

NEWSLINE

SALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO. 545

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

**Thank you to the School Council, Parents & Friends Association, helpers and staff
for their contribution throughout 2023**

Classroom Teachers and Grades for 2024

Miss Jess Brown	FB	Foundation
Ms Nicole Higgins	FH	Foundation
Miss Trish Piddington	FP	Foundation
Miss Alyce Stephenson	JA	Grade 1/2
Mr Lewis Freeman	JF	Grade 1/2
Miss Montana Piddington	JP	Grade 1/2
Miss Ellie Moran	JE	Grade 1/2
Ms Erin Nowak	JN	Grade 1/2
Mrs Staci Scott	JS	Grade 1/2
Miss Maddi Willis	JW	Grade 1/2
Mrs Simone Allen	MA	Grade 3/4
Miss Amy Cassar	MC	Grade 3/4
Miss Lauren Marshman	MM	Grade 3/4
Mr Daniel O'Keefe	MO	Grade 3/4
Mrs Jan Staple	MS	Grade 3/4
Mrs Bree Courtney	SC	Grade 5/6
Miss Liz Detering	SD	Grade 5/6
Ms Maree Gleson	SG	Grade 5/6
Mrs Janet Love	SL	Grade 5/6
Mrs Jenna Robbins	SR	Grade 5/6
Mr Daniel Watts	SW	Grade 5/6

Specialist Teachers for 2024

Mrs Amy Bailey	Teacher Support
Mr Phil Bartlett	Music Teacher
Ms Michele Caldwell	AUSLAN Teacher
Ms Lou Cooper	Visual Art Teacher
Mr Ben Chivers	PE Teacher
Mr Dave Hall	ICT Teacher
Mr Rod Smith	Science Teacher

Other Staff

Mr Chris Malone	Principal
Mr Ewen Jondahl	Assistant Principal
Mrs Kimley Lambourn	Assistant Principal
Mrs Suzy Johnston	Learning Specialist
Mrs Tina Johnston	Business Manager
Mrs Simone Morris	Administration
Mrs Robyn Jones	Administration
Ms Holly Cowen	Administration
Mrs Susan Currie	EAL (Network)
Ms Di Collins	EAL (Network)
Ms Emma Neal	EAL (Network)
Mr Derek Hayman	Wellbeing Leader & Defence School Mentor
Ms Mel Glover	Disability Inclusion Teacher
Mrs Abbey Conroy	Wellbeing Team
Mr Marcus Cope	Wellbeing Team
Miss Emma-Lee Ross	Library Technician
Mrs Rachel Dingwall	Education Support
Mrs Linda Brown	Education Support
Miss Nikita Blair	Education Support
Mr Jack Chivers	Education Support
Miss Aynslee DeGroot	Education Support
Mrs Jackie Dingwall	Education Support
Miss Hannah Fairweather	Education Support
Mrs Miranda Jacobs	Education Support
Miss Lily Lyndon	Education Support
Mrs Deb O'Brien	Education Support
Mr Jack Rietschel	Education Support
Mr Seth Sheils-Baker	Education Support
Ms Karen Jackson	Education Support
Mrs Larissa Morris	Education Support
Mrs Jen Nikolic	Education Support
Ms Rhiannon Massey	Education Support
Mr Micheal DeWinter	ICT Support
Mr Darryl Norkett	Grounds
Mrs Carlier Grant	OSHC School Liaison



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CHRIS MALONE

Congratulations to everyone on another memorable year at Sale Primary School. I would like to personally thank the staff for their commitment and dedication this year. They have been outstanding and have, once again, really stood up well to support the students and families of our school.



To the parents, carers and guardians of our students, thank you for your support and trust in our school throughout the year.

To all the students and in particular, the Grade 6 students who are transitioning to secondary school, good luck in 2024. We wish you all the very best.

Year in Review

2023 has been a very positive year for the school.

Our dedicated teaching staff have worked tirelessly to prepare and deliver a comprehensive program in the classroom that covers all curriculum areas whilst catering for a variety of needs.

In addition, Sale Primary School has also provided much learning beyond the classroom in 2023 and I am sure students and parents enjoy the opportunities the students have with Specialist areas in Music / Art / PE / Drama / Auslan and Science.

Of course there are also our support staff who work diligently in running our office, library and maintaining our school grounds and buildings, as well as supporting our students (Wellbeing Leader & Defence School Mentor, Education Support and Trainees).

Our parent involvement continues to support the school and we look forward to this continuing in so many ways in 2024. The dedication of Parents & Friends is astounding and the work School Council does in supporting whole school governance is also to be recognised.

It should also be noted that the work parents do at home is vital in supporting the school. Ensuring that your child is 'on time' and well organised, assists in the learning process, as do words of encouragement when they experience success or any difficulties. Respect, Learning and Belonging are our values and we encourage parents to support us at school as we assist students to "Bounce Back" when things don't always go to plan!

Grade 6ers

We bid farewell and good luck to our Grade 6 students who leave us this week for secondary school. Many of these students have been at 545 for up to 7 years and we thank all of our Grade 6 students and their families for their association with Sale Primary School. Most significantly, we have appreciated the display of leadership by these students in being positive role models for our younger students. We are confident that their broad learning experiences at Sale Primary School have placed them in good stead for the next part of their learning journey.

Departing Students and Families

Good luck is also extended to the students and their families who will move on to other schools within and beyond Gippsland next year. We thank them for their contributions to Sale Primary School and wish them well at their new schools.

