

NEWSLINE

SALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO. 545

Tuesday
April 29, 2025

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

Wednesday April 30

- 9.30am 2026 Foundation Open Day/Information Session

May

Thursday May 1

- School Photo Day

Friday May 2

- Sale College SEAL Applications close

Monday May 5

- School Dental Van Visit this week
- 2pm Parents & Friends Meeting in the Nest

Wednesday May 7

- Book Club Orders Due

Thursday May 8

- Mother's/Special Person's Day Stall

Friday May 9

- 545 House Cross Country Carnival

Tuesday May 13

- Sale College Transition Day for Grade 6 students

Thursday May 15

- Visiting Performance 'Elio Simonetti Magic'

Friday May 16

- Walk Safely to School Day

June

Friday June 6

- Student Free Day

Monday June 9

- King's Birthday Public Holiday

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CHRIS MALONE

ANZAC Day Service

Last Thursday we held our annual ANZAC Day service in front of our school's cenotaph. It was wonderful to see all of our students being so respectful throughout the service. Well done to the Junior School Council students and Mrs Janet Love who coordinated, hosted and ran the day. We also thank our guest speaker, Flight Lieutenant Gregory Pusey who spoke about



the significance of ANZAC Day.

Ms Gleson, along with Alice and Ben attended the ANZAC Day morning service and laid a wreath on behalf of our school.

2026 Foundation Open Day/Information Tour

Families are reminded that tomorrow, **Wednesday April 30** we will be holding our 2026 Foundation Open Day/Information Tour commencing at 9.30am. Enrolment documents will be available as from tomorrow.

2025 Student Attitudes to School Survey

At the end of this Newsline is an information and consent letter from the Department of Education to families of students in years 4-6.

If you have any queries about the information contained within this letter, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.



School Photo Day

This **Thursday May 1** is school photo day. We ask that families please ensure that their child/ren are in full school uniform.

Families are also reminded that if they wish to order a family photo (ie siblings here at school) that order must be placed by 4.30pm tomorrow, **Wednesday April 30** (as per the instructions in the flyer included in this Newline).

We also ask that If students are unwell, please do not bring your child in to school for their photo only, to minimise the spread of illness.

Visiting Performance Levy

The first of this year's visiting performances will be held here at school on **Thursday May 15**. If you have not already done so, please attend to payment of the \$30 annual visiting performance levy as soon as possible. Any outstanding payments as at Friday May 9 will be paid using your School Savings Bonus (SSB) or Camps Sports and Excursions (CSEF) monies, unless we are instructed otherwise.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

JADE WILLOX, PRESIDENT

Next Meeting – Monday May 5

The next Parents & Friends meeting will be held next **Monday May 5 at 2pm** in the Nest. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mother's/Special Person's Day Stall

Parents & Friends will be holding their annual stall next **Thursday May 8**. More information will be available shortly via Compass.

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

WELLBEING LEADER

DEREK HAYMAN



As from this week we will be trialling having breakfast club open every day. We are on the lookout for another volunteer or two to help.

Please contact me if you would like to support Breakfast Club on Tuesday or Thursday.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

BEN CHIVERS

Notes will be coming home today the with eldest students in the family and available on Compass regarding the House Cross Country Carnival being held **on Friday May 9**.



The Australian Dental Health dental van is scheduled to visit the week commencing **Monday May 5**.

Student absence notification
Compass app OR sale.ps@education.vic.gov.au OR
Phone call to school office

Whole School Assembly 3.00pm every Friday

School Uniform available from
JSM, Macarthur Street, Sale

School Supervision – students are supervised
between the hours of 8.45am and 3.30pm

Second Hand Uniform Sales
at the school office



Open Every morning from 8.40am
All Students welcome

ANZAC DAY



ART ROOM NEWS LOU COOPER



To finish off last term, senior students revamped the old art room chairs and worked collaboratively to design and create some new pieces. The brief was open - they could draw (using paint pens) anything they desired to create. The winning design, and chosen by art captains Archer B, Sasvindee K, Earlene V

and April W, was Gaurav, Logan and DJ's (from SD) Mulga the artist Indigenous Australian piece. Hightailing the Minecraft movie hype over the holidays, middle students designed their own Minecraft Cubeez character or creature and junior students drew Minecraft selfies.



