

NEWSLINE

SALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO. 545

Term 4 Week 4
October 26th, 2026

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No. 34

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

Dates to Remember

October

Tuesday October 27

- SSV Division Cricket

Thursday October 29

- SSV Regional Basketball

Friday October 30

- World Teachers Day

November

Monday November 2

- Student Free Day

Tuesday November 3

- Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Friday November 6

- 2027 Class Requests Close
- Garden Party 4-6:30pm

Wednesday November 11

- Incursion – Ray Willis Author

Friday November 13

- Junior Athletics
- Foundation 2027 Transition 1 of 4

Monday November 16

- Swimming – Senior / Foundation Week 1

Wednesday November 18

- Student Free Day

Friday November 20

- Foundation 2027 Transition 2 of 4

Monday November 23

- Swimming – Senior / Foundation Week 2
- School Council Meeting 6pm

Friday November 27

- Foundation 2027 Transition 3 of 4

Monday November 30

- Swimming – Middles / Juniors Week 1

December

Friday December 4

- Foundation 2027 Transition 4 of 4

Monday December 7

- Swimming – Middles / Juniors Week 2

Tuesday December 8

- State-wide Orientation Day

Principal's Report – Chris Malone



Welcome to Week 4 of Term 4!

Today, we have two teams representing Sale Primary School at the Interschool Cricket Carnival at Stephenson Park. We wish all our students the very best and hope they enjoy the opportunity to showcase their skills, demonstrate great sportsmanship and have fun competing against other schools.

Upcoming Student Free Day and Public Holiday

A reminder to families that Monday 2 November is a Student Free Day. Staff will be participating in professional learning to support their ongoing development and enhance learning outcomes for our students. School will also be closed on Tuesday 3 November for the Melbourne Cup public holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back on Wednesday 4 November.

Garden Party – Friday 6 November

Our annual Garden Party is fast approaching! This year, due to a decline in the number of available volunteer helpers, we have made the decision to scale back the event. Our focus will be on celebrating the traditions that make this event special, particularly our much-loved Maypole performance and student performances.

There will be a BBQ available, along with a selection of activities for children to enjoy. Families are also welcome to bring along a picnic and enjoy an afternoon together as a school community. Please ensure you bring cash on the night as there are no Eftpos facilities available.

2027 Planning

The planning process for 2027 is well underway.

If you have any special requests, please email the school on sale.ps@education.vic.gov.au. These requests will close **Friday November 6**. Whilst we consider all requests, some may not be granted.

We would appreciate being notified of any of the following situations:

New enrolments (2027 foundation and other levels) – if you know of any new enrolments. Transfers out – if you are not returning to 545 in 2027 (Grade 6s excluded), please notify the office of your impending departure.

New Victorian Government restrictions on student use of personal electronic devices

On 4 August 2026, the Victorian Government amended the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, requiring all Victorian schools to restrict student use of personal electronic devices during school hours.

On Tuesday 20 October 2026, further information was published about how schools must do this (*Ministerial Order 1515 – Personal Electronic Devices in Victorian Schools*).

To follow the new requirements, our school will have a new Mobile Phones and Personal Electronic Devices policy. This policy will be in place from 2027 and will be made available on our website in Term 1 2027.

This new policy will restrict student use of:

- mobile phones
- smart glasses
- wearable devices, such as smartwatches
- personal audio devices, such as headphones and earbuds.

Restricting these devices helps to ensure:

- a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions
- a safe environment for students, staff and visitors
- greater opportunities for social interaction and physical activity during recess and lunchtimes, without the distraction or social pressures caused by devices.

From Term 1 2027, the following restrictions will apply to these devices if they are brought to school:

- mobile phones must be switched off and securely stored during school hours
- wearable devices must have notifications, cellular connection and recording functions turned off during school hours
- personal audio devices must not be used during school hours.

Our school can only grant exemptions to these restrictions to support:

- student learning
- health or wellbeing

In addition to these restrictions, wearing or using smart glasses is prohibited on government school premises and at school organised event or activities, including those held offsite or outside regular school hours. This prohibition applies to students, staff, parents, carers, contractors, volunteers and other visitors. Exemptions can only be granted by the principal as a reasonable adjustment for disability and where the adjustment cannot be reasonably provided for by another device or approach.

