

NEWSLINE

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Dates to Remember

May

Thursday 7th

- Mother's/Special Person's Day Stall

Friday 8th

- Safety House 'Yellow Day'
- Sale & District Cross Country Carnival

Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd

- Education Week

Tuesday 19th

- Open Day for current parent/carers of 545 students

Thursday 21st

- 9.30am or 7.00pm - 2010 Prep Open Day Sessions

June

Monday 8th

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Acting Principal's Report - Brad Evans



545 Open Days

As part of **Education Week Celebrations (17th-23rd May)**, Sale Primary School will be conducting its Open Day for 2010 preps. Any child turning 5 years of age before April 30th, 2010 is eligible to begin school in 2010 and as such, their parents/carers

are invited to attend our Open Day on Thursday May 21st at either 9.30am-11.00am (morning session) or 7.00pm-8.00pm (evening session) in the school's library. Enrolments for 2010 prep students will be taken from this day onwards.

The school will also be extending an invitation to its current parents/carers to visit their child on a 'normal' 545 day on Tuesday May 19th as a further celebration of Education Week.

Our Senior School will also begin their two week 'Kidsville' Program at the beginning of Education Week, so there is plenty to look forward to

School Performance Data

Over the past two weeks and in the upcoming fortnight, the school will be involved in a number of projects that assist us in analysing our performance. Last week, students in Grades 3-6 completed online Reading and Number assessment tasks as part of the Wellington School's Network and Melbourne University Project towards improving student performance. This week, our senior students will complete the DEECD's Attitude to School Survey and next week, our Grades 3 and 5 students will complete the Federal Government's National Assessment of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

The school will use the data from all of these sources of feedback to further improve our practice.

Grade 3 Sleepover

Congratulations to all of the staff, parents and students involved in last Friday's Grade 3 Sleepover. This experience was the starting point for the school's Camping Program which also includes the Grade 4's camp to Coonawarra and the Senior School's trips to Ballarat (2009) and Canberra (alternate year cycle).

I am sure that everyone enjoyed the novelty of sleeping at school overnight.

Lauren Hewitt (Australian Commonwealth Games athlete and nutritionist) Visit

Thank you to Mrs Goodsell and the Health and Physical Education Committee for their efforts in organising Lauren Hewitt's visit to the school last Friday.

I am sure that all students who attended her sessions gained valuable information on eating healthy foods and keeping their bodies strong and healthy.

Thanks also to the Parents' Club for supporting this event, particularly in providing all students with a piece of fruit during their session.

545 House Cross Country and Sale & District Cross Country Events

Congratulations to all of the staff, parents and students involved in last Thursday's House Cross Country Event at St Patrick's Ovals. Special thanks must go to Mrs Courtney and Mrs Somerville, as well as Steve Lazzaro (545 Groundsman) who were instrumental in organising and setting up the event. Congratulations to Carpenter House who were the overall House winners of the day.

In what were perfect conditions, all students in Grades 3-6 performed extremely well in either the 2km or 3km events.

Good luck to those students who will now go on to represent the school at this Friday's Sale & District Cross Country Carnival at the same venue.

VPSSA Swimming

Congratulations

Congratulations to Stephanie, a Grade 6 student, who participated in the Victorian Primary School's State Swimming Carnival recently. In what was a great performance, she finished 15th in the State in her freestyle event and 11th in her breaststroke event. Well done Stephanie!

Student Detail Forms

Last week, all families should have received a copy of their child's information that we hold here at school. Parents are asked to make any changes/additions on the printout and return to school as soon as possible.

It is vitally important that all information that we hold here at school is up to date. Thanks for your cooperation.

If, at any time during the year you wish to make any alterations or changes to your details, please make sure that the school office is notified as all computerised student records are generated via the school office.

Student Absences 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.

In particular, the school requires written confirmation from parents of students whose absence exceeds 3 days.

Displan

This week, students and staff will participate in the first of 3 Displan Evacuation Procedures scheduled for this year. Students will be guided through a practice evacuation from the buildings to the ovals as per our Emergency Procedures Policy.

Parents' Club Report – Wendy Stephenson & Robyn Jones

Mother's/Special Person's Day Stall

Parents' Club will again be coordinating the Mother's/Special Person's Day stall which will be held this Thursday May 7th. Children will be able to purchase gifts (more than one if they wish) for their mother/special person at a cost of \$3.00 per gift.

Canteen

The canteen roster is as follows:

Term 2	May
Wed 6 th	Noeleen Anderson, Suzie Shiels, Darhlene Kelly
Mon 11 th	Leesa Van emmerik, Tracey Sharp, Louise Bennett, Tony Ford
Wed 13 th	Pam Tickner, Sonny Ward, Linny McKay, Julie Dierickx

Canteen helpers are required from 12.15noon – 1.30pm

545's New Swimming Program- VICSWIM – Karen Somerville, Swimming Coordinator

Our school's swimming program runs over a 10 week period for 40 minutes at a time. Di Devitt co-ordinates the actual swimming lessons and teaches the program along with the Auswim qualified staff. We are lucky to have access to new, safe and clean indoor facility AQUA ENERGY where our program runs.

This year we have changed our swimming program from the Royal Lifesaving Swimming Program to the Vicswim program. This program is the one used by the majority of swim schools in the area and we felt that it better covered what our school was trying to achieve with its swimming program. The objectives of this program are:

- To foster desirable attitudes to water and enjoyment of aquatic activities.
- To develop sound, correct and efficient swimming technique
- To facilitate the learning of survival and elementary rescue techniques

So for us, the above 3 objectives sum up a good swimming program. Personally, as a parent, I am looking for a program that will teach my children to swim so that they can eventually save themselves if need be, and to look out for potential dangers. I don't want them to be an Olympic swimmer, but I would like them to enjoy swimming for a leisure activity and also to choose it as a safe and fun form of exercise. This program provides all this!

