

NEWSLINE

SALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO. 545

Tuesday
February 3rd, 2026

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No. 02

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

Dates to Remember

February

Friday February 6

- School Council Elections Close

Monday February 16

- House Swimming Carnival (Gr 3-6 students)

Wednesday February 11

- Book Club due

Thursday February 19

- Welcome BBQ for school community 3:15-5:00pm

March

Thursday March 5

- School Photo Day

Monday March 9

- Public Holiday – Labour Day

Thursday March 26

- Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Day

April

Thursday April 2

- Last day of term 1 –
Colour Run
2.15pm dismissal

Principal's Report – Chris Malone



It was fantastic to see all of our new enrolments settle in so well last week.

Yesterday, we had our 50 new foundation students start school. Whilst they all settled in pretty well, I'm sure the foundation teachers slept well last night.

Welcome BBQ

We warmly invite all families to our Welcome BBQ on **Thursday 19 February** from 3:15–5:00pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet their child's teacher, connect with other families, and enjoy some time together as a school community. We hope to see you there!

Bikes & Scooters

Students who ride a bike or scooter to school are encouraged to bring a lock to secure their item to the bike rack. Please note that the bike shelter is locked between **9:00am and 3:15pm** each school day. The school does not take responsibility for any lost, damaged, or stolen bikes or scooters. Last week, on one day, there were 29 bikes/scooters in the bike shed and only 3 were locked.

School Council Elections

School Council elections are held in Term 1 of each school year. Nominations for the School Council of the Sale Primary School No. 545 are currently open and will close at **4.00pm on Friday February 6.**

We have **four elected parent category members** up for re-election, as well as two elected Department of Education employee category members.

If you would like to stand for School Council, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the school office for further information.



Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

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

Changes to Ministerial Order for School Council

From 2026, parents, carers and community members who would like to join the school council need a working with children (WWC) clearance to nominate. If you are considering nominating for school council, and don't already have a WWCC, I encourage you to apply for a volunteer WWC check as soon as possible. This will allow for processing times, which are estimated to be from 3 to 12 weeks.

Please note that if you do not hold a WWC clearance, you will not be able to nominate for school council, so it is vital that you prepare in advance. Obtaining a WWC clearance is free for volunteers, and you can apply online at [Service Victoria](#).

When applying for your volunteer WWC check, please nominate the Department of Education as the organisation you are working for.

If you already hold an employee WWC clearance, you do not need to obtain a volunteer WWC clearance to nominate for school council.

Victorian Institute of Teaching-registered teachers and school students who are interested in joining school council are not required to obtain a WWC clearance.

Current parents and community members of school council do not need to apply for a WWC check immediately. Current members only need a WWC clearance if their term ends and they wish to nominate or be co-opted again. For more information, refer to Ministerial Order 1280 (Constitution of Government School Councils) 2020.

Student Enrolment Forms – Update details

Please notify the office if there have been any changes to your telephone number, address, medical issues, emergency contacts or work phone numbers. It is **vital** that the school has this information for our records. You can do this by either phoning the office (51 445545) or email sale.ps@education.vic.gov.au, or simply drop into the office to request updates be made.

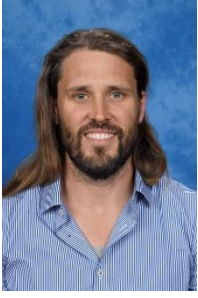
Monty the Monstar Colour Run

We are excited to announce that our Monty the Monster Colour Fun Run will be held on the last day of term! This will be a fun, energetic and colourful way for students to celebrate the end of term while supporting a great cause.

Stay tuned for more information about this FUNdraising event, including how families can get involved. It's sure to be a day full of colour, smiles and school spirit!



Defence Families – Derek Hayman



Hi all Defence families at Sale Primary,

Welcome back or welcome for the first time to Sale Primary School. The wellbeing team will be running Defence specific activities throughout the year for families and students (mainly students).

The [Defence School Mentor Program](#) is delivered by Defence Member and Family Support (DMFS) in partnership with schools to support the wellbeing of children of ADF members. The program aims to connect children with their school community and enhance the school's ability to address the impacts of the military lifestyle.

If you haven't previously informed the school that you are a Defence family, please do so to ensure your child does not miss out.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club Volunteers Needed

Sale Primary School is looking for amazing volunteers to help run our Breakfast Club in 2026!

