wellington Zone in the Gippsland Finals later in the year.

Special thanks to Mrs. Courtney and the parents who supported both teams on the day.

End of Term

This Friday June 26th is the last day of term 2. At 2.10pm there will be an assembly followed by the early dismissal of students at 2.30pm

Students will be required back at school for the beginning of Term 3 at our 8.50am morning assembly on Monday July 13th.

Parents' Club Report – Wendy Stephenson & Robyn Jones

Canteen

The canteen roster is as follows:

Term 2	June
Wed 24 th	Sharon Foley, Robyne Holmes, Sonny Ward
Term 3	July
Mon 13 th	Grade SH – names to be advised

Canteen helpers are required from 12.15noon – 1.30pm

Sunfruits

As you are aware, Sunfruits are no longer able to be sold through our canteen. However, we have several bulk boxes (1.25kg) available for sale at a cost of \$12.00 per box. Parents can purchase these from the school office.

McDonald's Hooptime Basketball – Bree Courtney

Last Tuesday 16th June 545's Senior Boys and Girls basketball teams participated in the McDonald's Hooptime Basketball Round Robin at O A Ruff Stadium, Sale. Teams they were up against included Gippsland Grammar, St Thomas' Primary School, St Mary's Primary School and Maffra Primary School. The competition was tough and both our Boys and Girls teams found themselves playing in some very close games. However, great skill and teamwork from our teams saw them both advance to the semi finals undefeated. In the semi finals our boys came up against a very tall St Thomas' team, however, despite their best efforts they were defeated. It was wonderful to see the boys displaying their best efforts right until the final siren and they should be very proud of their efforts and achievement.

Congratulations to our 545 girls team who defeated Gippsland Grammar in the semi finals and went on to defeat St Mary's by 1 goal in the grand final to become tournament champions for the second year in a row!! Well done girls on a wonderful performance! Our 545 girl's team has now qualified to compete in the VPSSA Forsyth Regional Basketball Carnival in October.

I would like to thank the following parents for their help with umpiring and scoring during the day: Jackie Dingwall, Rhonda Newton, Robyne Holmes, Robyn Jones, Tracy Holmes, Ann-Maree Jones and Debbie O'Brien. A big thank you also to those parents that came along on the day to watch and support our students!

Girl's Team

Megan
Holly
Holly
Laura
Lauren
Maddie
Tegan
Hayleigh
Bethany

Boy's Team

Jack
Jack
Hudson
Andrew
Lachie
Declan
Sam
Troy
Myles

545 Water Safety and Survival Program – Term 3 – Karen Somerville

Below is a timetable for next term's swimming. Children will be swimming at the same designated times each Wednesday (July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26, September 2, 9, 16) throughout the term. Swimming will commence in the first week back of term 3. Children will need to bring their bathers and towel etc. in a separate bag to take to the pool.

Grades	Depart 545	Swim	Depart Pool
MSP&JGO	9.45	9.55 - 10.35	10.45
MC & JC	10.25	10.35 - 11.15	11.25
MH & JGI	11.15	11.25 - 12.05	12.15
MS & MB	11.55	12.05 - 12.45	12.55

The cost is \$35.00 (\$10.00 for season's ticket holders). If parents are unsure as to whether they have paid for the swimming program, please contact the office, as this payment needs to be made as soon as possible. Season's ticket holders will need to have their membership number recorded by their teacher.

Parents are most welcome to watch their child during swimming lessons.

Asia Studies (India) – A Request!!

In the second week of next term, all students will take part in a Bollywood Arts Incursion. During this week 545 will also celebrate and explore all things relating to India.

We will also be creating an India display in our Library. Our request? We are wondering whether any families have any resources, items, pictures relating to India, which they are willing to lend to the school. If you have any items that you are happy to have on display in the Library, it would be most appreciated. They could be given to Mrs Lawless or Ms Jones. Big thanks from the Integrated Studies Committee.

