

NEWSLINE

SALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO. 545

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2024

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'Maximising growth in the whole child – academically, socially and emotionally'

**Thank you to the School Council, Parents & Friends Association, helpers and staff
for their contribution throughout 2024**

Classroom Teachers and Grades for 2025

Miss Jess Brown	FB	Foundation
Ms Nicole Higgins	FH	Foundation
Mrs Charlotte Burgess & Miss Trish Piddington	FC	Foundation
Mrs Simone Allen	JA	Grade 1/2
Ms Tori Barton	JB	Grade 1/2
Mr Lewis Freeman	JF	Grade 1/2
Ms Erin Nowak	JN	Grade 1/2
Miss Alyce Stephenson	JS	Grade 1/2
Miss Maddi Willis	JW	Grade 1/2

Miss Amy Cassar	MC	Grade 3/4
Miss Lauren Marshman	MM	Grade 3/4
Mr Daniel O'Keefe	MO	Grade 3/4
Mrs Jenna Robbins	MR	Grade 3/4
Mrs Jan Staple	MS	Grade 3/4

Mrs Staci Scott	SS	Grade 4/5
Mrs Bree Courtney & Mr Ben Chivers	SC	Grade 5/6
Miss Liz Detering	SD	Grade 5/6
Ms Maree Gleson	SG	Grade 5/6
Miss Morgan Mayne	SM	Grade 4/5
Mr Daniel Watts	SW	Grade 5/6

Specialist Teachers for 2025

Mr Phil Bartlett	Music Teacher
Ms Michele Caldwell and Mrs Janet Love	AUSLAN Teacher
Ms Lou Cooper	AUSLAN Teacher
Mr Ben Chivers	Visual Arts Teacher
Mr Dave Hall	PE Teacher
Mr Rod Smith	ICT Teacher
	Science Teacher

Other Staff

Mr Chris Malone	Principal
Mr Ewen Jondahl	Assistant Principal
Mrs Kimley Lambourn	Assistant Principal
Mrs Suzy Johnston	Learning Specialist
Mrs Tina Johnston	Business Manager
Mrs Simone Morris	Administration
Mrs Robyn Jones	Administration
Ms Holly Cowen	Administration
Mrs Carlier Grant	Admin/OSHC School Liaison

Mrs Susan Currie	EAL (Network)
Ms Di Collins	EAL (Network)
Ms Emma Neal	EAL (Network)

Mr Derek Hayman	Wellbeing Leader & Defence School Mentor
Miss Jessica Rodaughan	Psychologist
Ms Mel Glover	Disability Inclusion Teacher
Mrs Abbey Conroy	Wellbeing Team
Mr Marcus Cope	Wellbeing Team

Miss Emma-Lee Ross	Library Technician
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Mrs Linda Brown	Education Support
Ms Gemma Cranwell	Education Support
Miss Aynslee De Groot	Education Support
Mrs Jackie Dingwall	Education Support
Mrs Rachel Dingwall	Education Support
Miss Hannah Fairweather	Education Support
Miss Tiffany Gieschen	Education Support
Mrs Miranda Jacobs	Education Support
Ms Karen Jackson	Education Support
Ms Rhiannon Massey	Education Support
Mrs Larissa Morris	Education Support
Ms Jen Nikolic	Education Support
Mrs Deb O'Brien	Education Support
Mr Jack Rietschel	Education Support
Mr Seth Sheils-Baker	Education Support

Mr Micheal DeWinter	ICT Support
Mr Darryl Norkett	Grounds



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CHRIS MALONE

Congratulations to everyone on another memorable year at Sale Primary School. Once again this year's staff have shown outstanding levels of commitment and dedication. They have, once again, really worked hard to support the students and families of our school.



To the parents, carers and guardians of our students, thank you for your support and trust in our school throughout the year. Selecting a school for your child is a big decision and we are glad you chose 545.

To all the students and in particular, the Grade 6 students who are transitioning to secondary school, good luck in 2025. We wish you all the very best.

Year in Review

2024 has been a very positive year for the school.

Our dedicated teaching staff have worked tirelessly to prepare and deliver a comprehensive program in the classroom that covers all curriculum areas whilst catering for a variety of needs.

In addition, Sale Primary School has also provided much learning beyond the classroom in 2024 and I am sure students and parents enjoy the opportunities the students have with Specialist areas in Music / Art / PE / ICT / Auslan and Science.

Of course there are also our support staff who work diligently in running our office, library and maintaining our school grounds and buildings, as well as supporting our students (Wellbeing team, Defence School Mentor, Education Support and Trainees).

Our parent involvement continues to support the school and we look forward to this continuing in so many ways in 2025. The dedication of Parents & Friends is fantastic and the work School Council does in supporting whole school governance is also to be recognised.

It should also be noted that the work parents do at home is vital in supporting the school. Ensuring that your child is 'on time' and well organised, assists in the learning process, as do words of encouragement when they experience success or any difficulties. Respect, Learning and Belonging are our values and we encourage parents to support us at school as we assist students to "Bounce Back and persist" when things don't always go to plan!