Our school will provide further information to you prior to Term 1 2027. If you have any questions, please contact the office on 5144 5545 or email sale.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Icy pole Sales Monday's & Wednesdays

Our senior students will be selling icy poles from the canteen during lunchtime every Monday and Wednesday for just **\$1 each!**

This is a great opportunity for our senior students to take on a leadership role. We encourage students to bring along a gold coin or \$1 to enjoy a refreshing treat!



Weekly Awards

Weekly Awards were presented to the following students at last Friday's Assembly

Grade	Students Name	Award
FH	Arlen	For the wonderful effort he is putting into his learning.
FW	Lexie	For displaying wonderful effort and a positive attitude towards her learning.
JB	Henry	For the amazing week he has had and for being kind, working hard and doing great listening.
JD	Leah	For the concentration and dedication she is showing in her independent learning tasks.
JN	Cooper	For being an absolute superstar learner!
JT	Lizzy	For her amazing week applying herself to all learning areas and supporting her peers.
JV	Sophie	For always working hard on achieving her learning goals.
MA	Hamish	For his determination to understand 24-hour time and solve worded problems of duration.
MM	Rozzaine	For her positive engagement in Maths this week.
MR	Cooper	For confidently sharing his thoughts during class discussions about synthesising.
MS	Billie	For displaying all our school values - Learning, Belonging and Respect.
MV	Eleanor	For making positive choices when completing set tasks and consistently showing kindness and consideration towards her classmates.
SC	Maya	For her great descriptions of the feather in her timed write.
SC	Charli	For having a growth mindset in maths by challenging herself to achieve success.
SG	Maliyah	For working consistently during maths to consolidate key learning.
SG	Izack	For using effective strategies to enhance his writing and reading responses.
SM	Archer	For his deep thinking when critiquing elements of 'The Feather'.
SW	Winnie	For actively working towards her learning goals with a positive mindset.
SW	Logan	For supporting friends when they are wobbling.
MUSIC	Stevie	Being a valued contributor and for excellent work in Music.

Congratulations to all our Award recipients!



Premier's Reading Challenge

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Congratulations to the four students who were recently presented with their certificates in recognition of their participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge. It is wonderful to celebrate our students' commitment to reading and their efforts to develop a love of books and literacy. Well done to all four students on this fantastic achievement!



Music Notes – Phil Bartlett



545's Got Talent Senior Grand Final Results

A big congratulations goes to the following students for receiving a place at this year's 545's Got Talent. Well done to all of the students for giving it a red hot crack. You should be very proud of your efforts... 😊

Middle:

1st Place: Laney

2nd Place: Zen

3rd Place: Alexis & Shanaya

Senior:

1st Place: Skylar

2nd Place: Milla

3rd Place: Selena

The students will be awarded with their medallions at assembly in the coming weeks.

2026 Garden Party Music Performances

All senior students will be performing at the 2026 Sale Primary School Garden Party on Friday 6th November. Here is the order of performances and times:

Senior Choir: 4:30pm Taiko: 4:40pm Band: 4.50pm

Band Students: If your child is in the band, all of the equipment will be set up on the stage that afternoon. All BAND STUDENTS must arrive promptly at 4.15pm to help finalise setting up. Immediately after the performances, ALL BAND STUDENTS must help pack up and return the equipment to the music room before getting changed for the Maypole.

Senior Choir & Taiko students - All senior choir and taiko students must arrive promptly at 4.20pm.



Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Awareness

Last Thursday, MS acknowledged Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Awareness Day in honour of our classmate, Lizzy.

When Lizzy was born, she was regular baby size and was born at the right time. But over a few weeks, her family noticed that she wasn't doing the same things as other babies the same age. When she was 10 weeks old, doctors did lots of tests. Eventually they found that she has a little bit of her DNA missing. DNA is what we are all made of, and they usually have the exact same number of pieces. Because of the spot where Lizzy's piece was missing is the same as some other peoples, we were able to call it Phelan-McDermid Syndrome. Only 2600 people in the world are known to have the same condition as Lizzy. It is known as a rare disease.

We wore the colour green to represent hope, strength and unity.

We also decorated our room green and enjoyed some cupcakes.



What is Phelan-McDermid syndrome?

Phelan-McDermid syndrome is a rare genetic disorder involving chromosome 22 that can affect many critical functions in a person's body — from learning and communicating to eating and sleeping.

This results in intellectual and physical disabilities that vary from person to person. Some people with Phelan-McDermid syndrome lose essential skills, and most require long-term care and medical attention.

