

NEWSLINE

Sale Primary School No 545

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Dates to Remember

October

Wednesday 21st

- National Walk To School Day
- 7.00pm School Council Finance Meeting
- 7.30pm School Council Meeting

Thursday 22nd

- Rubbish Free lunch day

Friday 23rd

- Grade 6 'Graduation Bear' orders close

Monday 26th

- 2.00pm Parents' Club Meeting in the staffroom

Wednesday 28th

- Performing Arts Show (day & evening performance 2.00pm and 7.00pm)

November

Tuesday 3rd

- Melbourne Cup Public Holiday – no school today

Friday 6th

- School Council Social Evening 'Red & Black Night'

Monday 9th – Friday 13th

- Visual Arts Show

December

Friday 18th

- Last day of school for 2009

Acting Principal's Report – Brad Evans

Week 3

This week's highlights sees a prep excursion to Glenmaggie Weir, Julie Ward's and Megan McDonald's Instrumental Soiree, kinder visits to our prep rooms, Walk to School Day (tomorrow), School Council Meeting, swimming and Rubbish Free Lunch Day (Thursday). We also have Twilight Soccer and Netball continuing, many thanks to all of the parents involved in supporting the students at these twilight competitions, without you, the matches wouldn't be played!

School Council Raffle

The School Raffle has been successfully completed with the draw held yesterday at assembly. Congratulations to the following winners:

- 1st: Olivia (Travel Scene Voucher)
- 2nd: Nicki Harris (Whiter's Holiday Village Voucher)
- 3rd: Chris Free (Morelli Furniture One Voucher)
- 4th: Jarred (Tinamba Hotel Voucher)
- 5th: B. Griggs (Cadbury's Chocolate Basket)

Special thanks to all of the 545 families and friends who supported the raffle in buying tickets as well as the local businesses listed above for their support.

All money raised goes directly to funding and supporting programs and resources for our students.

Visiting Science Show

Congratulations to the school's Integrated Studies team for organising an entertaining and educational science show as performed by Royce Moncur last Friday. The science show was engaging and a whole lot of fun for all students in Prep-Grade 6. I'm sure parents are asking their children, 'What did you learn?' Hopefully the answer is 'heaps!'

Walk to School & Rubbish Free Lunch Day

Tomorrow is the National 'Walk to School Day' and on Thursday we are having our 545 'Rubbish Free' lunch day. I encourage all families to get involved and walk to school

tomorrow as well as supplying their children with wrapper free lunches on Thursday.

Musical Soiree

Congratulations to all students who performed at the Musical Soiree as led by Megan McDonald and Julie Ward. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this event due to a prior engagement but all reports were that the students performed extremely well and that their performance was enjoyed by many. With all of these talented musicians in our school, I am looking forward to the 545 Performing Arts Concerts next Wednesday October 28th.

Headlice

Accompanying today's Newsline is a brochure for each family with up-to-date information regarding headlice detection and treatment. We ask that families read this information and remain vigilant in checking and treating their child/ren.

Planning for the 2010 School Year

We have begun finalising enrolments for 2010 to ensure staffing and grade structures will meet our needs for 2010 and to ensure that we can continue to deliver a wide variety of high quality programs.

- If you, or someone you know, have a child ready to start prep in 2010 at 545, we would appreciate if these enrolment forms could be lodged at the office, as soon as possible.
- Children not returning to 545 in 2010 (not grade 6). If your child will **NOT** be returning to 545 in 2010 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.

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Parents are reminded that there is no longer a School Council closure day for Sale Show Day. Melbourne Cup Day (Tuesday November 3rd) is now a statewide gazetted public holiday and students and staff will not be required at school on this day.

"Red & Black" School Council Social Evening

Just a reminder to parents that tickets for the School Council "Red & Black" Social evening are now on sale from the school office. It would be great to see as many parents and friends of our school attend what should be a fun evening.

Rubbish Free Lunch Day – Nikki Bradley

It is time for our once a term Rubbish Free Lunch Day. We are encouraging students to include absolutely **NO** wrappers in their lunch boxes on **Thursday 22nd October**. We are aiming to have no rubbish at our school on this nominated day in an attempt to reduce the waste we create. Teachers will promote this day with their class, and there may even be rewards for those students who manage to bring their lunches free of wrappers! You may wish to take this opportunity to discuss the importance of reducing waste in our environment with your child/ren. Thank-you for your support

Compost Bin Area – Nikki Bradley

At 545, we are steadily becoming a more environmentally friendly and sustainable school. Our paper recycling program

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

is a great success, and participation in activities such as Earth Hour, Rubbish Free Lunch Days and Tree Planting (just to name a few) shows our dedication to helping our environment.

We have been composting our food scrap waste for some time now, and with the introduction of compost bins in each classroom we have managed to save the amount of waste that enters into our regular rubbish bins.

