

# NEWSLINE

## SALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NO. 545

Tuesday  
December 2, 2025

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No. 39

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

### Dates to Remember

#### December

##### Friday December 5

- 2pm-3pm 2026 Foundation Transition Session (3)

##### Tuesday December 9

- 2pm-3pm Statewide Transition Day for new students and 2026 Foundation students

##### Wednesday December 10- Friday December 12

- Middle School Camp - Coonawarra

##### Monday December 15

- Grade 6 Graduation

##### Tuesday December 16

- Christmas Concert

##### Thursday December 18

- 3.15pm dismissal – last day of term 4

#### January

##### Wednesday January 28

- First day of school for grades 1 – 6 students

#### February

##### Monday February 2

- First day of school for foundation students

### Principal's Report – Chris Malone



#### **Start of Term 1 2026**

There have been some enquiries from families regarding the start dates for 2026. They are as follows:

**Grades 1-6 students** will commence on Wednesday January 28.

**Foundation students** will commence on Monday February 2.

Wednesday January 28, Thursday January 29, Friday January 30 and Wednesday February 4 will be utilised by foundation teachers as assessment days.

Foundation students will have an allocated time to attend for their assessment time only.

Therefore, the week commencing Monday February 9, Foundation students will commence full weeks of school.

#### **Foundation Transition Sessions**

This Friday December 5 sees the third of our transition sessions for next year's foundation group.

#### **Senior and Foundation Classes Swimming Weeks 10 and 11**

Senior and foundation classes will commence their swimming program next week. Further information and timetable is included further on in this Newsline. The return slip must be returned prior to students participating in the program.

#### **Middle School Camp**

The middle school camp to Coonawarra is departing on Wednesday December 10. Families are asked to please ensure that they have contacted your child's teacher in regards to your child attending.

#### **Grade 6 Graduation**

Invitations to the grade 6 graduation were sent home with students last week. Families are asked to please rsvp as per the invitation so that we can get an idea of numbers attending. The student meal order form is available on Compass. The order and accompanying payment is due to your child's classroom teacher by Monday December 8.



### **Christmas Concert**

This year's Christmas Concert will take place on Tuesday December 16. Stay tuned for further details, for what always is a great school tradition.



We do ask that parents and carers please remember that at whole school events, the supervision of students when they go to the toilet, remains the responsibility of the parents/carers/guardians. This is especially important on nights such as the Xmas Concert as all staff will be supervising students on the front oval.

### **Update about [craft sand recall sand products that may contain asbestos](#)**

[National and Victorian health authorities](#) have advised that the possible risk to human health from these products has been downgraded from low to very low.

At our school, we are taking the steps set out by the Department of Education to safely collect and store the product, and to arrange for safe disposal. This may involve qualified people attending our school to clean and collect waste.

If you have the product at home, please follow advice from the health authorities.

Stop using the craft sand and follow these steps for safe clean-up and disposal: [enHealth Interim Advice – Asbestos contamination identified in imported coloured sand products | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)

## **Social Media Minimum Age Coming 10 December**



### **How to support your child under 16 with the new social media age restrictions**

From 10 December 2025, the Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024 will require social media platforms to:

- prevent children and young people under 16 from having a social media account
- deactivate or freeze existing accounts held by people under 16.

Delaying access to social media protects the health and wellbeing of young people and gives them extra time to build real world connections and digital literacy skills.

The responsibility will be on the social media platforms, not parents, carers, children or schools, to implement these new restrictions.

Most popular social media platforms will be age restricted. These include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Reddit and YouTube.

Messaging services and online games, as well as apps and platforms that support health and education, can still be used.

### **How to help under 16s prepare for the change**

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online.

To help get under 16s ready for the social media minimum age requirements, you can go to the [eSafety website](#) to learn more about the social media age restrictions and find tips on how to talk about [social media age restrictions with young people](#).