Our Breakfast Club provides students with a healthy start to the day in a warm, welcoming environment and we can't do it without the support of our wonderful school community. We're looking for volunteers who can help with:

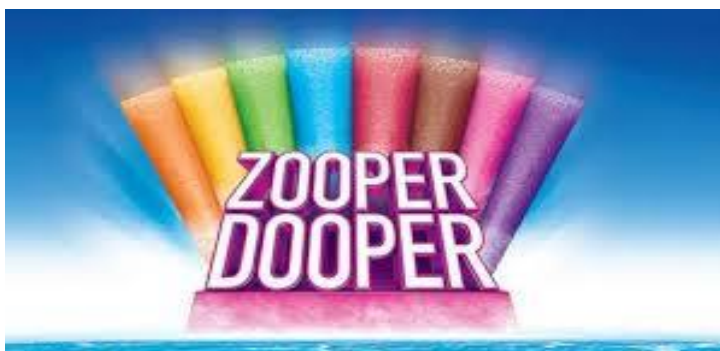
- Preparing and serving breakfast
 - Supervising students
 - Creating a positive, friendly atmosphere
- 🕒 Even one morning a week makes a big difference!

If you're a parent, grandparent, carer, or community member who can spare a little time, we'd love to hear from you.

👉 Please contact our Breakfast Club coordinator Abbey on 5144 5545 for more information or to express your interest.

Thank you for helping us support our students in 2026!

P & F Icy Poles



Starting THIS FRIDAY!

Parents and Friends will be selling Icy Poles every Friday this term.

Icy Poles will be \$1.00 and available from 3:15 – 3:30pm



Library News – Emma Lee Ross



Book Club is back for another year! Catalogues have been sent home.

Orders can be made on the paper form and returned to the office or via Scholastic LOOP as instructed on the catalogue.

Every order supports our school library. Orders close **Wednesday 11th of February**.

Thank you!



Swimming Carnival – Ben Chivers



Swimming Carnival Grade 3- 6.

All grade 3-6 students will be programmed to compete in the 545 House Swimming Carnival on **Monday February 16** in either 50m or 25m races, or in the modified activity pool.

A note has been sent home for parents to complete regarding swimming ability.

We will be in need of **parent helpers** to assist with small tasks at the swimming carnival. To volunteer, please complete and return the form attached to the swimming carnival note or contact myself directly at benjamin.chivers@education.vic.gov.au. Copies of note sent home with students are also available on Compass, or from the office.

Students in Foundation – Grade 2 may dress in their house colours. Each outfit will add points to the overall house tally with bonus points for the best dressed in each class. If you are unsure of your child's house or house colour, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Participating in Physical Education

If your child is unwell or has an injury that prevents them from participating in PE, please send a note to school with your child or contact Mr Chivers through Compass. Thank you for your support.

Sun Protection

All students are required to bring their wide brimmed school hat to Health & Physical Education lessons. Sunglasses are also highly encouraged and will be allowed to be worn during outside lessons. Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen in the mornings prior to coming to school. Application of sunscreen is highly encouraged prior to HPE lessons. Students can bring along their own sunscreen (roll on type preferred) to reapply during the day.



Art Room News – Lou Cooper



The junior and middle cohort have started their art learning with a very beautiful and very colourful collaborative mural.

We looked at Wassily Kandinsky's famous concentric circles art piece. Students created their own concentric circles using paint slicks and pastels, choosing their own colours and how many circle they wished to do. To give it a bit of a twist, we cut them in quarters and rearranged them. The mural is on display on the boards in the main building (near the office) if you wanted to have a look.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Information and Application Form



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

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 financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and 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 excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly 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 \$400 for all school students.

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.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School Ref ID

Applicant details

Surname	
First Name	
Address	
Town/Suburb	
State and Postcode	
Contact Number	

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)* OR ☐ Special Consideration**

*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

**Out of Home Care applications must include a letter of support from the institution facilitating the arrangement (for example, Mackillop Family Services or the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH)) as evidence of the arrangement and must be no more than 18 months old).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

Declaration

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders. I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____/____/202__



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund eligibility

Applications must be submitted to the school as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Where a school or family is unsure if the concession card is eligible, they are encouraged to submit the application into the CSEF system for validation.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Those who are eligible to apply for the CSEF must meet both of the following two criteria or be eligible for special consideration.