Because of our fantastic efforts in composting our food scraps, our original compost bin cannot hold all our waste! Our goal is to build a new, larger compost bin so that our food waste can have the opportunity to break down better. We would love to hear from any parents who would like to either donate some timber or their time to help us with our goal. If you are able to, any donations would be greatly appreciated!

If you are willing to donate your time, any assistance in making the compost bin would also make a great difference to accomplishing our goal. The whole school community will be able to use the compost bin, and it also provides children with a first-hand experience on how they can help make a difference.

Please contact Nikki Bradley, Judy Lawless, Di Collins or Matt Currie if you can assist us in creating our compost bin. Thank-you for your support in anticipation!

Parents' Club Report – Wendy Stephenson & Robyn Jones

Canteen

The canteen roster is as follows:

Term 4	October
Wed 21 st	Libby Wheeler, Suzie Heywood & Karen Jackson
Mon 26 th	Kain & Nicole Jackson, Di Wisely
Wed 28 th	Nicole Jackson & Michelle Warren

Canteen helpers are required from 12.15noon – 1.30pm

Next Parents' Club Meeting

The next Parents' Club meeting will be held next Monday October 26th at 2.00pm. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

Japanese News

Why it's great to host a Japanese Assistant - by Alicia MB

My family and I hosted Amu in second term. We would like to suggest that you host a Japanese assistant. It's great fun and you can learn lots throughout the term. So why not try and host a Japanese assistant. As I said, it's great fun.

and from the rest of the Jones family.....

We highly recommend that anyone thinking about hosting a Japanese assistant gives it a go. We enjoyed playing our guides and got to go to lots of places we've been wanting to visit for a long time, but never seem to get around to. We learned lots about the Japanese culture from Amu and often compared her way of life in Japan to that in Australia. If anyone would like to talk to me about hosting I'd be more than happy to do so.

Host Families Still Needed

We are seeking expressions of interest from families who might like to host a Japanese assistant in 2010. 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. Amu will be here until the end of Term 1 of next year and possibly longer. If she is unable to extend her stay we will have another Japanese Assistant arriving. 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, if you are interested in finding out more, please return the expression of interest slip to the office by next Monday, October 26th.

Japanese News – Word of the Week

The word of the week is
たんじょうび おめでとう
reading: tanjoobi omedetoo
Meaning: Happy Birthday

Gippsland Show Sale 2009

Students who wished to enter items in the Gippsland Show should have returned their entry form to school last week. Students who completed entry forms and returned them to the school office are reminded that their art/craft work etc. can now be delivered to school and will be taken to the Sale Showgrounds by Karen Orrock. All work must be delivered to school **by no later than next Monday 26th October.**

Walk-to-School Day

Tomorrow, Wednesday 21st October is Walk-to-School Day, a state wide incentive of VicHealth.

This health initiative urges all parents, carers and educators to encourage children to walk or choose an active form of travel to school – to be a pedestrian or cyclist.

Being active on the way to school has many benefits including:

- Children who actively commute to school have higher levels of physical activity and improved cardiovascular fitness compared with children who do not walk or cycle to school;
- Students feel awake, alert and are more attentive in class after some fresh air and physical activity in the morning;
- There are fewer cars on the road making it safer for children around the school

Walk-to-School Day provides a wonderful opportunity for parents to continue supporting their children in becoming safe road users. This could include helping your children understand the correct road crossing procedure – **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK.**

- Hold an adult's hand (recommended for children up to the age of 10)
- Choose a safe place to cross – where you have a good clear view of traffic in all directions and where drivers can see you;
- **STOP** one step back from the kerb or shoulder of the road is there is no footpath;
- **LOOK** in all directions for approaching traffic;
- **LISTEN** in all directions for approaching traffic;
- **THINK** about when it is safe to cross the road – when the road is clear or all traffic has stopped; and
- When crossing, walk straight across the road. Keep **LOOKING** and **LISTENING** for traffic while crossing.
- If a school crossing is en route use this as part of your travel path

REMEMBER your children learn by watching what you do!

'545' actively supports this event and as such encourages all families to walk (or ride) to school this Wednesday.

If distance makes it unrealistic for you to walk to school, why not drive part way then leave your car parked a distance from the school and walk the rest of the way. Our challenge is to see the car park areas around '545' as empty as possible before and after school!

Happy Walking or 'Active Travel'!

Arts Show

Due to the great number of fantastic performers and artists that we have in the school, we have decided to split our Annual Arts Show into two separate extravaganzas.

1. Visual Art Show- As per tradition, the Visual Arts Show will be held for one week in November, starting with a grand

opening for our school community to attend, on the evening of Monday, 9th November. The opening will feature a guest speaker. Following this, the exhibition of great Visual Art will be on display for the rest of the week.