It needs to be noted that we provide every child in the school with the opportunity to be involved in this compulsory program, however it is suggested that they practise the skills and techniques taught outside the school's swimming program either in pursuing further swimming lessons or practising in leisure time.

If you have any questions about the school's swimming program please contact me at school.

NETTA skills program

NETTA netball, a 10 week skills program for new players (8&U or older) will begin on Saturday 16th May and run until the 15th August. These sessions are held at the Sale Netball Courts from 9:30-10:30 and are an excellent introduction to the skills and rules of the game for both girls and boys. **The cost for this program** is \$43 which is paid directly to the Sale Netball Club (**not school**) by Saturday 9th May. Registration forms can be picked up from the front office.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to see Justine Affleck or Belinda Churchill for clarification.
Happy netballing!

Lost Property

Just a reminder to parents that lost property is located under the stairwell in the main building. Parents are also asked to check that their children are coming home with the correct items of clothing as often the wrong items are inadvertently picked up and taken home.

Japanese Word of the Week

– Di Collins

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Samui ne

'Isn't it cold!'

Safety House 'Yellow Day'

This Friday, May 8th is 'Yellow Day'. Each year the Safety House Committee and teachers at 545 seek to educate the students and promote the Safety House program throughout the school community. On Friday May 8th, students are encouraged to wear an item of yellow clothing eg. T-shirt, hat, scarf (please note that this is not a casual day).

There will be lots of interesting activities happening, and we look forward to a great 'Yellow Day'.

Kids news- The Grade 3 Sleepover!

- The sleepover was lots of fun and I liked having pizza for tea. I had Hawaiian. **Dana**
- Well I did love the movie. We watched Snow Buddies. It was all about these dogs that ran away and got to go on the sled run. **Grace**
- We played games in the hall. I liked the corners game even though I didn't win. **Piper**.
- I liked the movie we watched called Space Chimps. It was fun too because my Dad had a sleepover in the hall with us. We didn't go to sleep early. I don't think Mr Currie got lots of sleep. **Kurt**
- I had a great time and I barely slept at all. The boys got up at 6.00, went for a morning run and then we all had breakfast together. **Cooper**

Thankyou to all the parent helpers who volunteered their time. We couldn't do it without you : Dianne Wisley , Martyn Silver, Shane Kinder , Matthew Johns, Jackie Simmons, Rhonda Jones, Karen Jackson, Kathleen Hollier, Matt Hose, Colleen Elliman, Lisa Wegener, Naomi Edwards, Michael Peverill, Kim Farley, Martin Silver, Alicia Nicholas, Murray Newberry and Gareth Nicholas.

Also thankyou to all the teachers who made the Sleepover such a fun time! - Grade 3 students.

545 House Cross-Country 2009

– Bree Courtney

Last Thursday we held our annual 545 Cross-Country carnival at St Pat's ovals. The weather was beautiful, making for great running conditions. The students in years 3-6 have all been preparing and training hard during PE lessons this term, and it was wonderful to see the fantastic effort that all students put in on the day. Congratulations to Carpenter House on winning this year's 545 cross-country for the second year in a row, with Loughnan House coming in a close second.

Congratulations also to the 2009 age group champions, who were presented with medallions:

9YO girls – Hannah

9YO boys – Billy

10YO girls – Emily

10YO boys – Ambrose

11YO girls – Megan and Jade (equal first)

11YO boys – Hudson

12YO girls – Lauren

12YO boys – Nash

We would like to thank all the parent helpers who assisted last Thursday. The carnival was a great success and wouldn't have been possible without your help!

The next round of cross-country is the Sale and District Carnival on Friday 8th May at the St Pat's Ovals. The children involved in this carnival have already been notified and we wish them the best of luck for Friday.

Missing Helmet

One of our senior students is missing his helmet. It is a skater style helmet, army green in colour and decorated with scooter type stickers. It is brand new in appearance and is very valuable (monetary and sentimental). Please see Mr Evans or Mr Shingles if anyone is able to assist with locating the helmet.

Community News

Hyland Kindergarten Cinema Night Fundraiser

Hyland Kindergarten is holding a Cinema Night Fundraiser this Thursday May 7th at 6.45pm. The movie is 'Ghost of Girlfriends Past'. Tickets are \$14 which includes supper – tickets must be pre purchased from Rachel on 0413 329 175 or Karen on 0427 266 771.

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

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these children at assembly on Monday May 4th

Grade	Name	Reason
PL	Blayk	For the super great effort he puts into all of his work
PS	Liam	For always being a great worker and trying his best
JJ	Larni	For her fantastic weekend recount
JA	Simone	For her fantastic reading journal entries
JB	Cody	For his fantastic effort making his weather graph
JC	Jack	For his fantastic attitude and great thinking skills
JGI	Aidan	For his fantastic contributions to our discussion of Sale in the past
JGO	Monique	For being a wonderful role model in JGO
JPC	Nick	For his great input into class discussions
MH	Tyson	For the excellent effort he put in at the cross country
MB	Darcy	For being kind, caring and supportive at the cross country
MT	Jackson	For the great 2 nd place and effort in the cross country run
MW	Rhiannon	For the great effort and improvement with her reading tasks
SG	Siran	For her fantastic achievements in all class tasks
SH	Monica	For her great work across all areas
SB	Troy	For being an area perimeter superstar
SL	Holly	For exceptional effort with homework tasks
SJ	Harrison	For being elected Class Captain of SJ
	Lily	For being elected Vice Class Captain of SJ