

NEWSLINE

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2009

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Dates to Remember

November

Tuesday 3rd

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – no school today

Monday 9th

- 7.00pm Official opening of the Annual 545 Visual Arts Show

Monday 9th – Friday 13th

- Annual 545 Visual Arts Show

Wednesday 11th

- Family Maths Night for Grade 1 students

Monday 16th

- Family Science Night for Grade 2 students

Wednesday 18th

- 2010 Prep Orientation Sessions
- 7.00pm School Council Finance Meeting
- 7.30pm School Council Meeting

Monday 23rd

- 2.00pm Parents' Club meeting in the staffroom

Wednesday 25th

- 2010 Prep Orientation Sessions

December

Wednesday 2nd

- 2010 Prep Orientation Sessions

Monday 14th

- Christmas Concert in the Park

Friday 18th

- Last day of school for 2009 – 1.00pm dismissal

Acting Principal's Report – Brad Evans

Week 5

This week's highlights include our Grade 4 Camp to Coonawarra from Wednesday to Friday, our Grade 6s are off to a Transition Day (on Wednesday) and our swimmers continue (Wednesday), the cricket team plays in the Gippsland Final against Bairnsdale West at Sale and MB & MT are off to the Art Gallery on Thursday.

Performing Arts Show

Congratulations to all involved in last week's Performing Arts Concert. Out School Band, Choirs, Dance Group and Taiko Drummers performed extremely well. Special thanks to Mrs. Candy, Mrs. Hall and Collins Sensei who have supported the students all year and to Mrs. Love and her Arts Committee who co-ordinated the shows. Special mention must also be given to former student Scott who performed at the evening concert and to our two Music Captains, Jemma and Jack, who did outstanding jobs as Masters of Ceremonies!

We now look forward to our Visual Arts Show in the week beginning Monday 9th November (inclusive of an official opening at 7:00)

Cricket / Basketball & Athletics

Last week was also busy in the sporting arena. Our Girls Basketball Team played in the Gippsland Finals and although they will not proceed any further, they did a great job to get this far. Special thanks to Mrs. Scott for coaching the team on the day. The Cricket Team won their match against Yinnar PS so they now continue on to the Gippsland Final. Special thanks to Rodney Jones for supporting the 2 teams with coaching and for driving the bus!

Individually, Hannah (11th in the 800m and 7th in the 1500m) Huddy (8th in the 1500m) competed at the State Athletics Finals.

Public Holiday tomorrow

Please remember that tomorrow; Tuesday 3rd November is a Wellington Shire declared Public Holiday in line with Metropolitan Melbourne's Public Holiday for the Melbourne Cup.

Japanese Assistant

By the end of this week, the school must decide whether or not to submit an application for a Japanese Assistant for 2010. I think everyone will agree, that having a Japanese Assistant has been a most positive experience for our school community for many years and a great support to our LOTE Japanese Program. Unfortunately this opportunity is in jeopardy as we have had limited expressions of interest from families who would be interested in hosting a Japanese Assistant. If you are considering this or would like more information, please see Collins Sensei by this Thursday 5th November or alternatively, return the slip at the end of this Newsline.

Stair Case Replacement

It is all happening this week as the old wooden staircase is replaced with a new steel version. All possible safety precautions are in place and we hope to have the new staircase installed by the end of the week. Thank-you to Mr. Currie who is managing this project!

Mozzie Alert – Insect Repellent at School

We are currently experiencing a significant increase in mosquito numbers here at school. We are not permitted to provide or apply insect repellent to students due to possible allergic reactions.

I suggest that parents make sure that insect repellent is applied to any exposed areas of their child/ren's skin before they come to school. In the case of older students a 'roll on' or 'stick' applied repellent can accompany them to school in their bags, however, no aerosol or spray repellent may be brought to school due to the risk of sprays inadvertently getting into student's eyes.

Displan

Last Friday, all students and staff participated in a practice 'lockdown' as part of our emergency management procedures.

It was a very successful activity with students and staff securing themselves safely out of sight within their classrooms.

End of year dismissal times.

Please note that on the last day of school, Friday December 18th students will be dismissed at 1.00pm

Parents also need to be aware that town run school buses will cease operating after the afternoon run on Thursday December 17th.

Enrolments for 2010

We have begun finalising enrolments for 2010 to ensure staffing and grade structures will meet our needs for 2010 and to ensure we can continue delivering a wide variety of high quality programs. If you know of families that are intending to enrol at 545, please encourage them to drop in

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

and see us to assist us in finalising our 2010 enrolment numbers, particularly Prep within the next couple of weeks. If your child will **NOT** be returning to 545 in 2010 (not grade 6) could you please forward the slip at the end of this Newsline to the office as soon as possible to assist with our planning for next year.

“Red & Black” School Council Social Evening

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our planned ‘Red & Black’ School Council Social Evening as ticket sales were under what was required to cover costs. We are asking that people who had purchased tickets return them to the school office for a refund.