### **What the change means for our school**

At our school, all age-restricted social media platforms are blocked for student use on the school network. *YouTube is used on classroom TVs to display appropriate learning material to students during lessons, as dictated by the classroom teacher.* To keep up to date about the new social media age restrictions, visit the [eSafety website](#) and [subscribe](#) to their newsletter.



## Parents & Friends News



Student absence notification  
Compass app OR [sale.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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

## State School's Relief 2026 Prep Uniform Package -

Information was relayed via our Compass App last week for families of our 2026 foundation students regarding the State School's Relief 2026 Prep uniform package.

Eligibility: for students to receive the prep 2026 uniform package, a parent must hold a valid/current health care card (in lieu of the CSEF eligibility data not being available until the beginning of the 2026 school year).

Information for families is available in the attached document.

If your family meets the eligibility requirements, please visit the school office for an application form.

Applications can be submitted now to assist with the purchase of your child's uniform prior to school commencing.

Applications will close at the end of term 1 2026.

Please contact the school office on 51445545 if you have any questions.

### **School Hat**

Families of 2026 foundation students can now collect their complimentary school hat from JSM, Macarthur Street, Sale. Thank you to our Parents & Friends Association for funding this.

## 545 Netball Club News



### 545 NETBALL CLUB

It is with sadness that we announce that the longstanding tradition that is the 545 Netball Club, will cease to continue in 2026 and beyond. Unfortunately with dwindling numbers now on our Parents & Friends committee, the job of organising teams, umpires, coaches and new uniforms has become too big a job for anyone to take on.

If you are keen to play netball in 2026 you will need to enquire at Sale Netball Association about joining a team, or organise your own team to enter.



## Weekly Award Winners

Weekly awards were presented to the following students at last Friday's assembly

Grade	Name	Reason
FB	Indi	For the effort she is putting in during SSP
FC	Remy	For having a positive attitude towards school and being a kind member of FC
FH	Harper	For being such a wonderful helper and kind member of FH
JA	Kyria Jai	For her dedication and organisation during her learning For working diligently during learning time
JB	Bailey  Jed Sonny	For the incredible growth he has made this semester with his "Addition and Subtraction" and for the incredible strategies he uses to solve problems For the incredible growth he has made in maths this semester For doing great listening and being so happy to be in the pool during swimming this week
JF	Manraj	For his effort to make a thoughtful and creative diamante poem
JN	Blake	For representing our school so positively during swimming and demonstrating outstanding resilience
JW	Anna	For her outstanding effort and positive attitude during swimming this week
MM	Evie	For her improvement in maths this term
MO	Lokke	For always trying his hardest in all areas at school
MR	Jake Matthew Ari	For always making sure his peers feel welcomed For working hard to remain focused For always showing enthusiasm during independent writing time
MS	Harris	For his high achievements and enthusiasm for maths
SC	Felix Cordell April	For sharing his thoughtful and insightful response to the poem "Friends" For the great effort and thinking strategies he displays in maths For always displaying the school values and being a positive and valued member of our classroom
SD	Layla Kai	For the effort she puts into each and every learning task she tackles For his passionate justifications when debating whether nachos are a soup, salad or sandwich
SG	Ivy	For engaging in all learning opportunities with her peers
SM	Jessica	For her thoughtful reading response to the poem "Friends"
SS	Otis  Evie Mya	For his valuable contributions to discussions and for the quiet leadership he presents with his effort and focus on his learning For her consistent positivity, effort with her learning and contribution to our class For the persistence and focus she demonstrates with her learning and for being a positive member of SS
SW	Matthew  Holly Holly	For writing an original narrative. His ideas demonstrate creativity that engages the audience For contributing to classroom discussion and sharing her thinking during the debrief For her dedication to use more detail in her goal based writing
Music Mr Bartlett	Emilia Amatullah	For displaying our school values in music For displaying our school values in music
Library Miss Ross	William	For enthusiastically helping in the library and demonstrating our school values

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Last week's weekly award winners with their certificates at last Friday's assembly



Students that participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition earlier this year, were awarded with certificates at last week's assembly



# Art Room News – Lou Cooper



Foundation students finished their unit on Georgia O’Keeffe, creating these beautiful flowers and bees. The first week they practised drawing close up pictures of flowers. They then chose their favourite one and then drew it with a paint slick on cartridge paper, and watercolour painted it. The following week they modelled their cute little bees with plastiplay , stuck them on their flowers and presented their artwork with a black background.



