

NEWSLINE

SALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO. 545

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Friday May 30

- Senior School Puffing Billy excursion

June

Monday June 2

- 2pm Parents & Friends Meeting in the Nest

Friday June 6

- Student Free Day

Monday June 9

- King's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday June 23

- School Council Sub Committee Meeting
- School Council Meeting

July

Friday July 4

- Last day of Term 2 – 2.15pm dismissal

Monday July 21

- First day of Term 3

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CHRIS MALONE

Visiting Performance Levy

The first of this year's visiting performances will be held here at school this **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.



2026 Foundation Open Day/Information Tour

Following our successful open day recently, the 2026 Foundation enrolments are now open.

The Department of Education has released an updated statewide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline for the 2026 school year.

The timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government primary school, including Sale Primary School.

All government primary schools will follow the timeline in 2025 to support Foundation (Prep) enrolments for the 2026 school year.

You can find information and resources about the timeline, including factsheets and a poster at: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#). You can also download the 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents and Carers' from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#).

1. Contact our school on 51 445545 to book a school tour or to learn more about our school and the enrolment application process.

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



2. Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#). Collect an enrolment form from our school.
3. Submit our enrolment form for Foundation (Prep) **by Friday 25 July 2025**.
4. You will be notified of the outcome of your application **between Monday 28 July and Friday 8 August 2025**. If you receive an enrolment offer, you should contact our school to accept the offer by **Friday 22 August 2025**.
5. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4, 2025.
6. Prepare your child to start Foundation (Prep) from **Wednesday 28 January 2026**.

Enrolment applications submitted after Friday July 25 2025 will be processed by our school as they are received, in accordance with the department's Placement Policy.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

JADE WILLOX, PRESIDENT

Next Meeting – Monday June 2

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

Mother's/Special Person's Day Stall

Thank you to those parents who assisted on the stall last Thursday. The students had a great time selecting their gifts.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



Thank you to everyone for supporting last week's 'Do it For Dolly Day '25'.

An amount of \$584.15 was raised and will be forwarded to the Dolly's Dream Foundation.

WELLBEING

EDUCATION WEEK

DEREK HAYMAN



The theme of Education Week in 2025 is *Celebration of Cultures*, where schools are encouraged to celebrate the diversity of the school community, and the importance of every child feeling safe and welcome at school.

At Sale Primary we are lucky to have many different cultures that are part of our community. With over 30 nationalities represented at our school, we have a lot to celebrate.

Throughout this week students will be exploring the picture book [Our Skin: A first Conversation About Race](#). This thoughtfully written board book serves as a powerful conversation starter for children and adults, offering a safe, informed, and supportive way to begin discussions about race and racism.



SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING



As we begin Term 2 it has been fantastic to showcase our school during the Open Day to prospective new families. We are very proud of all we do at Sale Primary School, and it is a wonderful opportunity to share the hard work our teachers and students put in every day.

The **Foundation** students have been learning the name and sounds for x, y and z as well as reviewing the ones they have already learnt during their **phonics** lessons. When **reading** the students are learning to retell using a 5 finger strategy to help them recall the important parts of a story including the main events, setting and characters. In **writing** the students are being taught to represent as many sounds as they can. They are also being taught to use lower case letters and to use spaces between groups of letters (words).



Our **Junior** students are such amazingly resilient learners as can be seen when they move around the classrooms for the first 30 minutes of each day for SSP (phonics). The students are placed in groupings which target their specific needs in phonics with highly structured and engaging lessons. In **reading** this term the students have been reading Fairy Tales and learning about the imaginative, narrative structure. The Fairy Tales structure has also been integrated into **writing** where the students have been creating imaginative narratives which include villains and heroes. Such imaginations at work!