Eligible means-tested cards

Only financially means-tested cards are eligible.

Eligibility date

Eligibility will be subject to the parent/carer's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (refer to the department's policy, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\)](#)), on either the first student day of Term 1 or Term 2.

Criterion 1 – General eligibility

The applicant must be one of the following:

- a parent or carer who is the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card
- a student over 16 years who is considered a mature minor and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card). Applicant to use the 16 and over application form. For guidance on assessing whether a student is a mature minor, refer to the department's policy on [Mature Minors and Decision Making](#)
- a parent or carer whose child is 16 or over and the beneficiary of a financially means-tested card but are not considered a mature minor. Applicant to use the 16 and over parent consent form.

For students over 16 years of age and where the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

Criterion 2 – Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school. CSEF is not payable to a student attending pre-school, kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Special Consideration

A special consideration eligibility category exists to assist families and students in certain circumstances. Applications should be made through this application form. For more information, refer to: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility](#).

Payment amounts

The CSEF is an annual payment paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the department's policy for the current rates and more information, [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts](#).

How to complete the application form

Note: all sections must be completed by the applicant.

1. Complete the APPLICANT DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible and no later than the end of Term 2.

Privacy Statement

The Department of Education is committed to protecting your privacy. All information collected will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic). This personal information is collected to assess your eligibility to receive a CSEF payment. Your data is securely managed and only shared with Centrelink and DFFH when necessary for business operations or legal compliance. By submitting this form, you consent to our data practices. For more information regarding correction to your personal information or the handling of personal information please email csef@education.vic.gov.au. For more information about the department's privacy policy, please visit: [Schools' privacy policy | vic.gov.au](#)



Community News

GET RACE READY FOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

\$10

per person, per
session
Limited Places
Light snack
provided

Sign up to the Race Ready Session aimed at school age swimmers wanting to improve their racing technique for upcoming School Swimming Sports.

Date: Friday 13th & 20th February
Time: 4pm (45 min session)
Where: Sale Outdoor Pool
Cost: \$10 per person per session, Free Entry into Sale Pool

Sign up & Pay
via QR Code



Please Bring Towel, Goggles and Water Bottle. Light Snack provided after session.



SunSmart



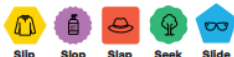
**Slap! on
your hat
and Slop! on
sunscreen,
when the UV
is 3 or above.**

**Even
on cool
and cloudy
days.**

In Victoria, UV is 3 and above
generally from mid-August
to the end of April.

sunsmart.com.au

Use all five
forms of sun
protection



WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH IN WELLINGTON SHIRE

For the month of February please see below the training events, forums, information sessions or activities that are happening within the Early Years sector.

FEBRUARY

Collaborative Approaches to Supporting Positive Behaviour

Evidence from research and practice shows that collaborative behaviour support leads to more positive outcomes for children and promotes inclusive environments where every child can flourish.

Your will learn to see behaviour from a child's perspective, work positively with families, develop strategies that can be used at home and in early childhood settings, explore ways of understanding behaviour, support children with behavioural challenges in kindergarten programs, and use practical tools and resources.

Webinar Date:

Thursday 26th February, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

[Register Here](#)



**EARLY
START,
BRIGHT
FUTURE.**

VEG-uary Events

Explore VEGuary: Wellington's sustainable food and garden festival with open gardens, workshops, community events and practical tips for eco-friendly living.

Join us in February for VEGuary, a FREE festival celebrating sustainable food and gardening practices. With open gardens, workshops, and activities for all ages across Wellington Shire, it's your chance to connect with local food systems, get inspired, and embrace eco-friendly living.

To book tickets and for more information click here: [VEG-uary](#)



Family Fun Day & Community Market

Vision Early Learning will be hosting a Family Day. The event promises a fun-filled day for all ages, featuring:

- A vibrant community market
- Professional face painting
- A free sausage sizzle

Adorable baby animals and much more!

When:

Saturday Feb 7 - 10:00am to 2:00pm

For more information click below:

[Here](#)



VISION EARLY LEARNING

Community News



What's On in the Community?

Free, friendly groups to connect, create and unwind in Sale.

Mindful Art
A calm, creative space to unwind, chat and explore art at your own pace. No skills or pressure, just enjoy the process.

Drumming Circle
Let go of stress, have a laugh and connect through rhythm. No experience needed.