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL JANET LOVE



Yesterday, the Junior School Council members had a lot of fun and learnt a lot about being a leader at the GRIP Conference at The Wedge. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People. The students learnt about being good role models and responsible leaders around the school. They brainstormed new ideas to put into action at our school and ways to make their ideas achievable.



Teaching Excellence Program 2025

Our school values the learning and development of our staff, and the positive impact this has on student outcomes and school improvement.

We are proud to share that Nikki Higgins (FH) and Alyce Stephenson (JS) have begun their professional learning journey through the [Teaching Excellence Program](#) at the Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership.

This program enables teachers to advance their capabilities and excellence in teaching.

Through the program, Nikki and Alyce will grow their knowledge of teaching practice by participating in 10 in person days of professional learning and inquiring deeply into 2 areas of their practice, using the evidence-informed practice, generative AI, First Nations' perspectives, student engagement tools and discipline-specific learning. They will also be inspired by national and international experts in the field of education through 2 dedicated conferences.

We look forward to working with Nikki and Alyce to implement their knowledge and skills from the program to continue to support student outcomes and wellbeing at our school.

We are proud that we have Nikki and Alyce representing our school and supporting the Academy in raising the status of this amazing profession!

Have You Ordered Your School Photos?

Your photo day is: **01/05/2025**



leadingimage.com.au

SALE PRIMARY SCHOOL DON'T MISS OUT!

To order your school photos:

1. Go to www.leadingimage.com.au
2. Click on Order Your School Photos
3. Enter your Access Key

! Individual & family photos can be ordered with the same access key. Family photographs must be ordered **before 4:30pm the night before photo day**. Please ensure your orders are placed before this time.

Access key: **4YC48377**



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Scan to order!



SAVE THE DATE

Wellington Volunteer Expo

COME ALONG AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Port of Sale
Thursday 22 May 5.30-7.30pm

EVERYONE'S WELCOME - JUST POP IN!

Enjoy refreshments - catering included

- Free activities for the kids
- Meet local volunteer groups
- Hear from inspiring guest speakers
- Lucky door prizes

National Volunteer Week 19-25 MAY 2025
Connecting Communities Week

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

THE MIDDLE OF EXCELLENCE

Victoria Police

Wellington PSA Neighbourhood Policing Forum

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Family violence
- Young people
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must.

To attend, please register by sending your details to:

NHP-WELLINGTON-MGR@police.vic.gov.au
(Ctrl + Click to follow link)
or scan the QR code.

To submit a question prior to the forum:
[WELLINGTON NHP questions](#)
(Ctrl + Click to follow link)
or scan the QR code.

Event details

Date:
Thursday 29th May 2025

Time:
1.00pm – 4.00pm
(Doors open 12:45pm)

Location:
Winning Post Function Room,
Sale Greyhound Racing Club,
Sale-Maffra Road,
Sale VIC 3850

Scan here to register your attendance

Got a question for police?

Scan the QR code to submit prior to the forum

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SALE PRIMARY SCHOOLS' INFORMATION SESSIONS / OPEN DAYS 2026 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS



Araluen Primary School
Patten Street, Sale
Phone 5144 2111
Tuesday 29th April
9:30am information session / Tour



Sale & District Specialist School
333 Princess Highway, Sale
Phone 5144 5644
Friday 2nd May
11:00 - 1:00pm information session/ Tour



Sale '545' Primary School
Macalister Street, Sale
Phone 5144 5545
Wednesday 30th April
9:30am information session / Tour



Guthridge Primary School
Dawson Street, Sale
Phone 5144 3633
Thursday 24th April
9:30am Information Session / Tour

Interested parents and carers of 2026 Foundation (Prep) age children are invited to attend these information sessions at the above schools.

***Additional tours available at all schools by appointment**



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open, and Sale Primary School is excited to be taking part! The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 and aims to help young readers develop a lifelong love of reading.

It is not a competition; it is a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 5 September 2025.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

This year, the Challenge is celebrating its 20th anniversary with the theme '20 years of words and wonder' and a year of special activities. For details, follow the [Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Facebook](#)

Since it began in 2005, more than 4.5 million young readers have taken part and together read more than 63 million books!

