



# NEWSLETTER

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## Friday, 16 October

### COMING EVENTS

<b>Mon 19 Oct</b>	School Council 7:00 p.m.
<b>Wed 21 Oct</b>	<i>Walk-to-School</i>
<b>Thurs 22 Oct</b>	Cake drive orders arrive
<b>Fri 30th Oct</b>	Last day for camp payments
<b>Tues 3 Nov</b>	Melbourne Cup— <b>state-wide school closure day</b>
<b>Wed 4 Nov</b>	<b>No Active After School</b>
<b>11-13 Nov</b>	Year 3/4 Camp
<b>Thurs 10 Dec</b>	Family Fun Night

**Senior Sandpit**

**Photo withheld in accordance with our Privacy Policy**

The new senior sand-pit has been a HUGE hit with our Year 3-6 students who are happily spending their lunch-times and recesses making all sorts of creations. A cover for the sandpit will be installed over the next couple of weeks.

### **Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**

**Parents are reminded that there is no longer a School Council closure day for Sale Show Day.** Melbourne Cup Day (Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>) is now a statewide gazetted public holiday and students and staff will not be required at school on this day.

### **Walk-to-School next Wednesday 21 October**

It's cool to walk to school! VicHealth has invited our school to be involved in the campaign to encourage children's physical activity. The key objective of the Walktober campaign is to raise awareness of the physical, environmental and social benefits of walking and to get our children in the habit of walking. We need as many students as possible to walk to school (or if you must drive, drop them off away from the school so they can walk the last bit) next Wednesday so we can go in the running to win a \$300 sports voucher. Walking helps keep our kids fit, saves traffic congestion around our school and is really good for the environment. Very young children may need to be accompanied by an adult or responsible older student.

### **Fire Awareness Week**

Yesterday we had a very orderly evacuation drill. The children are to be congratulated on their very responsible behaviour.

Congratulations to our Learning Heroes - Your certificate will be presented at Monday's Assembly

Rm. 1	Emily	Always completing her work in great detail.
Rm. 2	Kaide	Being enthusiastic and answering questions.
Rm. 3	Liam	Completing mental maths activities independently.
Rm. 4	Ally	Great improvement in handwriting.
Rm. 5	Wyatt	Writing a fantastic "Dreams" poem.
Rm. 6	Bianca	Working hard at home and at school to complete her learning tasks.
Rm.10	Nic	Finding angles on clock faces.
Rm.11	Karle	Making great contributions during class discussions.
Art	Louise	Making a fantastic spring lamb picture.
P.E.	Emily / Maxine	Great partner work during throwing and catching activities.

## Attendance

At last Monday's Assembly 32 children received awards for perfect attendance in Term 3. Fantastic! Unfortunately we had a total of 983 days of lost learning last term. This represents 4.5 days (or nearly one whole week) **per child!!!!** Of course there were children who were genuinely sick and needed to be at home but it is in your child's best educational interest that they attend school regularly and punctually. Please support our message of "It's not okay to be away" and send your child to school **every** day ... unless they are sick!

## Introduction of the Victorian Student Number

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations and exit confirmations. If you want to know more about the VSN please see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm>

## Year 3/4 Camp Balance

A reminder to families that the balance of the Year 3/4 camp must be received by the Office by Friday 30 October. We are unable to accept payment after that date.

## Sporting News

### Sale United F.C. Twilight Soccer Guthridge teams are underlined.

Round 1:

Swans defeated St Thomas 2 / 0

Bundy Bunnies defeated Cougars 4 / 3

Bundy Buddies beat Vipers 7 / 0

Bundy Blitz v Stingers 3 / 0

Stingers had to forfeit for lack of team members.

(We need some more Year 5/6 boys!)

But won the friendly game 4/3 with only 4 players against 6. Round 2:

Swans defeated Phoenix 6 / 0

## BIRTHDAY BOOK

It's your birthday!!! Congratulations!!!

Week ending 23rd October, 2009

Sat. 17th Madison ..... turns 12

Sun. 18th Harley ..... turns 9

Thurs. 22nd Ebony ..... turns 12

All the best for a fantabulous birthday!

**Cougars** defeated St Thomas A 7 / 3

**Vipers** drew Wanderers 2 / 2

**Stingers** defeated St Thomas B 10 / 0

## Netball

Our Year 5/6 girls team remains undefeated. The Year 3/4 team continues to try hard and had their first win yesterday.

## Active After School cancelled Wed 4 Nov

Please note there is no Active After School Program on Wednesday 4 November.

## Parents' Club News



Cake drive orders will be available for collection from your eldest child's classroom from 3:00 p.m. on Thursday 22 October. It is strongly recommended that an adult collects the orders if possible to prevent squashed goods arriving home!

**Congratulations to Thomas (Preps)** whose baby brother Tully arrived on Tuesday. Tom's mum is one of our School Councillors.



## Community News

### Autism Victoria

Autism Advisors in Victoria are now visiting regions to meet families and providers. An invitation is extended to families to attend an information session and Q&A for parents, families and carers from 11am -12.30pm on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Central Gippsland Health Service Community Rehabilitation Centre, 155 Guthridge Parade, Sale.

## Sale Police

### Community Safety Awareness

### FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, 17th October, 2009

McIntosh Drive

(behind Sale Police Station)

**Time: 11:00 to 3:00pm**

Catch a Thief Scavenger Hunt

Free Face Painting - Free Showbag

Emergency Vehicle Display