2- Performing Arts Show- On Wednesday 28th October we will be holding our new and exciting Performing Arts Show, with a day performance (2.00pm) for the students and an evening show (7.00pm) for our school community to attend. This show will feature our choirs, bands and dancers, with a special guest appearance by a local up and coming performer (who just happens to be a past 545 student).

Mark these two exciting dates on your calendar now and keep an eye out for more information in future Newslines.

A Musical Note – Jenny Candy

Wednesday 28th October is the 545 Music Concert. Two performances - one at 2.00pm and then again in the evening at **7.00 pm** (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME. FROM LAST WEEK'S NEWSLINE). Student performers will need to arrive at 6.45pm to tune up and be in position.

The programme consists of the junior and senior choirs, band, Taiko group and dancers. Come along and bring the family to an exciting evening of music and dance

Grade 6 'Graduation Bears'

Parents' Club are giving grade 6 students the opportunity to purchase a 'graduation bear' if they wish to do so. Information flyers were sent home with all students in grade 6 last week. A bear is on display in the senior building for anyone interested in having a look prior to purchase. **Orders for the bears close this Friday October 23rd.**

Regional Athletics Championships Staci Scott (Senior/Middle PE Coordinator)

Last Tuesday, October 13th, 16 of our very talented senior and middle school students' travel to Newborough to compete in the Regional Athletics Championships. All students' demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship as they competed in their respective events. I was extremely pleased with the level of effort, enthusiasm and support displayed by all of our students on the day of competition, they truly did 545 proud. Of the students who competed at the Championships, 9 of them came away with medallions.

Alex (SL) finished 3rd in the 12 year boys High Jump.

Sam (MH) finished 3rd in the 10 year boys Long Jump.

Nash (SH) finished 3rd in the 12 year boys 1500m. The 11 year boys relay team finished in 3rd place. The team consisted of Harrison (SJ), Daniel (SS), Connor (SS) and Keenan (SS).

Hudson (SJ) finished a gutsy 2nd in the 11 year boys 1500m.

Hannah (MSP) finished 1st in the 10 year girls 1500m and 1st in the 10 year girls 800m in an extraordinary display of endurance and determination.

We congratulate all students on getting to the Regional Championships as this is an awesome achievement in itself.

We wish Hannah and Hudson the very best of luck as they go on to compete at the VPSSA State Athletic Championships on October 26th. We know they will do themselves proud.

Thank you also to Nikki Bain for her assistance on the day and to all the parents who came to support their children.

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 _____

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Last day of attendance in 2009 _____

Host Families Expression of Interest Please return to the office by Monday October 26th.

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

Term 1 Term 2 Term 3 Term 4

Signed: _____

Phone Number: _____

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these children at assembly on Monday October 19th

Grade	Name	Reason
PL	Jamie Molly	For always having interesting facts to share with us For always helping out others in class
PS	Darren	For always being ultra helpful
PJ	Skye	For her great reading this past week
JJ	Shannan	For her great reading in class
JA	Sam	For fantastic ideas in writing
JB	Lawrie	For sharing ideas appropriately during Unit Work
JC	Ethan	For his wonderful attitude and all the extra work he is doing
JGI	Iesha	For being such a thoughtful and caring member of JGI
JGO	Grace	For her fantastic writing about the Science Show
JPC	Louis	For being a great class member and including everyone

MH	Heather Hayley	For her creative sizzling starts For always challenging herself
MB	Dakota	For her terrific attitude and wonderful contributions to MB
MC	Connor	For his fantastic efforts with his reading
MS	Seth	For always sharing interesting information in our class discussions
MT	Cooper	For his wonderful questioning and thinking skills
MW	Jade	For working so hard during maths with great results
SG	Jarred TJ	For his excellent results in all areas For his great participation in all activities
SB	Hayden Ben Tom	For his wonderful effort in maths For his extremely detailed poem called 'Skate Park' For being a multiplication superstar
SL	Maddy	For facing challenges with such a positive attitude
SP	Callum Abby	For his inspirational free verse poetry For excellent leadership shown during class meeting
SJ	Alison Josh	For her fantastic approach to her spelling tasks For creating great pieces of free verse writing

**Walking School Bus –
Jim Goode, Walking School Bus Project Coordinator,
Wellington Shire Council
'Walking Really is Cool!!!'**

Carol Oram and Peter Southall are the Trained Leaders who operate our Montgomery Street Walking School Bus. They currently have vacancies for children who live in Stafford Drive, Montgomery Street, Valetta Court, Frances Court and Natalie Court area. Walking for adults and children is a safe, cool way to personal fitness and traffic awareness as well as contributing to a pollution free atmosphere around the school. Please contact me this week on 0427 497 793 if you see this as a great initiative for your children.