Parents’ Club Report – Wendy Stephenson & Robyn Jones

Canteen

The canteen roster is as follows:

Term 4	November
Wed 4 th	Lucinda Schenk, Sharon Short, Donna Denney, Sandra Fabriek
Mon 9 th	Nikki Newberry, Di Wisely, Wilna Van der Watt
Wed 11 th	Nikki Newberry, Karen Prestney, Rhonda Jones, Wilna Van der Watt

Canteen helpers are required from 12.15noon – 1.30pm

Next Parents’ Club Meeting

The next Parents’ Club meeting will be held on Monday November 23rd at 2.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is encouraged and most welcome to attend.

Family Maths Night for Grade 1 Students

A Family Maths Night will be held for Year 1 students and their families on Wednesday 11th November from 5.00pm – 6.00pm in the Senior School classrooms. There will be lots of fun maths activities and challenges to try. We’d love to see you there!

Family Science Night for Grade 2 Students

The Integrated Studies Team is excited to be holding our annual Family Science Night on Monday November 16th. It will be held in the senior classrooms and all Grade 2 students and their parents are welcome.

After having a wonderful FFFF Show which was presented by Royce Moncur last week, we are all ready to get involved in some hands-on science investigations.

Save the date into your calendar – we look forward to seeing you there!

545 Annual Visual Arts Show

Visual Arts Official Opening

Next Monday evening in Market Square from 7- 8pm the 545 Visual Arts Show will be officially opened by Ms Louise Van Kuyk, Education Officer Sale Art Gallery. All 545 families are invited to our very first Evening Opening. Please see your invitation which accompanies this Newsline.

We hope to see you there to enjoy this special occasion and celebrate your child’s wonderful art work. After the Opening on Monday night, the Visual Art Show will be on display from Tuesday to Friday 8.30am- 4.00pm

Helpers Needed for Art Show

Art Show setup will take place this Friday 6th November from 9am- 3pm. Mrs Vuillermin would like as many parents to help set up displays and put up the art work for the

forthcoming Visual Arts Show. Even an hour would be of great assistance. Meet in Market Square at 9am.

All Welcome, no experience necessary! Please return the slip at end of this Newsline if you are available.

Grade 6 Transition Program - Senior Teachers

Sale Primary School is committed to the provision of an effective transition program for our graduating students. Accordingly, we are participating in a socialisation day that includes all year 6 students in the state schools of the Sale Cluster.

The transition day is scheduled for Wednesday November 4th which gives us the opportunity to use the Melbourne Cup as a theme for the day. The students will travel to the O A Ruff Stadium for this event where they will participate in a range of exciting activities, including getting to know you games, making costumes and outfits. The day finishes with the racing of “The Transition Cup”

The focus of the day is for students to establish social networks prior to beginning Secondary School next year. Therefore, they will be grouped with students who are attending the same school in 2010.

Students will be leaving school at 9.45am, arriving at the Stadium by 10.00am. They will be returning to school by 3.00 pm.

There is no cost to families because this initiative is fully supported by the Sale Innovations and Excellence Cluster who have kindly provided funding for this activity.

As the children will be creating a “horse,” “jockey silks” and “fashions on the field,” any old bits of lace, unwanted ornamental flowers, pieces of fabric and anything else which could add to the occasion may also be useful.

Students are expected to wear their school uniforms as they are representing our school. Students will need to provide their own drinks, lunch and snack food. Any assistance we can receive from parents would be most appreciated! You could help with walking, group work, organising racing events, setting up or cleaning up. A return slip is provided at the end of this Newsline if you are able to assist.

Regards, Senior Teachers

Japanese News – Di Collins Host Families Desperately Needed

Unfortunately we have had *no offers* from school families to host our Japanese assistant next year. If we do not receive some offers this week, we will not be able to apply for an assistant for next year, and for the first time in many years, the children at our school will miss out on all the benefits having an assistant brings to our school.

This year Amu has been working in our school. She has been an invaluable asset to the school’s Japanese language program and has made many friends with children, staff and in the community. She may be able to stay on after term 1 next year, which would be fantastic, but if not, we will have another assistant come.

For host families, the rewards of having the opportunity to develop a close relationship with a Japanese person are many. Families usually host for 5-6 weeks, during which time the assistant lives as part of their family. This is a voluntary program with no financial benefit, but many other positive rewards.

So, please seriously consider whether your family could be a host family and send back the attached slip, or contact me at school.

Japanese Word of the Week

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Ka ga dai kirai desu.

I hate mozzies!