Thank-you Parents & Friends

Thank you to the dedicated Parents & Friends who work selflessly raising much needed funds, via fundraising events. As a result of these contributions, the school is able to ensure that there are sufficient funds to upgrade much needed resources for the students.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Parents & Friends for their significant contribution to our school again in 2023.

Starting Dates for 2024 Students

- Monday January 29, 2024 Staff commence
- Tuesday January 30, 2024 Grades 1 – 6 students commence.
- Friday February 2, 2024 Foundation students commence

Parents of 2024 Foundation students will be contacted directly regarding their child's testing day leading up to their start day of Friday February 2. Any final Foundation assessments will be done on Wednesday February 7 – no foundation classes are operating on the testing days.

2024 Closure Days / Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

The Department of Education and Training require schools to confirm their closure days for 2024. School Council have ratified the following closure days in 2024:

- Monday March 11, 2024 – Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday March 27, 2024 – Parent Teacher Student Interviews (students attend for interview only)
- Thursday March 28, 2024 (last day of term 1)
- Friday March 29, 2024 – Good Friday
- Monday April 15, 2024 – student free day
- Tuesday April 16, 2024 – first day of Term 2
- Thursday April 25, 2024 ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Friday May 24, 2024 – Student Free Day
- Monday June 10, 2024 – King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Friday June 28, 2024 – last day of Term 2
- Monday July 15, 2024 – first day of Term 3
- Friday August 23, 2024 – Student Free Day
- Thursday September 12, 2024 – Parent Teacher Student Interviews (students attend for interview only)
- Friday September 20, 2024 – last day of Term 3
- Monday October 7, 2024 – first day of Term 4
- Monday November 4, 2024 – Student Free Day
- Tuesday November 5, 2024 – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Wednesday November 20, 2024 – Student Free Day
- Thursday December 19, 2024 – last day of Term 4
- Friday December 20, 2024 – Student Free Day

Swimming Carnival Friday February 23, 2024

Our 545 Grade 3-6 Swimming Carnival in 2024 will be held on Friday February 23, 2024.

The format will be a little different to past years due to the availability of the pool (Aqua Energy upgrade works). As such, we are not able to hold swimming trials prior to the Carnival on February 23.

Information will come home in the first week of term asking parents of students in Grades 3-6 to complete a form regarding their child's swimming ability.

We would also ask that parents/guardians please consider offering to volunteer to help on Carnival day. Roles include; starter, starting marshalls, finishing marshalls, timers and recorders. Your help at this event will be greatly appreciated and is essential to enable the Carnival to go ahead.

Uniform Needs – Footwear/Socks/Hats

Our uniform is available for purchase from JSM Embroidery, Workwear and Safety, Macarthur Street, Sale. Pre-loved uniform is available from the school. (please contact office staff for details).

Footwear - Usually in January, parents consider footwear for their children for the following school year. If your child prefers to wear runners – could you please ensure that they are predominantly black in colour (with no bright coloured stripes or trims), otherwise they will be expected to wear black school shoes – as indicated in the school's uniform guidelines. Students are also expected to wear white or grey school socks that cover the ankles. Ankle socks, which often cannot be seen, are NOT part of the 545 uniform.

Hats – Students will be required to wear their 545 hats when they return in Term 1, in line with our Uniform Guidelines.

2024 Grade 6 top

Grade 6 students will once again have the opportunity to purchase a 2024 Grade 6 top, if they wish to do so. It is not compulsory for students to have, or to wear the top, but it is generally viewed as a memento of being in Grade 6.

Students will be able to choose from either a long sleeved polo, a short sleeved polo or both. The cost of the tops is \$35 for the short sleeved polo and \$37 for the long sleeved polo.

Parents are asked to go to our uniform supplier, JSM in Macarthur Street Sale to pay for and place their order. Orders will close on **Tuesday January 30, 2024 – this is a one off production run and there will be NO opportunity for late orders.**

2024 Foundation Student Hat

Every year our Parents & Friends Association gift each new Foundation student a school hat at the start of the school year. I'm sure all of the families of our new Foundation students will join me in thanking our amazing Parents & Friends for this kind gesture.

Parents, carers or guardians can collect their child's hat from JSM in Macarthur Street, Sale.

Season's Greetings

In conclusion, I would like to wish all members of the Sale Primary School Community, all the very best for the holiday period. I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to many of you returning in 2024 for another exciting year at good ol' 545.

Drama Nights

"Over three big nights, all of the Junior School Students showed great courage and confidence by performing plays in front of large audiences of supportive parents, carers and teachers. We were all immensely proud of the kids and the way they brought Julia Donaldson's much beloved stories to life! The performances were a great opportunity for students showcase their achievements this year in reading and performing with expression! Many thanks to all parents and carers who supported the kids to get up and have a go, as well as supporting them to rehearse their lines and prepare their costumes! It was such a great demonstration of the community spirit at Sale Primary School, with everyone milling about for cuppas and snacks at the end of each Drama Night. Each performance was so memorable and a lovely way to wrap up Drama for 2023. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year in 2024, From Miss Morgan.

Holiday Dates 2024

Wednesday January 24 – School Office Opens

Thursday January 25 – School Office Open

Friday January 26 – CLOSED
Australia Day Public Holiday

Monday January 29 – Staff commence

Tuesday January 30 – Grades 1 – 6 students commence

Friday February 2 – Foundation students commence