Grade 6ers

We bid farewell and good luck to our Grade 6 students who leave us this week for secondary school. Many of these students have been at 545 for up to 7 years and we thank all of our Grade 6 students and their families for their association with Sale Primary School. Most significantly, we have appreciated the display of leadership by these students in being positive role models for our younger students. We are confident that their broad learning experiences at Sale Primary School have placed them in good stead for the next part of their learning journey.

Departing Students and Families

Good luck is also extended to the students and their families who will move on to other schools within and beyond Gippsland next year. We thank them for their contributions to Sale Primary School and wish them well at their new schools.

Thank-you Parents & Friends

Thank you to the dedicated Parents & Friends who work selflessly raising much needed funds, via fundraising events and supporting others in school events, including providing much needed assistance on school photo day. As a result of these contributions, the school is able to ensure that there are sufficient funds to upgrade much needed resources for the students.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Parents & Friends for their significant contribution to our school again in 2024.

Starting Dates for 2025 Students

- Tuesday January 28, 2025 Staff commence.
- Wednesday January 29, 2025 Grades 1 – 6 students commence.
- Friday January 31, 2025 Foundation students commence

Parents of 2025 Foundation students will be contacted directly regarding their child's testing day leading up to their start day of Friday January 31. Any final Foundation assessments will be done on Wednesdays February 5 and 12 – no foundation classes are operating on the testing days.

2025 Closure Days / Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

The Department of Education require schools to confirm their closure days for 2025. School Council have ratified the following closure days in 2025:

- Monday March 10, 2025 – Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday March 26, 2025 – Parent Teacher Student Interviews (students attend for interview only)
- Friday April 4, 2025 (last day of term 1)
- Tuesday April 22, 2025 – first day of Term 2
- Friday April 25, 2025 ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Friday June 6, 2025 – Student Free Day
- Monday June 9, 2025 – King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Friday July 4, 2025 – last day of Term 2
- Monday July 21, 2025 – first day of Term 3
- Friday August 15, 2025 – Student Free Day
- Wednesday September 10, 2025 – Parent Teacher Student Interviews (students attend for interview only)
- Friday September 19, 2025 – last day of Term 3
- Monday October 6, 2025 – first day of Term 4
- Monday November 3, 2025 – Student Free Day
- Tuesday November 4, 2025 – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Wednesday November 19, 2025 – Student Free Day (Report Writing Day)
- Friday December 19, 2025 – Student Free Day

Swimming Carnival Friday February 14, 2025

Our 545 Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival in 2025 will be held on Friday February 14, 2025.

The format will be a little different to past years due to the availability of the pool (Aqua Energy upgrade works). As such, we are not able to hold swimming trials prior to the Carnival on February 14.

Information will come home in the first week of term asking parents of students in Grades 3-6 to complete a form regarding their child's swimming ability.

We would also ask that parents/guardians please consider offering to volunteer to help on the carnival day. Roles include; starter, starting marshalls, finishing marshalls, timers and recorders. Your help at this event will be greatly appreciated and is essential to enable the Carnival to go ahead.

Uniform Needs – Footwear/Socks/Hats

Our uniform is available for purchase from JSM Embroidery, Workwear and Safety, Macarthur Street, Sale.

Pre-loved uniform is available from the school (please contact office staff for details).

Footwear - Usually in January, parents consider footwear for their children for the following school year. If your child prefers to wear runners – could you please ensure that they are predominantly black in colour (with no bright coloured stripes or trims), otherwise they will be expected to wear black school shoes – as indicated in the school's uniform guidelines. Students are also expected to wear white or grey school socks that cover the ankles. Ankle socks, which often cannot be seen, are NOT part of the 545 uniform.

Hats – Students will be required to wear their 545 hats when they return in Term 1, in line with our Uniform Guidelines. Students without their 545 hat will be required to play under the blue shade sails.

2025 Grade 6 top

Grade 6 students will once again have the opportunity to purchase a 2025 Grade 6 top, if they wish to do so. It is not compulsory for students to have, or to wear the top, but it is generally viewed as a memento of being in Grade 6.

Students will be able to choose from either a long sleeved polo, a short sleeved polo or both. The cost of the tops is \$36 for the short sleeved polo and \$38 for the long sleeved polo.

Parents are asked to go to our uniform supplier, JSM in Macarthur Street Sale to pay for and place their order. Orders will close on **Thursday January 30, 2025 – this is a one off production run and there will be NO opportunity for late orders.**

2025 Foundation Student Hat

Every year our Parents & Friends Association gift each new Foundation student a school hat at the start of the school year. I'm sure all of the families of our new Foundation students will join me in thanking our amazing Parents & Friends for this kind gesture.

Parents, carers or guardians can collect their child's hat from JSM in Macarthur Street, Sale.

Season's Greetings

In conclusion, I would like to wish all members of the Sale Primary School Community, all the very best for the holiday period. I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to many of you returning in 2025 for another exciting year at good ol' 545.

Holiday Dates 2025

Wednesday January 22 – School Office Opens

Thursday January 23 – School Office Open

Friday January 24 – School Office Open

Monday January 27 – CLOSED

Australia Day Public Holiday

Tuesday January 28 – Staff commence

Wednesday January 29 – Grades 1 – 6 students commence

Friday January 31 – Foundation students commence

