

# NEWSLINE

## SALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NO. 545

Tuesday  
February 4, 2025

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No. 02

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

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### February

**Wednesday February 5**

- Foundation rest day

**Friday February 7**

- 4pm School Council Nominations Close

**Wednesday February 12**

- Foundation rest day
- Scholastic Book Club Orders due by today

**Thursday February 13**

- 4.30pm 'Meet & Greet' BBQ for all families

**Friday February 14**

- Grades 3-6 House Swimming Carnival

**Monday February 17**

- 2.00pm Parents & Friends AGM & General Meeting

#### March

**Monday March 10**

- Public Holiday

**Monday March 17 – Monday March 24**

- NAPLAN – Grades 3 & 5 students

**Wednesday March 26**

- Parent/Teacher/Student Interview Day  
(students attend for their interview time only)

#### April

**Friday April 4**

- Last day of Term 1, students dismissed at 2:15pm

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### CHRIS MALONE

#### *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 opened **last Friday January 31** and will close at **4.00pm this Friday February 7**.



We have four elected parent category members up for 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.

#### *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](mailto:sale.ps@education.vic.gov.au), or simply drop into the office to request updates be made.

#### *Breakfast Club*

Breakfast Club has started this week. It will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.40am – 9.00am. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr Hayman if you can assist.



### **'Meet & Greet' BBQ**

On **Thursday February 13** we will be having a 'meet and greet' bbq at school from 4.30pm – 6pm. Sausages are free! This is a great chance to meet your child's teacher.

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## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

**JADE WILLOX  
PRESIDENT**

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### **Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting**

The Parents and Friends Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday February 17 at 2.00pm** in the Parents & Friends 'Nest' followed by a general meeting. All parents and friends are urged and welcome to attend. Please consider taking on a position in 2025 or come along to add your support to those who do. All positions will be declared vacant and the following positions will be elected:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- School Council Representative

Items to be discussed at the General meeting following the AGM will be as follows:

- Fundraising calendar 2025.
- Special Food Days.
- Raffles
- Stalls
- Other.

For further queries please contact Jade on 0400 926 621

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  
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Whole School Assembly 3.00pm every Friday  
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School Uniform available from  
JSM, Macarthur Street, Sale  
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School Supervision – students are supervised between  
the hours of 8.45am and 3.30pm  
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Second Hand Uniform Sales  
at the school office

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## **PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL**

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We would like to remind parents and carers of their obligations regarding parking legally at school drop off and pick up times.

There have been community complaints from residents in school areas who have had their driveways blocked, wholly or partially, have observed vehicles parking in no parking zones and other unsafe practices.

It is important in school zones that we obey the signage, speed zone limits, exercise patience and common sense.

The bus access/driveway into the school is not a carpark. Please do not park there as the bus may need to be taken out or returned.



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## **SWIMMING CARNIVAL BEN CHIVERS PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

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All grade 3-6 students will be programmed to compete in the 545 House Swimming Carnival on **Friday February 14** in either 50m or 25m races, or in the modified activity pool.

Due to pool unavailability, we will not be holding trials this year. A note was sent home last

week to year 3 students and all new 3-6 students, 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 which was also sent home last week, or contact myself directly at [benjamin.chivers@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:benjamin.chivers@education.vic.gov.au) Copies of notes 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.

# School Saving Bonus Reminder and Support

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 helps families cover the cost of uniforms, textbooks, excursions, activities and more.

Most families have now received their SSB code(s). I encourage you to take advantage of this government support.

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.

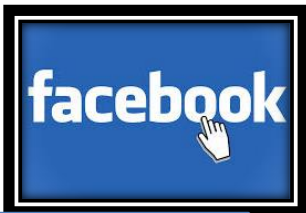
If you would like to use your bonus for school activities, you can allocate some or all of the bonus using the [School Saving Bonus online system](#).

If you have only recently completed your enrolment into the Victorian government school system you can expect to receive your SSB code(s) in the coming weeks.

