Mid Term Report.

We are already half way through the Term and the end of the 2011 School Year is rapidly approaching. This Term we have seen the installation of Interactive Technology in Year One and Year Two. Wednesday the 9th will see our final Smartboard installed into our Kindergarten Classroom! Wow a mammoth effort from the school and the P and C.

Our last P and C Meeting will take place next Wednesday night. I would like to thank the members of the P and C for their commitment to the students of Salt Ash Public School throughout 2011. Your commitment is very much appreciated.

Kindergarten Orientation commences in Week Six with our new students visiting us for the very first time. We are all very excited to meet our new enrolments.

Members of the P and C and Mrs Young joined with me to write a new Anti- Bullying Policy. I would like to thank the P and C Members for their assistance and valuable input to the preparation of the draft policy. The draft policy will soon be available at the front office for parents to look through and make comment before we finalise the policy.

Our annual Swimming Scheme is organised and notes re price have been distributed to those students who indicated that they would be participating.

Kerrie Jamieson

Principal

**P and C Information**

**The Annual Christmas Raffle in on !!**

**Yes I know...it is hard to believe!! Donations for our Christmas Raffle can begin to come to the Office from this week.**

**The more donations received....the more raffle prizes can be organised and the greater the** **chance of winning !!**

**Please support the school with your suitable Christmas donations.**

CANTEEN ORDERS........

**Children ordering from the Canteen can purchase a lunch order bag for 10c. Children need to purchase their lunch order bag and not rely on the office to organise their lunch order.**

**Kindergarten Uniforms 2012**

Mrs Latham has asked that if we have any new siblings ready to start Kinder next year can we organise their uniforms BEFORE Orientation. You will have a quieter time choosing your uniform with our normal uniform ordering days. It would also greatly assist Mrs Latham.

**Coming soon.....Canteen special PIZZA DAY**

**To coincide with the last day of Orientation and to allow our new Kindies to experience ordering from the Canteen a Pizza Day is being organised for THURSDAY 1st December. An order form will soon be distributed for this Canteen Special Day**

**Year One Report**

Our new Homework packs seem to be working well. I have had some positive feedback from some parents and the children seem to be enjoying them. Thanks to all those parents who have found the time to sit down with their child and participate in the activities with them. I am still open to comments from anyone, be it positive or negative. The children enjoyed their visit to Shoal Bay School last Monday to watch the Kids Alive Do the Five Show and have lunch at Little Beach. We did overcome a few hiccups and thanks to those parents who helped with transport. Our new Smartboard is now up and running and we are making good use of it in the classroom. Don't forget those Celebration pictures for our class display. A picture or photo of your child celebrating a special occasion with their family and/or friends.

**Awards**

**Merit: Ben Smart, Jayley Coote.**

**Sport: Jemma Browne, Zane Grant.**

**Values: Bella Rooney**

**Saltie: Arnika McCredie**

News from Year 2.

Year 2 have been very fortunate to have Mrs Clydesdale with us over the past 4 weeks and the last week of Term 3. Friday is her last day with us. Year 2 have been doing lots of different work with Mrs Clydesdale, everything from the usual literacy and numeracy to making books and creating penguin paintings. She has also taught us some new games.

Year 2 have been working on multiplication and division, as well as 3D shapes over the past 3 weeks and this week we have been reviewing the strategies for working out the difference between numbers.

Stories, stories, stories Year 2 have been both reading and writing them over the last 4 weeks and are producing excellent stories. It’s very exciting seeing their creativity and wonderful entertaining, writing skills developing.

The next few weeks we will be very busy doing some assessment tasks. Then it will be time to make lots of things to do with Christmas.

**Awards: Merit- Wk 1- Grace Hyde, Murray Jones, Wk 2- Jarred Matthew, Cassi Nixon,**

**Wk 3- Megan Bowden, Jaydon Warner,**

**Wk 4- Nakia Vidler, Hayli Clarke**

**Sport- Wk 1- Taylor Simmons, Jaydon Warner, Wk 2- Kye Disney, Hayley Keers,**

**Wk 3- Evelyn Hutchinson,**

**Wk 4, Jack Kenny:**

**Values- Wk 1- Sharni Toll, Samuel Browne,**

**Wk 2- Caleb McGregor, Evelyn Hutchinson,**

**Wk 3- Grace Hyde, Bayly Meech- Kirkpatrick,**

**Wk 4- Zoe Nash, Braydan Bielefeld.**

**3/4 Report**

The students in 3/4 have been working super hard!! They have shown a fantastic effort towards their learning in all areas from Maths and Literacy to their wonderful tall ships in Art. I am pleased to say their hard work is really paying off with some outstanding results in assessment tasks. There have been many 'lightbulb' moments, which is a satisfying and rewarding aspect of being a teacher.  I have been yet again impressed with the high quality of homework tasks being completed. A fantastic achievement with the 'Mode of Transport' items that were presented as our assembly item in Week 2. Congratulations to our Class Captains for this term Olivia Cuddy and Nick Fallou-Killick.