Japanese Word of the Week – Di Collins

いいですか

Reading: ii desu ka

Meaning: Are you OK?/Is that OK?

Chaplain's ABC - Yesterday

We all have our Yesterdays don't we. Days in our past that stand out like beacons. Yesterdays can be warm, happy memories and they can be moments when our lives changed forever. Yesterdays can be treasured or they can be tragic. Yesterdays include our Achievements and our Failures. While we're living for today and working toward our future, some of our Yesterdays just seem to travel around with us, wherever we go. It can be hard to know what to do with them sometimes. They can be like a heavy old suitcase that we have to take with us all the time. In quiet moments we might take a peek inside and relive what's in there. Other

times, especially if it's a sad Yesterday, we may try to leave it somewhere and walk away. What do you do with your difficult Yesterdays? Perhaps you have a trusted friend to share them with. Perhaps like me, you have a faith that can bring peace to your Yesterdays. Perhaps you've developed an inner strength and resilience that helps you to move on. Perhaps you're feeling burdened by the weight of it. Maybe you're feeling like it's time to start facing some of those yesterdays. Wherever you are, don't forget that Yesterday is only a small part of the whole story of your life. We're still making our tomorrows, and they can be bright ! Til next time Shelley (Chaplain)

Community News

Stars & Galaxies at the Library

Celebrate the 'International Year of Astronomy' at your local library this school holidays. Warm up games, craft activities and storytelling.

Maffra library Wed 8th July @ 1.30pm

Stratford library Wed 8th July @ 3.30pm

Sale library Thur 9th July @ 10.30am

Rosedale library Fri 10th July @ 10.30am

For enquiries please call 51423368

Sale Swimming Club Inc. Come & Try Night

Sale Swimming Club will be holding a Come and Try Night on Friday July 17th at 6.00pm (swimming starts at 6.30pm) at Aqua Energy, Sale heated 25m indoor pool. Anyone who can swim a lap of a 25m pool in at least 2 different stroke techniques and of any age are welcome (current swimming members range from 6 years to 40+!). Cost is free

On Thursday Ms Jones did a book review on the author Colin Thompson. Andrew brought along Jonah, his dog, because she made a connection to the book "The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness" where a dog is just like her. Jonah came from a Dog Home in Dandenong and his family saw her on the Internet and a week later they brought her home. Jonah enjoyed being a part of Thursday's assembly!

Useful Information

Sale Primary School Website

Our weekly newsletter is available at the school's website at www.saleps.vic.edu.au. The website is updated every Tuesday afternoon.

Term Dates

Term 1: 2nd February to 3rd April

Term 2: 20th April to 26th June

Term 3: 13th July to 18th September

Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8.40am to 9.20am.

Canteen

Canteen operates every Monday and Wednesday.

Book Review - SJ

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these children at assembly on Monday June 22nd

Grade	Name	Reason
PL	Zane	For being such a great mathematician
PJ	Kate	For her great writing this past week
JJ	Pumma	For his fantastic story writing about dragons
JA	Callum	For his excellent report on sharks
JB	Shauna Melissa	For her brilliant effort on our excursion to the RAAF Base For being a fantastic friend to everyone in our class
JC	Cheyenne	For her great ideas during our Babette Cole activities
JPC	Kyra	For her great attitude to school during difficult circumstances
MH	Brendan	For the excellent effort he put in to his report on the platypus
MB	Georgia	For her terrific attitude and wonderful contributions to the class
MC	Ebony Zara	For always completing work to a very high standard For always completing work to a very high standard
MT	Andrew	For his fantastic ideas for his homework collage
MW	Cooper	For always completing his homework to the highest standard
SG	Braden	For being a great rope rescue instructor at swimming
SH	Nikora	For being a happy and friendly member of SH
SB	Alisha	For her fantastic 'Kidsville' homework
SL	Andrew Kody	For being a positive role model for other students For being a kind and supportive friend
SP	Abby	For her outstanding diary for her Kidsville character