The marvellous **Middle** students have had some intensive teaching of spelling concepts during **word work** including long vowel sounds, prefixes and word building. These lessons are specifically targeted and fast paced lessons. In **reading** the students have been focusing on analysing information texts and identifying specific language features. The texts used have been based on notable historical people. When **writing** the students have been focused on using punctuation to ensure their message is easily understood by a reader.



In **word work**, our **Senior** students have been looking at the etymology of words which in turn helps with the ability to spell and use them. In **reading** and **writing** they are being inspired by fabulous mentor texts. The students have been responding to specific questioning about authors' purpose and literary devices used to evoke interest.

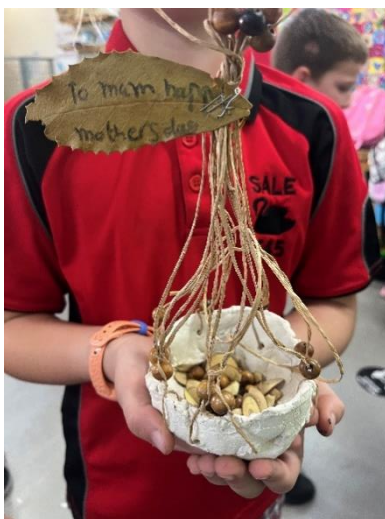
ART ROOM NEWS

LOU COOPER



We celebrated Mother's/ Special Person's day in the art room last week. Foundation students created a vase of florals - made up of dyed paper towel and some coloured in paper flowers.

Junior students created flowers made from a water bottle (no pics sorry). Middle students looked at the sculptural art pieces of Elishia Jackson and created their natural looking pieces made from air dry clay, paper coated wire (for the weaving part), natural look beads and leaf.



SPECIAL WEEKLY AWARDS

Grade	Name	Reason
FC	Riyansh	For working hard to stretch and blend many words in his clinic group this week
FH	Olly	For always putting lots of effort into everything she does
JB	Zara Leah	For the amazing effort she put into her writing For the amazing way she has settled into JB and for the incredible effort she put into her writing by using her sounds
JA	Justin Rohan	For being a great learning buddy. Always inclusive and helpful when he sees that help is needed For always putting in 100% during his maths learning
JW	Clementine Johnathan Lucas	For her effort and endeavour that she consistently applies to all areas of her learning For being an active and engaged member during our number talks this week For working well during goal based learning in reading and for embracing a challenge in maths
MO	Olivia	For displaying a brilliant work ethic during all classes
MR	Freddie	For always setting a great example by giving his best, following classroom rules, and showing others how to make good choices every day
MS	Sam	For his excellent work ethic and positive approach to all of his learning
SW	Aubrey Parker	For confidently joining our classroom and making many new friends For implementing feedback in his learning
SG	Ava Will	For using metaphors in her writing about Sale For following a set of guidelines to the letter
SS	Bayley Otis	For the focused effort he is applying to his learning goals in maths For positively taking on feedback to improve the structure and cohesion of his writing
Mr Bartlett Music	Frankie Colton	For being a valued contributor in music class For being a valued contributor in music class





Drop-in Parent Sessions at Sale 545 Primary School will be provided by the CYMHS And Schools Early Action (CASEA) starting from week 3 Term 2 every second Wednesday starting from **May 21 at 2:30 until about 3:15** in the Chill Out Space within the school. Please sign into the office become attending.

The CASEA Program works with schools, children and parents. We help children to develop skills in making friends, getting along with others, solving problems, and to understand & manage feelings and behaviours with a focus on health and wellbeing. We know that with these skills students will be happier and have better learning outcomes.

Please come for a chat and a cuppa. We will be providing parent information sessions on a range of topics depending on what parents feel they need help with. This will range from understanding brain development, managing strong emotions (angry and worry), emotional regulation any many more. Our first drop-in session will be getting a feel for what specific support parents are seeking. Everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you there 😊

SALE & DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL BEN CHIVERS

Yesterday Sale Primary had 40 students represent the school in Sale & District Cross Country Carnival at the college ovals. It was another beautiful day and the students all represented the school with great pride. We had many pleasing results which contributed to our overall school result, coming in 2nd place! Special mention goes out to the follow students for placing in their race:

Archer Q – 1st place 9/10 boys

Mayson H – 1st place 12/13 boys

Jess W – 2nd place 12/13 girls

Olive R – 3rd place 11 year old girls.