Common symptoms:

- Low muscle tone
- Delay in reaching milestones such as sitting, walking, and rolling over
- Intellectual disability
- Delayed or absent speech
- Difficulty making eye contact
- Repetitive/obsessive behaviors and limited interests

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL SYMPTOMS MAY APPEAR LATER. THEY MAY ALSO ONLY APPEAR IN A SUBSET OF PEOPLE. LEARN MORE AT PMSF.ORG.



Phelan-McDermid syndrome is estimated to impact 1 in 10,000 births. The PMSF has the largest community of diagnosed individuals, with 3,465 members worldwide.

The estimated prevalence suggests this number should be much higher, highlighting the challenges of rare disease diagnosis and support!

What treatments are available?

Currently, there are no approved treatments for Phelan-McDermid syndrome's root cause.

Care focuses on managing symptoms and risks, often with a team of specialists.

Therapy is common, and clinical trials for new treatments are increasing.

[Read about recent developments in treatment and research on our blog.](#)

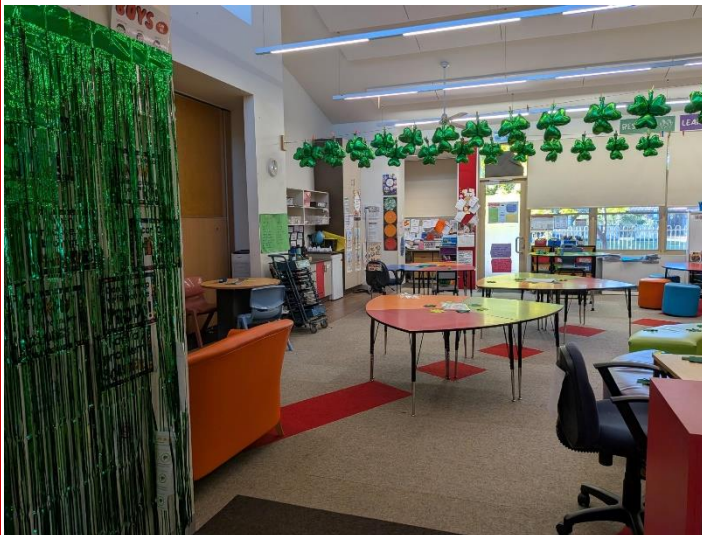
PMSF is here to help.

The Phelan-McDermid Syndrome Foundation's mission is to make today better and the future brighter for everyone living with Phelan-McDermid syndrome — from the moment of diagnosis to the delivery of treatments and cures.

HERE'S HOW WE DO IT:

- Supporting and connecting families
- Improving medical care
- Driving research breakthroughs

[LEARN MORE AT PMSF.ORG](#)

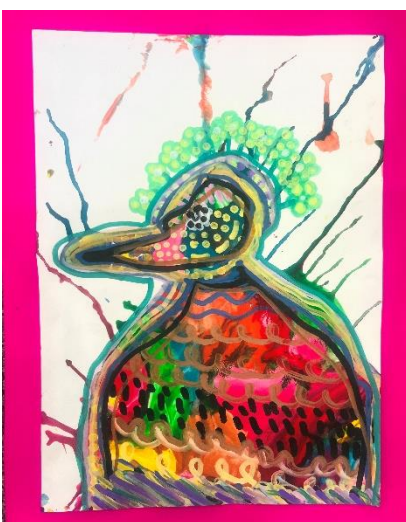
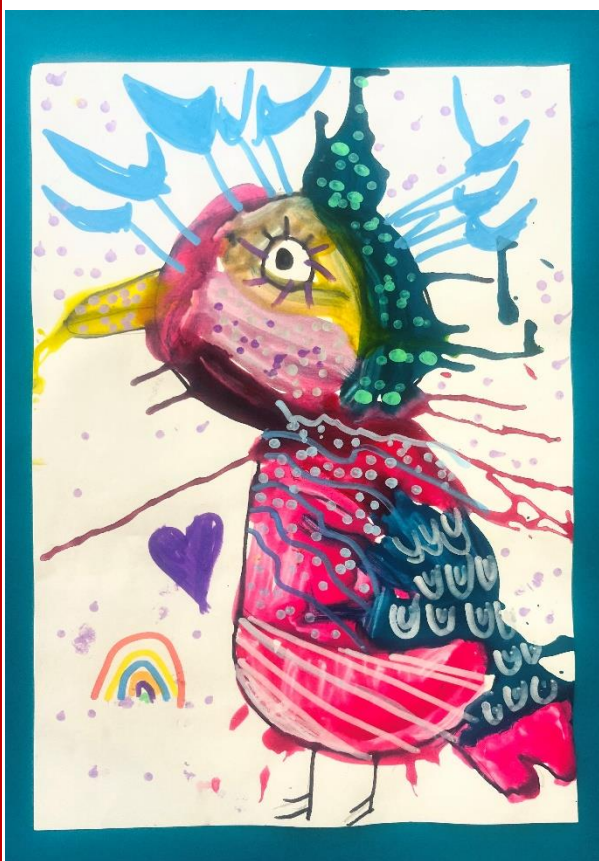
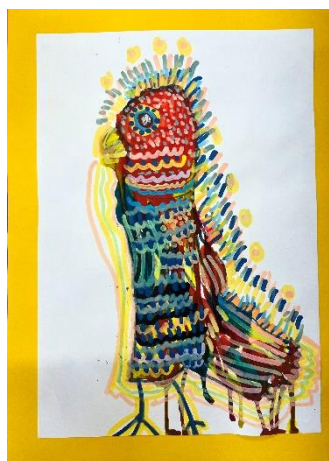