Parents Walking
Meeting other parents can be tricky! This group aims to make it easier. Walk chat & connect with other parents.

Cooking
Cook simple, budget friendly meals as a group and enjoy eating together. Learn new ideas, share tips and have a chat.

AXIOS Youth Group
A welcoming, creative space for LGBTQIA+ young adults aged 18-25. Creative activities and good company.

Pop Up Groups & Special Events
Our Groups can change throughout the year, and we love a pop-up! From LEGO to Family Dance and more. Follow Uniting Gippsland on Facebook to stay up to date.

Interested in volunteering?
Our groups are led by friendly local volunteers. If you enjoy connecting with people, meeting new faces or building experience, volunteering with our community groups could be a great fit. We'll help you find a role that feels right for you.

Scan to join or learn more
Join a group, volunteer or get more info on what's on. Prefer to chat? Call Uniting Sale 5144 7777

These groups are proudly led by local volunteers and form part of the HACC-PYP program, supporting people aged 0- 65 to stay active and connected in their community.

Uniting

*** BLUE LIGHT DISCOS ARE COMING BACK ***

Wellington Blue Light Discos commenced in July 2016 and we had a very successful few years of Discos with them being held across the Wellington Shire. Due to Committee members moving on and our other work commitments the Discos were put on hold.

We have missed holding our Discos in the past few years and are really looking forward to getting them up and running again for children in Primary School - grades 3 – 6.

Due to popular demand, Wellington Blue Light Discos are recommencing in 2026. We are looking for Community members who would like to join our Blue Light Committee to help us run the Discos.

The Committee meets approximately 5 times a year to organise upcoming Discos and we aim to hold approximately 4 Discos a year across the Wellington Shire.

We are a not-for-profit organisation and the funds from each Disco that we hold go straight into funding of the next one.

An Annual General Meeting will be held on the 18th February 2026 at the Sale Police Station at 7pm. Currently all positions of the Committee are open and up for nomination.

We would love to see some new members join our Committee to help these awesome events going. For further enquiries and notification of attendance to the AGM, please contact Leading Senior Constable Kim Kell at the Sale Police Station on 51 42 2200.






S&DJFA | AFL VIC

SALE TWILIGHT FOOTY COMPETITION

MONDAYS FROM 4:30PM
6 WEEKS IN TERM 1
COLLEGE OVALS
REGISTER TO YOUR SCHOOL TEAM
DIVISIONS: GRADE 1/2, 3/4 & 5/6 - MIXED AND GIRLS DIVISIONS

REGISTER NOW

Kickstart to the 2026 Season

Training starts the week of 9/2/26. U13 will start week of 16/02

Training days are:

Mondays: U9 & U11: 4:45pm-5:45pm. U13: 5-6pm

Tuesdays: U6/U7, U13 & U15/U17: 5-6pm

Wednesdays: Girls U13/U15: 5-6pm

Thursdays: U9 & U11: 4:45pm-5:45pm. U15/U17: 5-6pm

Fridays: Girls U13/U15: 5-6pm

Past and new players welcome! Information session for parents during first training session.

Contact Melesa Eldred 0400197705 for further information.



Community News



Come & Play Day!

Bring a buddy to double the fun.



REGISTER NOW - FREE NETSETGO COME AND PLAY DAY! 🏐

SNA are hosting a free Woolworths NetSetGO Come & Play Day on Saturday, Feb 14th at GRSC in Sale.

🏐 Ages 5 to 7 years - 9:15am to 10:00am

🏐 Age 8 to 10 years - 10:15am to 11:00am

If you're looking for a place where your children can make friends, learn new skills, build confidence and have fun... Woolworths NetSetGO is where to start! Woolworths NetSetGO is Australia's official starter program for children aged five to 10. It's a learning experience, wrapped in inclusivity and high fives. If you're thinking about enrolling your child in NetSetGO, but want to get a taste of the program, Come and Play Day is the perfect opportunity to see what all the FUN is about.

Woolworths NetSetGO will be running a Come and Play Day at GRSC on Saturday, February 14 from 9:15am. The day offers free Woolworths NetSetGO clinics, and is designed to encourage kids to try netball for the first time.

Helpers will be needed on the day, so we encourage you to join in. We can guarantee, it's as much fun for the helpers as it is for the kids! 🌟



Register [here](#)

COME & PLAY