Special thanks to Abbey and Jack for coming along to support on the day





HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL BEN CHIVERS



Last Friday we held our annual Sale Primary Cross Country Carnival down at the college ovals. The sun was shining and there was plenty of smiles, particularly from the foundations competing in their first carnival. The resilience shown throughout the day by many was very pleasing to see, with all runners earning points towards the house shield. Special mention goes out to all the staff and parent helpers who assisted and made the day as great as it was.

Carnival results:

1st – Loughnan House , 2nd – Ruff House, 3rd – Carpenter House, 4th – Schultz House

The House Spirit Cup winner – Ruff house

Pictured are the top placegetters in each age group.

School Saving Bonus reminder and allocation to school activities

The Victorian Government is delivering the School Saving Bonus (SSB) – a one-off support of \$400 for eligible government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025.

The SSB can be used for uniforms and textbooks until Monday 30 June 2025.

Any funds remaining after 30 June 2025, including online voucher amounts that have not been redeemed, will become a credit to use on school activities.

However, the credit will not be available on your family account at our school until late July. To use any remaining SSB funds to cover the cost of school activities in July, please refer to the SSB online system and allocate the funds to school activities before 30 June 2025. To learn more about the SSB online system, download the step-by-step System guide for parents and carers (DOCX, 945KB) or watch this School Saving Bonus video. System guide translations are also available in 14 languages.

The Department of Education's SSB contact centre will remain available until 30 June 2025. The contact centre can be reached by:

completing the School Saving Bonus enquiry form

calling 1800 338 663, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm on weekdays.

After this date, please contact our administration team for any SSB related questions.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund Reminder

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. Means-tested concession cards must be valid on the first day of Term 1, 2025 (Tuesday 28 January 2025) or Term 2, 2025 (Tuesday 22 April 2025).

A student aged 16 years and over who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card is also eligible to apply.

Eligible families will receive a payment of \$154 per year for primary school students and \$256 per year for secondary school students [remove primary/ secondary as necessary]. The funds will be paid directly to the school to be used towards camps, sports and excursion costs for the benefit of your child.

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

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on [insert school phone number] and ask for an application form. Please return completed application forms to the school office as soon as possible.



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20 years of
Words and Wonders

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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.

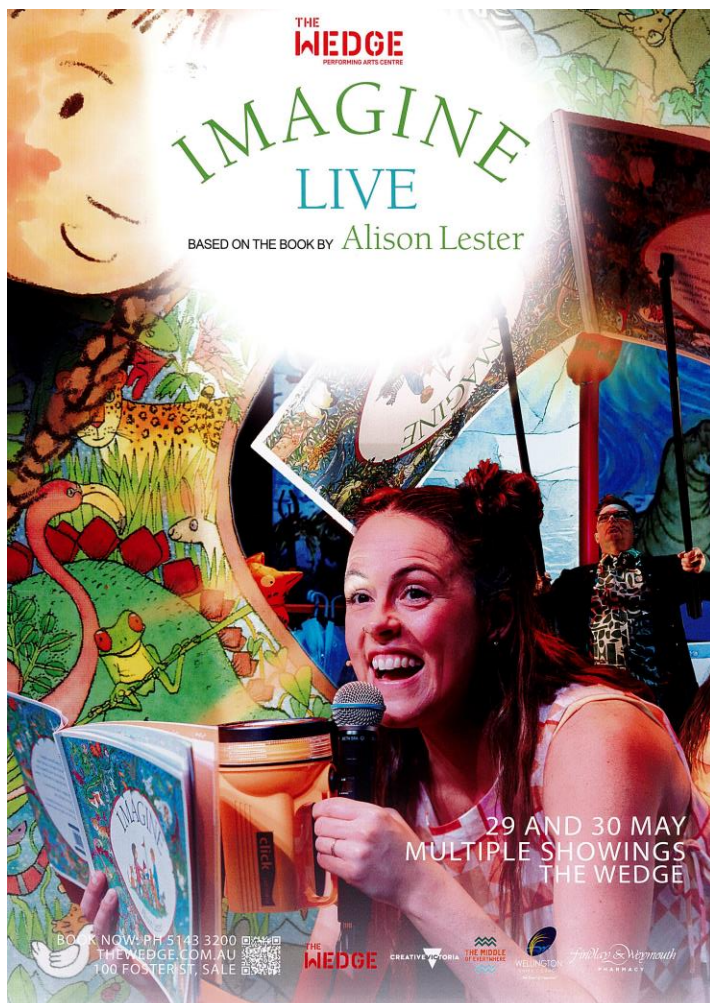
This year, the Challenge is celebrating its 20th anniversary with the theme '20 years of words and wonder' and a year of special activities. For details, follow the [Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Facebook](#)