**‘Tending the Nest’
– Shelley Ogden -Chaplain**

It’s a great idea to take a look at the state of our ‘nest’ from time to time. I don’t mean the condition of the house, so much as the emotional atmosphere at home. Our children are very sensitive to the ‘temperature’ of the home and can be affected in different ways by the dynamics that happen there. Families these days are chronically busy, with parents often having to work long hours to meet the financial demands of modern life. It places a lot of stress on relationships in the ‘nest’. Have you noticed conflict increasing in your primary relationship? Or are you both so busy that you rarely have ‘alone’ time to nurture your relationship? If you’re a single parent does life feel like a whirlwind sometimes? When did you last get to enjoy coffee with a friend? We can get so busy with the mechanics of keeping the home running, that we stop taking time out to enjoy each other. Nurturing yourself and your primary relationship is so important for personal health and well-being. It ‘tends the nest’ and provides a happier, more stable setting for kids to flourish in. Here are a few ideas.

- 1) Turn off all the technology in the house for half an hour before bed time and have a family game of cards.
- 2) Organise a baby-sitter once a month and get out for a meal with your partner or a friend.
- 3) Have a family jig-saw set up in the lounge room that you can all work on
- 4) Buy or make your partner a small gift ‘just because’
- 5) Jump in the car and go for a mystery weekend trip – who knows where you might end up!
- 6) Write a card or letter to each person in the family reminding them of how special they are
- 7) Take some drinks and nibbles to a good vantage point and watch the sunset (or sunrise if you can get up that early!)
- 8) Picture what life might be like one day when the kids are all grown up and think about how you can invest in yourself

or your relationship now, so that it’s a good transition when it happens . . . A healthy nest usually means happy ‘chicks’ so don’t forget to check its temperature once in a while.
Til next time - Shelley (Chaplain)

Lost Property

A red and black ‘billabong’ swimming bag containing pink ‘billabong’ bathers, a blue beach towel, goggles and a glasses case has gone missing from the music room. If anyone has any information regarding this lost property could they please see Mr Currie.

Grade 6 ‘Graduation Bears’

Orders for Grade 6 Graduation Bears have been extended. Any students who are interested in purchasing a bear now have until **Friday November 13th to do so.**

Community News

Catholic College Sale Sion Campus Orientation Day

Orientation Day for Grades Sixes attending Catholic College Sale Sion Campus in 2010 will be held on Tuesday November 17th, 2009 from 8.45am-3.20pm. Students are expected to wear their primary school PE uniform. A package will be mailed out to students prior to orientation day.

Stratford Basketball

The new season is starting on Tuesday November 10th. Boys and girls Under 8’s @4.15pm, Under 12’s at 5.00pm. If any mixed or ladies teams or players are wanting to enter please contact Robyn on 0417 533 302 or Krystal 0427 277 680.

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Grade 6 Excursion (Transition Day)

I am able to assist on the Grade 6 Transition Day by _____

Name: _____ Phone Contact: _____

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Visual Arts Show Assistance

I am able to assist with setting up for the Visual Arts Show this Friday November 6th.

Name: _____ Phone Contact: _____

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**Students NOT returning to 545 in 2010
(not grade 6 students)**

My child/ren will not be returning to 545 in 2010

Childs name _____ Grade _____ School attending in 2010 _____

Childs name _____ Grade _____ School attending in 2010 _____

Childs name _____ Grade _____ School attending in 2010 _____

Last day of attendance in 2009 _____

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**Host Families Expression of Interest
Please return to the office by Friday November 6th**

We, the family of _____ (name and grade) are interested in hosting a Japanese assistant in 2010.

Preferred term:

Term 2 Term 3 Term 4

Signed: _____ Phone Number: _____

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these children at assembly on Monday November 2nd

Grade	Name	Reason
PS	Johnnie	For some great writing
PJ	Connor	For always doing his best work
JJ	Kodee	For creating a fantastic robot with an area of 58 squares!
JA	Callum	For reading incredibly big numbers
JC	Ethan	For his wonderful attitude and all the extra work he is doing
JGI	Brysen	For his fabulous reading
JGO	Jordan	For his wonderful writing
JPC	Bronte	For her continued good work
MH	Anastasia	For her excellent ICT skills
MB	Dylan	For his fantastic effort with his homework
MC	Jaxsyn Grace	For his absolutely brilliant information report on eagles For the fantastic effort in everything she does
MS	Ronan Kade	For his excellent slide show presentation about Australian culture For his great reading
SG	Senior G	For my fantastic afternoon tea on World Teacher's Day
SH	Leo Keira	For his enthusiastic approach to maypole tryouts For her enthusiastic approach to all areas of school
SB	Ben	For his wonderful thinking during our Art Gallery visit
SP	Stefan	For making a great start at 545
SJ	Braydon Trisha	For a fantastic attitude towards others in SJ For her kind and caring nature
SS	Amy	For her ability to keep smiles on everyone's faces

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 4: *5th October to 18th December*

Term 1 (2010) *1st February, 2010 (first day of school for students)*

Uniform Shop

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

Canteen

Canteen operates every Monday and Wednesday