The Middle cohort learned about different kinds of texture and how artists can use texture in their pieces. They had so much fun creating textured hamburgers using crepe paper, cellophane, sponge, different papers and more!



Indi



alaska. FC



SOPHIE. L FC



Tommy. FC



Olly in FH



Miller #8



Evie F



Milo F



Freddie



# Swimming Program – Junior & Middle Grades

## 545 Water Safety and Survival Program Weeks 8 & 9, Term 4, 2025



18<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers of students in the following classes (all Junior and Middle School):

**JS, JF, JA, JW, JB, JN, MS, MM, MO, MC, MR**

Students in the above grades will be participating in a swimming program in Term 4. Due to works at Aqua Energy, instead of our usual program running for a term, students will participate in the program 5 days per week, for the next 2 weeks, **beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

\*The Foundation and Senior classes will have the final two weeks of the school year.

Below is the timetable for the Week 8 & 9 – **Junior and Middle school** - swimming program:

Classes	Depart 545	Swim	Depart Pool
JS & MS	9.05am	9.20am – 10.00am	10.20am
JF & MM	9.40am	10.00am – 10.40am	11.00am
JA & MO	10.20am	10.40am – 11.20am	11.40am
JW & MC	11:00am	11.20am – 12.00pm	12.20pm
JB & MR	11.40pm	12.00pm – 12.40pm	1.00pm
JN	12:20pm	12:40pm – 1:20pm	1:40pm

The children will need to bring their bathers, towel, goggles etc in a separate bag to take to the pool. If children come to school wearing their bathers, please remember to pack underwear to change into after swimming! **Clearly named swimming items and school clothing** will help to avoid lost or misplaced belongings.

The cost to our school for the swimming program is \$40 per student (pool entry)

If you wish to contribute towards the cost of your child's swimming program, please note the following information:

- Aqua Energy Pool members need not pay the \$40 pool entry but will need to provide their child's pool pass details. Please let the school office know if your child is an Aqua Energy pool member so that we can inform Aqua Energy pool staff upon entry. This way our school will not be charged for your child's entry.
- Please return the slip below to the school office as soon as possible with your payment option. Payment can be made via cash, eftpos or bpay (please contact the school office for your bpay code).
- Support with walking to and from the pool would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's teacher know and ensure you have provided the office with your Working With Children's Check (WWCC)

**THE BELOW MUST BE RETURNED PRIOR TO SWIMMING**

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- I choose to pay for my child's swimming entry \$40 (non members only)
- My child is an Aqua Energy pool member. Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to use my Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment OR School Savings Bonus (SSB) to go towards the swimming program cost of \$40.

With thanks for your support.



# Swimming Program – Foundation and Senior Grades

## 545 Water Safety and Survival Program Weeks 10 & 11, Term 4, 2025



24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers of students in the following classes (all Foundation and Senior School):

**FH, FB, FC, SW, SG, SM, SS, SC, SD**

Students in the above grades will be participating in a swimming program in Term 4. Due to works at Aqua Energy, instead of our usual program running for a term, students will participate in the program 5 days per week, for the next 2 weeks, **beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

Below is the timetable for the Week 10 & 11 – **Foundation and Senior school** - swimming program:

Classes	Depart 545	Swim	Depart Pool
SC & SW	9.05am	9.20am – 10.00am	10.20am
FC & SS	9.40am	10.00am – 10.40am	11.00am
FH & SM	10.20am	10.40am – 11.20am	11.40am
FB & SD	11:00am	11.20am – 12.00pm	12.20pm
SG	11.40pm	12.00pm – 12.40pm	1.00pm

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- Please return the slip below to the school office as soon as possible with your payment option. Payment can be made via cash, eftpos or bpay (please contact the school office for your bpay code).
- Support with walking to and from the pool would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's teacher know and ensure you have provided the office with your Working With Children's Check (WWCC)

**THE BELOW MUST BE RETURNED BY TUESDAY DECEMBER 2**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I choose to pay for my child's swimming entry \$40 (non members only)

My child is an Aqua Energy pool member. Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to use my Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment OR School Savings Bonus (SSB) to go towards the swimming program cost of \$40.

With thanks for your support.



# Commemorative Plaque Orders

**GOOD OLD 545**



## COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Former and current members of the Sale Primary School community are invited to support our school and leave their mark on history.

In partnership with Gippsland Trophy House, brick mounted plaques will be created and secured on the feature wall within the school to permanently preserve your involvement at our school. Orders are taken in March and November of each year (for production in April and December)

Cost: \$50.00

Plaque dimensions: 150mm x 60mm

Example below:

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				P	R	I	N	C	I	P	A	L						

If you wish to order a plaque, please complete the details below and make payment at the school office.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PAID \$ \_\_\_\_

PHONE CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_


## Community News



The School Staff Monday Netball Team has done it again — 3-peat champions! 🏆🏆🏆  
In a nail-biting grand final that went all the way to overtime, the team dug deep and brought home the trophy for the third straight season.

Congratulations on an incredible effort, and a big thank you to the supporters who came along to cheer the team on.



**FREE**  
Christmas  
Family Event  
Bunnings Sale

**Thursday 4th of December**  
**5:30pm – 7:30pm**

Activities and fun for the whole family

Get ready for an evening of festive fun!  
\*Delicious pizza & popcorn \*Games  
\*Christmas crafts \*Adult DIY workshops \*A visit from Santa \*Mischief and laughs with the Grinch!

Bookings are essential so don't miss out!

Don't miss out, register now!

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**WELLINGTON**  
**WALK AGAINST**  
**FAMILY**  
**VIOLENCE**

**WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER AT 4PM**

**Starting at Sale Clocktower**  
Speeches followed by a gentle walk to the Port of Sale.  
♿ All abilities welcome and encouraged  
Sausage sizzle provided

A Wellington Prevention of Family Violence Network event

Monash University is inviting parents and carers of children aged 0–18 to take part in a research project exploring how we can make healthcare, education and social care systems fairer and more responsive for families in Australia.

What's involved:

If you choose to participate, you'll be invited to complete:

- 2 x online survey, and
- join a private WhatsApp discussion group with Monash researchers for 1–2 weeks (you can participate as much or as little as you like, and at times that work for you)

Your insights will help researchers better understand what families need and what gets in the way of accessing fair and equitable support.

As a thank you, all participants will go into the draw to win a \$25 gift voucher.

If you're interested, here is the link to join/learn more:

[https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_a2z4G6RRg0SIQWg](https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a2z4G6RRg0SIQWg)

## Parents and carers of children 0-18 years, we want to hear from you!



We want to hear your thoughts about how healthcare, education and social care in Australia could be made fairer.

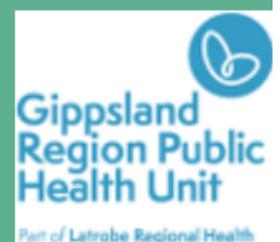
Take part in two brief surveys and an approximately one week WhatsApp discussion—participate anytime, as much or as little as you like.

Everyone who participates will go in the draw for a \$25 gift voucher.

To learn more, [click here](#) or email [michelle.gooley@monash.edu](mailto:michelle.gooley@monash.edu) or Scan the QR code



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