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!



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PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

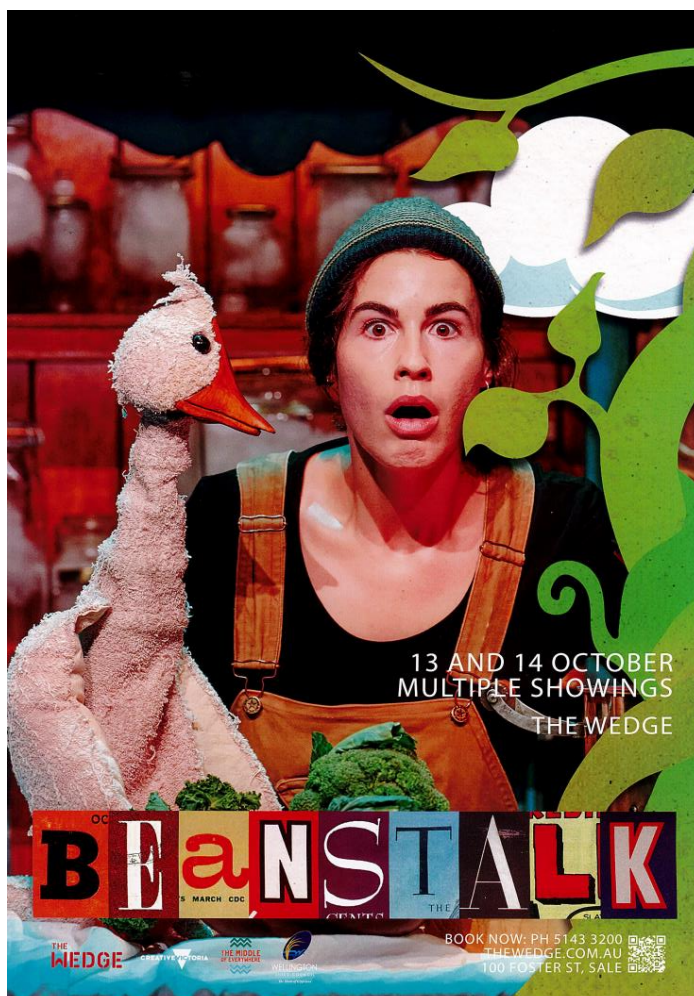
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BASED ON THE BOOK BY Alison Lester

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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.



Come and Try Night



Girls 5-8 Years Old

Be a



GIRL GUIDE

Wednesday May 21st

4.30pm-6pm

Sale Girl Guide Hall, 118 Market Street Sale

Limited Spaces available

To book your spot contact Helen on 0438 378 687