Art Room News – Lou Cooper



Foundation students finished their unit on Grotti Lotti birds. Grotti Lotti (real name Casey Manson) is based in Hamilton, Victoria, Gunditjmarra. She is inspired by the surrounding mountains, blooms, wildlife, beaches and landscapes. Her artwork is described as free, quirky, colourful and contemporary.

After looking at and discussing her bird artworks, students drew their bird shape, then outlined in black markers. They then used watered down acrylic paint in bright colours to paint their birds and create the iconic drips by holding their artworks up and shaking it a little. The following week we revisited Grotti Lotti's birds and looked closely at all the detail - the different marks, lines, dots and patterns. Foundation students used paint pens to add all the details to their birds, then chose what colour backing they wanted to stick their artworks on. They look absolutely adorable and if you want to check them out they are on display on the big wall near the office.



Henny Penny Hatching



We have some egg-cellent news!
13 of our Henny Penny chickens have hatched and our students have loved observing the fluffy little chicks in the Science Room!

Would you like to adopt a chicken?
If you're interested in giving one of our chicks a new home, please contact the office on 5144 5545.

Chick Collection Day: Friday 30 October



ADOPTING CHICKS

Henny Penny Hatching asks any families considering adopting chicks, particularly those who have limited experience in keeping and raising chickens, to read and consider the following before they take chicks home:

- Do your local council regulations allow you to keep poultry on your property?
- Will your backyard be suitable when the chicks grow into adult chickens?
- Remember that 50% of the chicks will be roosters. Are you able to, and prepared to, keep roosters on your property?
- Will your chickens co-exist happily with any pets you may already have?
- Will your neighbours mind having chickens living next door?
- Who will look after your chickens when you go on holiday?
- Chickens will produce eggs for 2-3 years but they can live for 10 years and more. Are you prepared to look after them for their entire lifespan?
- Click on [Gardening Australia](#) for more information regarding keeping chickens as pets.
- Chickens are flock birds. You will need to take 2 or more chicks home in order for them to be naturally content. Are you prepared to keep 2 or more adult chickens?



When you take your chicks home you will need to provide a suitable brooding area, a small drinker, a feeder, and a desk lamp, which you can suspend over the area for warmth. However, when the chicks develop their feathers, at about 8 weeks, they will need to be housed outside. You should gradually reduce the heat source in the weeks leading up to this. Once you have moved your chickens outside, they will need shelter, nesting boxes with straw or shavings, and perches (which can be made from tree branches). There are a number of excellent coops on the market. Some of these can even be moved around the backyard (see [Useful Information](#)).

Chicken Take Home Packs

The Henny Penny Hatching Chicken Take Home Packs are designed to help you take care of your chicks for the first week or two.

They are highly recommended for families who are raising chickens for the first time.

Packs are \$40 each (cash only) & include the following:

- ♥ 1 x feeder
- ♥ 1 x drinker
- ♥ 1 x 2kg bag of "Chick Starter" feed
- ♥ 1 x bag of bedding material (wood shavings)
- ♥ 1 x information sheet "Taking Care of your Chicks"



Adoptee families - please order & pay for your pack via the staff member in charge of the program by the second Thursday of the program.

The packs will be delivered when we collect our equipment on the **FRIDAY**.