**Award winners:**

**Merit - Sierra Nowlan, Olivia Cuddy, Tanner Smith, Adam Beckett, Emily Kenny, Courtney Maloney**

**Salties/ Values - Amber-Lee Sloss, Courtney Maloney, Felicity Kerr, Charlie Snodgrass, Nick Fallou-Killick, Lily Hufnagl**

**Sport - Jade Radford**

**Principal Award - Mikayla Rogers, Jared Robinson**

Miss J’s Awards

Merit...Taylor Simmons, Evelyn Hutchinson, Leah Nowlan

Saltie...Adam Grant, Isabell Plunkett

To be ‘organised’ and ready to learn and make the most of every day at school students need to come to school equipped to learn. All classes are experiencing lost time as many students are not organised with the essentials…pens, pencils, GLUE STICKS and scissors. Many students also arrive at school with blunt pencils and time is lost sharpening pencils ready for use.

Please assist us by ensuring that your child/children are ready to learn. It makes for a more productive and less disrupted learning timeline.

**Kindergarten Orientation.**

Our Kindergarten Orientation Program will commence on Thursday Nov 17th and run for 3 consecutive Thursdays.

Preparations are in place for our Orientation Program. To assist us in finalising numbers and Orientation Packages we ask that if you are aware of any intending Kindergarten students for our school for the 2012 School Year please ask the families to ensure they have contacted the school and alerted us to their intention to enrol. That would greatly assist us with our preparation!!

Week 5… Term 4

Mon Nov 7th AASS

Wed Nov 9th Kindergarten Smartboard

Installed

Sport in Schools, AASS

Friday Nov 11th Assembly @ 9:00am

5/6 Assembly Item

Week 6 …. Term 4

Mon Nov 14th AASS

Tue Nov 15th Uniforms @9:00am

Wed Nov 16th Sport in Schools, AASS

Wahroonga Schools Band

Performance

P and C Meeting @

7:00 pm Miss J’s Room

Thurs Nov 17th Kinder Orientation

Morning Session...

Friday Nov 18th Assembly @ 9:00am

Year 2 Assembly Item

**Playground Behaviour**

**The staff have continued to be concerned with incidences of playground behaviour when students are participating in games at lunch and recess. An important role that schools have is to endeavour to instil a sense of fair play and general sportsmanship. We have students that can be *overly* competitive with playground games and do not demonstrate our core values at all times . The aim of playground games is for students to actively participate in physical activity. We as a staff do not encourage competitive behaviour to the extent that it causes friction and a loss of a sense of fair play. We hope that you will support us in our endeavours.**

Stage 3 have been enjoying some Science experiments and demonstrations as they practise how to write a procedural recount. Students are engaged and occupied getting their artworks ready for the up-coming Tilligerry Art Show. Afternoons have been full-on as the class continue to finish their COGs unit and manage to fit in some golf & gymnastics instruction.

**Merit Awards**- Tara Broadfoot, Harry Duff, Reuben Toneguzzi & James Franks

**Salty/Values**- Leah Nowlan, Hayley Bosbach & Dylan Haynes

**Happygram**- Kira Maloney

**Sports-** Ebony Stewart, Ebonie Vogtmann & Daniel Sloss

The following procedural recount was written by Calabh Cuddy.

**Sending an Email with Attachment**

Recently, Stage 3 were taught how to send an email with a file attached to it. Our teacher, Mr Milne, demonstrated to the class on the Smart Board how this procedure works.

To begin with, Mr Milne accessed the internet via the computer's browser and logged in to his DEC portal, using his username and password. He selected and opened his Staff Email account.

After that, he created a new message and chose a recipient from his address book to send his email 'To'.  He also chose another teacher to receive his message by'CC' or carbon copy. Afterwards, he typed 'new student' in the subject bar, as an indication on what the message contained.

Following this, he then typed a small message to the recipient. After completing the message, he selected the 'paper clip' icon to attach a file. He browsed his 'documents folder' for a picture to attach. Once he located the correct picture, he clicked 'open file' and 'attach' so that the file would be attached to the email.

Finally, the message was sent. This process was relatively simple and will serve as an advantageous skill to possess in our world of fast paced telecommunications.

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Media\CntCD1\ClipArt2\j0231877.wmf**Raymond Terrace Community Markets are held the third Saturday of each month beside Riverside Park and are open between 9am and 2pm.**

**There is a wide range of stalls ranging from fruit and vegetables, handmade hair clips, jewellery, handmade craft, pot plants to name a few.**

**The next Markets will be held on Saturday the 19th November. There will be a competition for best drawing, painting, collage etc. of Jacarandas which is open to junior and senior children and the winner will be drawn at the Markets at 1pm on the day.**