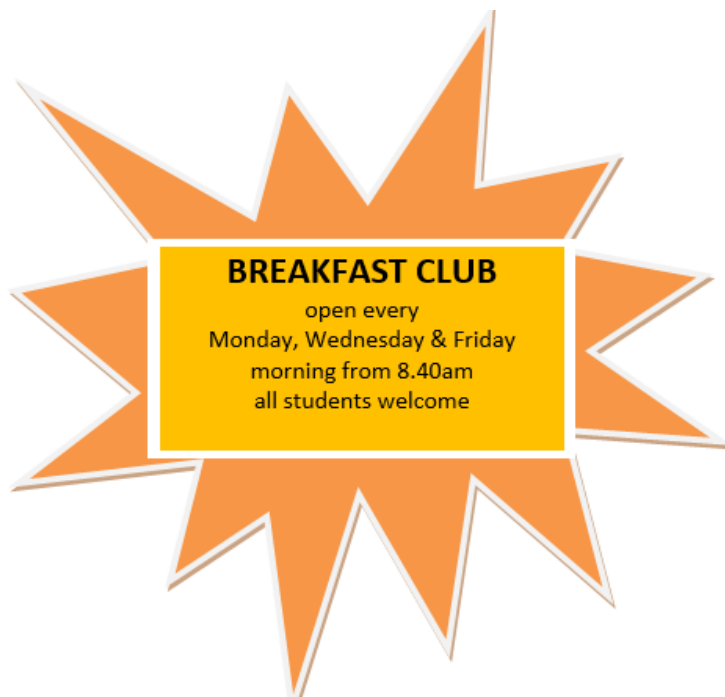
If you have transferred to our school from another Victorian government school, any remaining funds on your SSB code(s) will soon be available to use at our approved school suppliers. We request your patience as this change is processed.

The Department of Education has established a dedicated contact centre to support the SSB. 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.



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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.



## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  OR

Foster parent\* OR  Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold [Card](#))\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

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

### Student details

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

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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one; or
  - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent; and
  - c) [Submit an application](#) to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](#)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students' attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

#### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](#)).

## Payment amounts

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For **ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](#)

**Foundation and Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

## How to complete the application form

### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

- Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN 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.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veteran Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
- Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
- Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

**Queries relating to C-SEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.**



# GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide eligible students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)



Scan this QR code to find out more on the GFK website



A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief Initiative

Questions? Please contact the GFK team via [info@glassesforkids.com.au](mailto:info@glassesforkids.com.au)

## REMINDER TO FAMILIES OF STUDENTS IN FOUNDATION – GRADE 3

If you would like your child to participate in The Glasses for Kids program, please either download a consent form from Compass or call into the school office to complete a form. All consent forms need to be returned to the school office by **Monday February 10**



545 Sale Primary School has been selected to participate in the CYMHS And Schools Early Action (CASEA) Program!

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.

We will arrange an information session early term 1 to meet parents over a cuppa to talk about how CASEA can support parents to develop understanding and skills to support their child's development.

Jessica Walters will be spending a bit of time in the school to get to know the staff and students. If you would like more information about the CASEA program, please talk with the Wellbeing Leader Derek Hayman or contact Jessica Walters on 51280100.

We look forward to better getting to know you and your school community in 2025!

# 2025 Parks WEEK

## The GranPam & PhilPop Show

 **Saturday 1 March 2025**  
10am - 12.30pm

 **Macalister River Regional Park**  
2 River Street, Maffra

- Interactive children's show for the whole family!
- Free face painting
- Free sausage sizzle
- Quick Cuppa & More coffee van
- The Mystery Ice Cream Machine
- Maddison's Magical Pop n Floss

If you have questions regarding Parks Week events, please contact Wellington Shire Council's Open Space Officer on 1300 366 244

[www.wellington.vic.gov.au/parks-week](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/parks-week)

Scan for full list of events



  
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# 2025 LOCAL EXCURSION FORM

Thank you to the families who have returned the

2025 Local Excursion Form.

For those families who have not returned theirs, a named copy will be sent home this week for completion and return to the school office.

Students without a signed consent form will not be able to attend any local excursions.

Maffra Dramatic Society Inc.



**Little Red Riding Hood**  
By Tina & Robert Burbidge

**Pantomime**

Friday 21 February 7.30pm	Friday 28 February 7.30pm
Saturday 22 February 7.30pm	Saturday 1 March 2pm
Sunday 23 February 2pm	Sunday 2 March 2pm

Maffra Memorial Hall  
[www.trybooking.com/CXKNC](http://www.trybooking.com/CXKNC)





## FUN SWIM - TERM 1 PROGRAM

Fun Swim is 45 mins session of swimming games and activities.

Session Dates – Thursday 6th Feb, Tuesday 11th, Thursday 13th, Tuesday 18th, Thursday 20th Feb.

Sale Outdoor Pool, 4.15pm to 5pm.

Only \$30\* per participant.  
\*pool entry fee not covered.

For swimmers aged 7 to 12 years of age who are able to swim 25 M Free & Back

Numbers are limited!  
Enrolment closes Wed 5th Feb  
For enquiries, please contact Sale Swimming Club:  
Kylie: 0409446958







ENROL NOW SCAN QR CODE



ALTERNATIVE – ACCESS THE REGISTRATION FORM VIA SALE SWIMMING CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE



## SALE SWIMMING CLUB

### GET RACE READY FOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL



**FREE Entry**  
Limited Places

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 14th February  
Time: 4.15pm to 5pm  
Where: Sale Outdoor Pool  
Cost: Free

Sign up via QR Code or via form on Sale Swimming Club Facebook page