Staff members - please order packs from Jess by 5pm on the second Thursday of the program by phone 0407 888 278 or email hennypennyhatchingms@gmail.com

Garden Party News

Bake Stall

We are seeking donations of homemade baked goods to sell at this year's Garden Party. Whether you enjoy baking cakes, biscuits or slices, every contribution will help make our stall a success.

To ensure we meet food safety requirements and keep our school community safe, please read the information posted on Compass last week.

Donation Drop-Off

Date: Thursday 5th November

Time: 9-1pm

Prize Donations

We are also looking for donations of prizes for our Spinning Wheel Raffle. If you have a suitable new item, voucher or prize that you would like to donate, please drop it into the office.

Donation Theme Ideas:

Outdoor & Hobbies – Gardening items, sports equipment, camping gear and hobby supplies.

Kids' Toys & Games – Toys, puzzles, board games, craft kits and outdoor play items.

Relaxation & Self-Care – Pamper packs, candles, bath products, beauty vouchers and wellness treats.

Family & Entertainment – Movie tickets, family passes, games, restaurant vouchers and fun family experiences.

Cash Only

Please bring along cash on the night for the BBQ & drinks, games & activity stalls. No Eftpos will be available.

Parents & Friends News





Sale Primary School Garden Party

Friday 6th November 2026
> 4pm - 6:30pm <



BBQ



Drinks



Games



& Activities

Showcasing the
Maypole Dance
at 6pm



Everyone Welcome!

Community News



Childrens week 2026

LET'S CELEBRATE!

FREE EVENT AND ACTIVITIES!



WELLINGTON
SHIRE COUNCIL

Uniting



Activities and fun for the whole family

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Enter our Magical Wizarding World! Hunt for magical items around the store, make magical crafts, go in our BEST COSTUME and GROUP COSTUME competitions and finish a with treat! All ages welcome!

Don't miss out,
register now!



BUNNINGS
warehouse



Community News



PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL
POLICE & VOLUNTEERS

STRATFORD

BLUE LIGHT DISCO SPOOKY DRESS UP THEME

13TH NOVEMBER, 2026

6.30-8.30PM | grades 3 - 6 | \$6 ENTRY
Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall
26 McFarlane St, Stratford

Glow wear, drinks and snacks available to purchase -
mobile phones not permitted at Disco

Contact: kim.kell@police.vic.gov.au

BOO!

BLUELIGHT_VIC Wellington Blue Light - Victoria



Join us at the The Big Little Day Out

helping families in
Heyfield thrive together

- Heyfield Playgroup
- Wellington Toy Library
- Maternal & Child Health
- Parent support services
- Face painting
- Lunch-box ideas with Olivia McArthur
- Children's First Aid
- and much more

A FREE event to connect families to local support and information

WED 18TH NOV 3PM - 5.30PM
HEYFIELD COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Proudly supported by the Wellington Shire Council.
An accessible event

Sale Girl Guides

FUN INCLUSIVE GIRL-LED SAFE SPACE

Girls aged 5-17, building confidence, friendships and skills for life through fun, adventure and new experiences.

Sale Rainbow Guides	Sale Kookaburra Guides	Sale Opal Guides	Sale Blue Blossom Rangers
Girls 5-8 years	Girls 9-10 years	Girls 11-13 years	Girls 14-17 years
WEDNESDAY 4.30pm - 6.00pm	WEDNESDAY 6.30pm - 8.00pm	MONDAY 5.00pm - 6.30pm	THURSDAY 6.30pm - 8.00pm
PLAY EXPLORE MAKE FRIENDS BELONG	CHALLENGES CREATIVITY ADVENTURES GOOD TIMES	LEARN LEAD TRY NEW THINGS GROW	CONFIDENCE LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY FUTURE READY

INTERESTED?
GET IN TOUCH!

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Being SunSmart in Victoria

When UV is 3+

- ☑ Slip on covering clothing
- ☑ Slop on SPF50, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- ☑ Slap on a broad-brimmed hat
- ☑ Seek shade
- ☑ Slide on sunglasses (AS:1067)

Think UV, not heat! UV rays can't be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days.

When UV is below 3
Sun protection isn't required unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.

Download the SunSmart Global UV app to find sun protection times for your location.

Scan the QR code or visit sunsmart.com.au/app to download.

March 2023

Cancer Council Victoria

VICTORIA State Government



IMPORTANT *Information*



Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm



Student absence notification

Compass app 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

➤ *Thank you for your support!* ➤