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge

You can also contact our school's Challenge coordinator Kimley Lambourn at

Kimley.lambourn@education.vic.gov.au with any questions.

Happy reading!

Dear Parent/Guardians,

The first transition day at Sale College for Grade 6 students (Year 7, 2026) will be conducted on **Tuesday 13th of May.**

On this day, students will spend a full day at Sale College, experiencing classes in a variety of subjects, including English, Humanities, Maths, Science, Health and PE, Indonesian, and STEAM. They will also receive general information about the programs and opportunities available to students at Sale College.

Students need to arrange their own transport to and from school. If they will be travelling by bus in 2026, they are able to catch these buses on the transition days too.

For this transition day all grade 6 students are encouraged to attend, even if you currently do not intend for your child to attend Sale College in 2026. This is a valuable experience for all students to experience a day at secondary school and to meet new people.

Students need to bring their **lunch, drink bottle and a pencil case**, and they need to wear their primary school uniform. The canteen will be open for the students. The students are able to pay by card or cash.

We will all meet on the basketball courts at 9am to welcome students and divide into groups before students begin their activity rotations for the day.

Should you have any further questions don't hesitate to contact the school on 5144 1711.

Sincerely,

Ashlee Fairbrother

Year 7 Assistant Team Leader
Sale College – Guthridge Campus
(03) 5144 3711



PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

2025 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2025 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which all government school students in Years 4 to 12 will be invited to complete.

About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary student survey offered by the Department of Education every year to help schools and the department understand students' experiences of school. We will ask your child about their thoughts and feelings about their school, their learning, relationships with other students, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to manage the collection of the online survey and will provide support to schools through a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 12th May to 13th June.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and helps schools plan programs and activities to improve your child's engagement with school, their wellbeing and their learning. The survey data also helps the Department of Education understand how to improve student learning.

What are the risks?

We don't expect many risks of participation, but some students may find some questions personal or sensitive. If you agree for your child to take part, they can still skip questions or withdraw at any time whilst completing the survey if it makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions come from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world. They focus on your child's strengths and are designed for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. We are not "testing" your child. Please note:

- Students can choose if they want to take part, skip questions if they don't want to answer, and can stop doing the survey at any time.
- There are different versions of the survey to let all students take part.
- The survey will take around 20-40 minutes to complete.

How is my child's privacy protected?

A teacher will give your child a unique login to complete the survey. This unique student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research only. Some student demographic data such as year level, gender, age, and Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status are provided to ORIMA research, and linked with the unique student login ID to administer the survey. This information helps to support analysis and research, to paint a clearer picture of how Victorian school students are faring.

ORIMA Research will only use student personal information for research purposes to facilitate the administration and data collection of the Attitudes to School Survey. To keep your child's survey answers private, ORIMA Research won't include any personally identifiable data in the survey answers file that is provided to the department.

All data is stored on servers located in Australia, and only staff who are working on the project can access it.

All information collected about your child will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic)*, the *Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)* and the *Public Records Act 1973 (Vic)*, as well as the Department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please note that consistent with the above legislation and our policy, there are instances where we may be required by law to share information provided by your child. For example, where there is a threat to your child's health and safety.

How will results be reported?

The department will only use aggregated state-wide survey data to report on initiatives and this data may also be used in public discussions of issues about student engagement and wellbeing. An example of how survey data has been previously used includes reporting levels of student engagement in the Performance Summary in the Annual Report to the School Community. The department will not share any identifiable student data with any other party.

Your child's school will only get reports about groups of students. Information about individual students and the student answers data file will not be shared with schools. If there are low numbers of student answers to a question, the report will not show results for this question to protect the privacy of those students.

Your school may share the survey report back to you.

What if I don't want my child to do the survey?

This survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** want your child to do the survey, please opt out by emailing sale.ps@education.vic.gov.au **before the survey starts on Monday 12th May**.

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a "Refusal of Consent" email from you before the survey begins, we will assume that you agree for your child to take part in the 2025 Attitudes to School Survey. Please remember, as noted above, the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or stop doing the survey at any time.

For more information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#).

If you would like more information or have any concerns about the survey, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

